

FAREWELL FROM THE COORDINATOR OF PARENT AND FAMILY PROGRAMS

BY HANNAH CENTERS

It is with a heavy heart that I announce my resignation as Northern Kentucky University's Coordinator of Parent and Family Programs. I have accepted a position at another university. My last day with NKU will be March 2, 2011.

I have sincerely enjoyed the past three years getting to know the NKU parents and students. During my time at NKU, we saw the creation of the Parents Association that now has more than 2,000 members, a Parent Advisory Board, the annual Family Weekend, new and improved parent publications, a new parent website, and a greater understanding and appreciation of parents of our NKU students and how you play such a vital role in your student's education.

Although I am leaving the university, the progress made by each of you, our NKU parents, will not be lost. The Parents Association will continue to develop and grow, and you will not experience a break in the services that are provided to parents, including this newsletter. Thank you for your service to the university, your student and each other!

If you have questions or concerns during the transition to replace my position, you can continue to contact the Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Programs at either parents@nku.edu or (859) 572-1967.



Photo by Tim Sofranko, NKU Senior Photographer

TUITION 1098T TAX FORMS MAILED

The 1098T tax forms were sent to your student's permanent mailing address on January 31, 2011. The form is also available to download and print on Biller Direct tab within myNKU by February 7, 2011.

For more information on the 1098T, please [click here](#) to access the 1098T information webpage on the Bursar's website.

IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

February is Black History Month
For a schedule of events [click here!](#)

February & March
Priority Room Selection for current NKU Housing Residents
[Click here](#) for dates and details!

February 7
2:00 pm
NKU Sealed Bid Surplus Sale

February 15
2nd Tuition Installment Payment Plan due to Office of the Bursar

February 17 - 27
Cinderella
Corbett Theatre, NKU Campus
Show times are 8:00 p.m.
(Except Sunday at 3:00 p.m.)

February 21
President's Day
NKU open, classes held

February 28
Faculty begin submitting mid-term grades for freshmen. Freshmen may access mid-term grades in myNKU.

March 2
7:00 - 8:30 p.m.
APB Presents
Mark Sterner: DUI Speaker
Student Union Ballroom
Learn more about Mark's story at www.campuspeak.com/speakers/sterner

For Norse Athletic Schedules visit www.nkunorse.com

FINANCIAL AID RENEWAL PROCESS

BY OFFICE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For many students, financial assistance is commonly overlooked after the freshmen school year. All students who hope to obtain financial assistance **must reapply each school year**. The following information is intended to assist you as a parent of college student in the financial assistance process.

It is extremely important to mail the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) to the Federal Processing Agency for priority consideration by March 1, 2010. Applications received after this date will only be considered for funds that are still available.

How Does Your Student Apply For Financial Aid?

For the Office of Student Financial Assistance to determine if your student is eligible for assistance, it is necessary that your student complete the FAFSA.

The FAFSA can be completed by any of the following means: Online at [FAFSA](#), Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Paper version, or the online renewal [FAFSA](#). Do not submit more than one application each year.

Please insure that Northern Kentucky University is included in Step 6. Only schools listed will receive the data. Northern Kentucky University's Title IV code is **009275**.

FAFSA Renewal Application

If your student was in college last year and meets certain conditions, he/she can complete a Renewal Application using their [PIN](#) number at [FAFSA](#).

The renewal form will have about 75 percent of the answers inputted on the application. The student only needs to provide information that is likely to change from year to year and answer the new questions. Information from the Renewal Application will be used to apply for federal aid and will also be used by states and colleges as a basic application for state and college aid.

Students will need their PIN number from their original application to complete the FAFSA. If your student no longer has his/her PIN, he/she will need to request the PIN in order to complete the online renewal FAFSA.

Verification

Once your student submits the FAFSA, he/she may be asked to provide additional information to our office. The U.S. Department of Education requires that schools verify certain information for accuracy. The purpose of this is to ensure that the students with the highest eligibility for federal funds are given access to these funds.

Some of the materials that may be requested in conducting the verification of student and parent data include:

- Photocopy of the student's and parent's prior year federal tax return, schedules and W-2's (for 2011-2012 academic year) this would require the 2010 federal tax return.
- Photocopy of the student's birth certificate
- Photocopy of student's marriage certificate
- Photocopy of the student's DD214
- Photocopy of INS Documents if not a U.S. Citizen
- Photocopy of student's social security card

Determining the Aid Package

The types of financial aid offered can differ from school to school. At NKU all funds awarded by the Student Financial Assistance Office are federal and state. Any funding outside resources MUST be reported to the Financial Assistance Office.

Once your file is complete, your eligibility will be determined and an award notification will be sent.

Accepting Financial Aid

Students should monitor their myNKU account as well as their NKU e-mail account for updates on their application status. Once aid is awarded, it will appear in myNKU. Your student must accept their financial aid package in myNKU after it is awarded.

If your student does not hear from the Federal Student Aid Program within 3-4 weeks after filing your student's FAFSA, students can contact the Office of Financial Assistance at (859) 572-5143 for more information.

THEATRE AND DANCE USES UNIQUE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TO “INSTILL A MOCKING BIRD”

BY NKU NEWS

Last fall, the Northern Kentucky University Department of Theatre and Dance embarked upon an innovative civic engagement project. Under the direction of professor Daryl Harris, the "To Instill a Mockingbird" project combined theater production with civic engagement.

Harper Lee's play, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, adapted by Christopher Sergel, served as the catalyst for NKU student performers who directly experienced the southern culture woven throughout the play and gained a deep understanding of the social and political context which served as the backdrop for Lee's work.



Photo by Mikki Schaffner

While many schools across the country have banned the novel because of what is labeled "racist content," most schools, particularly those in our region, continue to include it in their curricula. The fact that NKU's school matinee performance was sold out six months before the show opened is evidence that area educators understand and appreciate the value and necessity of hard lessons being taught through good literature and great performances.

Accompanying NKU's fall production of *To Kill a Mockingbird* was a unique civic engagement experience for the students associated with the play's production. Thirty-eight students, faculty, young guest actors and their parents took part in a cultural immersion tour of Alabama including Monroeville, Lee's birthplace.

Students experienced the town's Old Courthouse, the same one that stood in 1935 when the story was set. The iconic courtroom is drenched in complex layers of history and provided the cast the transformative opportunity to rehearse the play's pivotal courtroom scene in the actual courtroom about which Lee wrote.

The educational and experiential riches that this opportunity provided for the participants brought lifelong memories for the students and uniquely informed their performances.

In addition to immersing themselves in Alabama's rich historical context, student dramaturge Brandon Moore produced a study guide for area students based on the trip and the production. A digital version of this guide is currently being made available to area schools.

Communications student Tim McDaniel produced a documentary video of the trip titled "To Instill...a Mockingbird." In the video, NKU's cast travels back to where it all began in Alabama. The video is being distributed to area public schools as a teaching tool. Finally, student Reginald McDaniel is currently participating in an internship to complete a documentary detailing the entire production process, including the trip.



Photo by Mikki Schaffner

Schools can access these materials themselves and/or supplement them with presentations by NKU students and faculty. This work provided a special opportunity to extend the civic engagement experience for NKU students and faculty to area schools, allowing a sharing of riches.

NKU's commitment to supporting civic engagement made this project possible. Support was provided by the Office of the Associate Provost for Research, Graduate Studies and Regional Stewardship, including the Scripps Howard Center for Civic Engagement and the Office of Research, Grants and Contracts. Essential support also came from the Dean of Students, the director of African-American Student Affairs, the director of the Honors Program and the President of the Institute for Freedom Studies.

NKU SURPLUS PROPERTY SALE

BY NKU NEWS

Northern Kentucky University is holding a surplus property sale open to the general public, faculty, staff and students in the Surplus Center at Central Receiving on Nunn Drive. Included in the sale will be furniture, televisions, a kiln, display cabinets, exercise equipment, electronics, appliances, hospital beds and other miscellaneous items.

Viewing times will be held on: Thursday, Feb. 3, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 4, from 3:30-5 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 5, from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

Bid forms will be available at the Surplus Center during the viewing times, available for download at the

Office of Procurement Services website at <http://procurement.nku.edu/bids/index.php>, or at the Procurement Services office located in Lucas Administrative Center 617.

Procurement Services must receive all bids no later than 2 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 7. The scheduled pick-up times for sealed bid items will be Thursday, Feb. 10, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.; Friday, Feb. 11, from 3:30-5:30 p.m.; and Saturday, Feb. 12, from 9:30 a.m. until noon.

For more information, contact Don Johnson at (859) 572-6449 or johnsondon@nku.edu.

NKU STUDENTS DEVELOP POTENTIALLY LIFESAVING IPHONE APP

BY BRAD DOLAN, MOBI HEALTH NEWS

An iPhone application created by interns at Northern Kentucky University's Center for Applied Informatics has turned into something much bigger, according to a report over at TechCrunch this week. In San Ramon, California a press conference featuring Fire Chief Richard Price, International Association of Fire Chiefs President Jack Parow, Workday CEO Dave Duffield, and Tim O'Reilly of O'Reilly Media announced an initiative to use the app, called Fire Department to enable users to help strangers in need of emergency CPR.

The app allows users who have been trained in CPR and who are willing to help strangers in need, to receive an alert if someone is located in their general area. When a 911 dispatch center receives a call for an emergency occurring near the user, a push notification

is sent to the user with the victim's location along with an alert about whether an automated external defibrillator is located on the way or nearby.

We have reported before on augmented reality applications for locating AEDs, but this app takes that idea much further. The idea that a mobile health app could tie into the 911 dispatch system, alert CPR-trained citizens to others in need and provide the users with locations of AEDs is an inspiring concept.

It's also fraught with potential issues — liability being top of mind. Still the Fire Department app is a sign that mobile health is maturing and securing real attention from the healthcare industry's frontline care providers.

TIP OF THE MONTH

Talk to your student about spring break plans. NKU's spring break is March 7-12th! Parents should talk to their students about travel safety and dangers of underage drinking.

Before your student leaves for a spring break trip, make a photo copy of his/her passport or license and exchange contact information in the case of an emergency.

For more on spring break safety, [click here!](#)

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