

The Norse Parent

NKU Parents Association Newsletter



Everybody get up! It's time to Norse Now!

The 2015 Parent and Royal Reception is right around the corner! Join the Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Programs as well as the Parent Advisory Board as we celebrate this year's homecoming!

When: Saturday, February 7th, 5pm-7pm

Where: Bank of Kentucky Center, Private Suite B

What: The PARENT and ROYAL RECEPTION is an annual event held during Homecoming to recognize our current court nominees & royalty, past royalty, and ALL NKU parents & families! The event is a chance to celebrate NKU and all those who make our university great. Stop by to enjoy a dessert and celebrate all things NORSE! We will also have a photo booth so stop by and take a family photo!

Participants need to [RSVP online](#) by January 30th! The reception is free but all participants must purchase a game ticket to enter the venue. Game tickets purchased at the door, [online](#) or by calling 1-800-745-3000. Please use code "PRR" to receive tickets in the Parent and Royal Reception Block.

A full list of homecoming activities can be found [online](#).

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Important Dates:

All Month

NKU Basketball, Track and Field, —[Click here to see the full NKU Athletics schedule](#)

January 17

MLK Day of Service

January 19

University Closed in Observance of Martin Luther King Day

January 20

Last day to add a course

January 28

Spring Refunding Begins

February 1

Homecoming Week begins

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Notes from the Nurse

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Let's talk about SHOTS.... not those made of alcohol, but the shots that keep a person healthy. Vaccinations (or shots for short) are a part of regular check-ups for younger students, but college-age students have important and specific health needs, too. The requirement for immunizations continues into adulthood.

All students living in dormitories should be protected from a deadly disease, called **Bacterial Meningitis**. This illness has a sudden onset and can have a deadly outcome if treatment is delayed. All this can be avoided and the risk can be reduced with a one-time vaccination for meningitis.

Students should be vaccinated yearly for **Influenza (flu shot)**. Persons with influenza will on average be sick and miss a week's worth of class, work, and studying.

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination is available for males and females (under the age of 27) in a series of 3 injections over 6 months to give protection against the virus that can cause genital warts and genital cancers.

Pertussis (Whooping Cough) is called the "the 100 day cough" for adults, but is deadly for infants who are too young to be vaccinated. Every adult needs a one-time booster to protect themselves and any infants that may be in their contact. Pertussis is given in with Tetanus and Diphtheria in shot called **Tdap**.

Routine vaccinations such as **MMR** (measles, mumps and rubella), **Hepatitis B and Tdap** should be kept up to date. Information is available at the [CDC website](#).

For students traveling abroad, additional vaccinations may be required. **Hepatitis A** is recommended for all international travel and is given in a series over 6 months. [Plan your shots early before traveling](#).

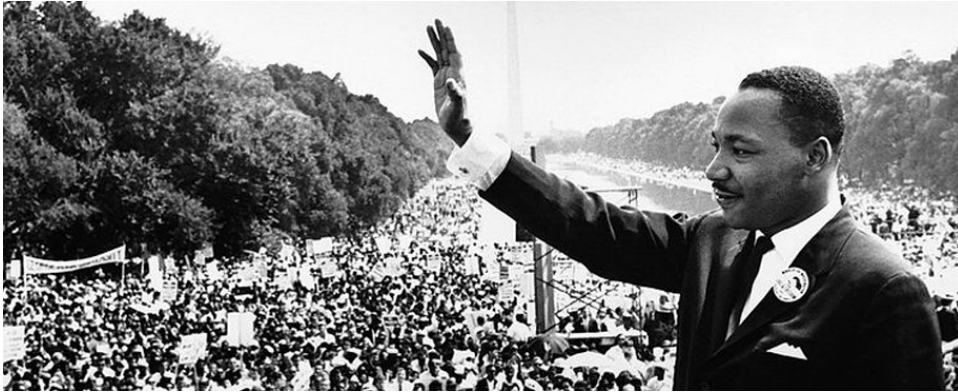
The good news is most insurance companies cover the costs of immunizations as part of preventative healthcare. The Health, Counseling and Student Wellness Office (University Center, Suite 440) offers these vaccines for our students without an appointment. Please call 859-572-5650 with any questions.

Winner of Last Comic Standing, Josh Blue, Coming to NKU!

The Office of Disability Programs and Services is excited to announce that Josh Blue, winner of the reality show 'Last Comic Standing', will be presenting a live comedic show on Thursday, January 22nd.

The event will take place in the Student Union Ballroom. Doors open at 6:15pm and the show will begin at 7:00pm, with opening comedian, Ben Bergman. Admission is free and open to all public, however, tickets must be presented for admission. Tickets may be obtained [online!](#) For questions regarding this event, please contact [Cindy Knox](#) at (859) 572-5180.

MLK Commemoration Week



MLK Commemoration Week kicked off at NKU on Tuesday, January 13th with the event "Activism Reconsidered." The activities serve to bring the campus community together in a time of remembrance.

One of the highlights of the week is an opportunity for NKU students to engage in community service. The "MLK Day of Service" will take place Saturday, January 17th.

The week of activities will conclude with a Civil Rights Commemorative March on Monday, January 19th. Participants will gather at 9am in the Norse Commons Circle to begin the march.

Taxes and the 1098-T Form

As you prepare to file your taxes this year, you may be wondering how to access your student's 1098-T form. A college or university that received qualified tuition and related expenses on your behalf is required to file Form 1098-T with the Internal Revenue Service.

To access the form, your student will need to sign in to myNKU, click on the "Bill Direct" tab, and then click on the "1098-T Form" tab. If you need to obtain a Form 1098-T for your child, your child will need to give the University permission. The Form 1098-T can be provided only after the consent form is completed with the Registrar's Office, LAC 301.

For more information about the 1098-T form, [click here!](#)

Forms will be available on myNKU by January 31, 2015.

It's FAFSA TIME!

The Office of Student Financial Assistance is offering help to current NKU students filling out their 2015-2016 FAFSA application. Students who complete their application before March 1st, 2015 will be entered to win one of two iPad minis*. On January 29th students can bring their tax information to the Student Union, room 106, for one-on-one help from 3:00-6:00. We are also available Monday through Friday in AC301, from 8:15am to 4:30pm and will have a Question and Answer table in Student Union Lobby 11:00-1:00
January: 26, 28 Feb: 3, 5, 9, 11, 17, 19, 23, 25.

Drawings will be held February 5th and March 5th. Winners will be notified through their NKU email.

**Student only eligible to win one iPad*

It's Time for Job Expo!

Job Expo, the largest career fair of the year, is only six weeks away (Feb. 25; 3-6 p.m.; SU Ballroom). This event is open to all majors. Encourage your students to participate. Students attending Job Expo will have an opportunity to explore full-time and co-op opportunities available through over 100 local and regional businesses. Students will need to dress professionally and bring their ALL Card as well as copies of their resumes. Students can contact [Career Services](#) for more information!

Lending Library

Eight years ago, NKU discovered that there was a need for our students to save money when purchasing textbooks due to the rising cost of attending college. The University responded to the growing number of students who did not have adequate resources to purchase all of their textbooks by creating a [Lending Library](#).

The Lending Library has a small inventory and works very closely with the campus bookstore to provide, in most cases, current editions. Students with a need are referred to us and encouraged to borrow one textbook for the semester. The only stipulation is that the book be returned by the end of the semester.

UCAP (University Connect & Persist) continues to manage this unique resource to help you and your son/daughter meet the challenge of paying for college.

Students borrowing from the Lending Library not only receive a textbook, but also participate in a brief academic and financial wellness check with a UCAP staff member. This meeting is an opportunity to pro-actively address any academic or financial concerns a student might have that may impact persistence or academic performance.

If interested, please ask your student to contact the UCAP Office at (859) 572-6497 or by visiting the [website!](#)

Featured Resource

Tip of the month:

In this global economy, it is now more important than ever that your students make the most of their college experiences. Now is the time for your student to cultivate diverse experiences that will make a resume stand out among the crowd. Participating in an educational experience in another country can provide a multitude of learning experiences. January is a great time for your student to visit the [Office of Education Abroad](#) and explore the available options. Many students may think that studying abroad is not an affordable option, but there are funds available. Deadlines to apply are quickly approaching!

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