NKU and Gateway Community & Technical College announced the River City Promise Program that offers free tuition and enhanced benefits for Pell eligible high school students from Northern Kentucky's communities.

River City Promise builds upon the Gateway2NKU dual admission program which offers explicit degree-pathways for students by eliminating the financial barriers of college. The program applies to students from Bellevue, Dayton, Holmes, Lloyd, Ludlow and Newport High School who graduate in May 2020 and beyond.

“To truly increase access, it takes a wholistic approach to ensure students have a clear path on their educational experience,” said NKU President Ashish Vaidya. “As we were renewing the successful Gateway2NKU program, it became clear that we could make a greater impact by extending it to high school students, so they begin their higher education journey with support from both institutions.”

All students participating in the RCP and Gateway2NKU programs will have a newly dedicated Service Center on Gateway's campus for a smooth transition between the two institutions. It provides advising, financial literacy, admissions guidance and career alignment services.

NKU students also benefit from Gateway2NKU’s reverse transfer—once they reach 60 hours, they can apply to receive their associate degree from Gateway. Additional benefits include joint recruitment and marketing opportunities, integrated orientation to ease the transition to campus and access to shared facilities.

Since its inception in 2013, NKU has graduated 465 Gateway transfer students, with 128 participating in the Gateway2NKU program.

NKU names Dr. Ginni Fair as dean of the College of Education. Dr. Fair has deep Kentucky education ties, spending the first 10 years of her career teaching in the classroom before moving into higher education. She currently serves as a professor and chair of the Department of Curriculum and Instruction at EKU.

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When Sean Donovan saw a hole in the multi-billion dollar payments processing market, he decided to fix it himself. Donovan, a co-founder of Finix, has worked in finance since he was 18 years old. The Cincinnati native always knew what career path he would follow. That’s why pursuing a bachelor’s degree in finance at Northern Kentucky University, which was close to his family, was an easy choice. It didn’t take long for Donovan to realize he was surrounded by students just like himself.

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