



GOLD RUSH

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NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

GO FIGURE

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Consecutive winning seasons posted by the Norse women's basketball team, which opens its season on Nov. 11 under new head coach Camryn Whitaker

900

High school students who attended the sixth annual "Young Women LEAD" conference at NKU Oct. 17-18

79.6%

2016 bar passage rate among Chase College of Law graduates, the highest in Kentucky



COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS MARKS 10TH ANNIVERSARY

A decade ago, NKU had an ambitious vision: as technology began to change the world around us, what would happen if you combined all academic programs related to information and technology under one roof?

That grand experiment resulted in some big successes: the College of Informatics has become a national leader in cybersecurity and data science, a leader in the area of transdisciplinary education, and a college whose graduates are in demand by companies across the region, state, nation, and even the world.

"Informatics embraces most of what we do in the digital age: it is in the art, science, business and technology of information," said Dean Kevin Kirby. "In an age of innovation and digital transformation, we enable our students – and our region – to thrive."

Over the past decade, enrollment has more than doubled and continues to rise each year. The college now offers 15 degree programs, including a Bachelor's in Data Science that was just the third such program in the nation.

The college has won national recognition for its Center for Applied Informatics virtual co-op program, which created the life-saving PulsePoint app that alerts first responders when someone nearby needs emergency care.

NKU was also the first university in Kentucky to be named a National Center for Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense by the National Security Agency and U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

In the decade ahead, the College of Informatics will continue to evolve and innovate, including in emerging fields such as Health Informatics, The Internet of Things, and security and privacy.

COLLEGE CORNER

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

After studying elementary education at NKU, Debbie Moak ('84) went on to become one of the nation's leading advocates for preventing substance abuse among teenagers, as co-founder of NotMYKid.org as well as Director of the Arizona Governor's Office for Youth, Faith, and Family Services.

Moak was the inaugural recipient of the Distinguished Alumni Award from NKU's College of Education and Human Services, and in September participated in a three-day residency about the importance of preventing and addressing substance abuse.

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NKU SELECTS TEAM FOR NEW MIXED-USE DEVELOPMENT, STUDENT HOUSING

NKU has selected Austin, Tex.-based American Campus Communities and its partner, Cleveland, Oh.-based Fairmount Properties to design and construct a high-quality mixed-use development at the gateway to campus, and also grow the University's student housing capacity from 2,000 to 3,000 beds over the next decade. "We were impressed with each of the proposals received, but it became clear that ACC and Fairmount offer the necessary experience, as well as a unique set of qualifications to help us achieve our vision for the future of our campus," said NKU President Geoffrey S. Mearns. "We look forward to partnering with them to create a distinctive and inviting gateway to our University while enhancing the campus experience for our more than 14,000 students."

NKU and ACC/Fairmount are currently developing an agreement to define the scope and features of the project, including financing and a timeline.

LEARN MORE: https://www.nku.edu/news/_160913ACCFairmount.html



THE SCOREBOARD

Women's soccer team wins Horizon League championship

The Norse women's soccer team made history on Nov. 5 with a come-from-behind victory over top-seeded Milwaukee that earned the Norse its first-ever Division I NCAA championship berth.

Under the leadership of Coach Bob Sheehan, in his 20th year, the Norse enter the NCAA Tournament with a 13-6-1 overall record.

The Norse have been eligible to compete for a Division I conference championship for the last three seasons and have advanced to the semifinals or beyond in each of those seasons.

FACULTY FOCUS

Journalism professor Michele Day has been elected to the Society of Professional Journalists board of directors. Day will serve a two-year term as Director of Region 5, which includes professional and student journalism chapters in Kentucky, Indiana and Illinois.

Day joined NKU in 2001 to teach journalism and communication. She is faculty adviser to the NKU SPJ chapter and adviser to The Northerner, NKU's independent student newspaper. She is also founding director of Journalism in the Digital Age, a summer workshop that provides high school journalists with real-world experience and online publication

BRIEFS

HIGHLAND HEIGHTS, NKU RANK AMONG SAFEST COLLEGE TOWNS IN U.S.

Northern Kentucky University is the 12th safest college town in America, according to Safewise, the Utah-based security and crime prevention firm.

This is the third year Safewise has ranked NKU among the safest college towns in the nation for the low rate of crime on campus. The firm praised the proactive steps NKU takes to help keep campus safe, such as the Norse Alert emergency notification system and programs such as A.L.I.C.E. training.

LEARN MORE: http://www.nku.edu/news/_160914safewiseranking.html

NKU NAMED AMONG BEST IN U.S. FOR ADULT LEARNERS

Washington Monthly magazine has named NKU among the best colleges in the U.S. for adult learners, and the Council for Adult and Experimental Learning (CAEL) will recognize NKU at its annual conference in Chicago this fall.

NKU received praise for the flexibility of its programs, the ease of transfer from other institutions, and the services provided to adult students. The Program for Adult-Centered Education (PACE), created in 2005, provides customized, hands-on programs and services for adult students.

LEARN MORE: http://www.nku.edu/news/_160928adultlearners.html

CIE EARNS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

Northern Kentucky University's Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship (CIE) is among the best in the world at launching and supporting student-led startup companies.

It was one of the five finalists for the "Outstanding Contributor to Venture Creation" award at the 2016 Global Consortium of Entrepreneurship Centers' (GCEC) annual conference last month.

The Center was formed in 2014 to create, advance, enable, and expand entrepreneurship education opportunities across campus as well as in the community.

LEARN MORE: http://www.nku.edu/news/_161006CIEaward.html

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS LAUNCHES GLOBAL SUPPLY CHAIN MANAGEMENT DEGREE

As our world becomes increasingly connected, the ability to move goods and services quickly and efficiently is more important than ever.

In response to rising demand and a shortage of talent in the industry, NKU's Haile/US Bank College of Business has launched a Global Supply Chain Management degree program.

Students will learn the cross-functional and specialized skills necessary for jobs in procurement, sourcing, logistics, supply management analysis, sales and distribution.

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ALUMNI NEWS



A CONVERSATION WITH COLONEL STEPHEN T. LING ('84)

Cybersecurity and cyberwarfare have been dominating the national headlines lately, but NKU alumnus Col. Stephen T. Ling ('84) has been on the front lines of the battle for the past three decades. During 30 years in the U.S. Air Force, he worked as an electronic warfare officer, instructor, evaluator, operations officer, squadron, group, and vice-wing commander, staff officer, and director.

Ling flew combat missions to jam enemy surface-to-air missile systems in Bosnia and Serbia, directed numerous surveillance missions in Iraq and Afghanistan, and later served as Director of the STRATCOM Joint Electronic Warfare Center. He received a degree in computer science at NKU in 1984. "Between the opportunities presented in the Air Force and having grown up there in Northern Kentucky and having gone to NKU, I know our Northern Kentucky University graduates can and do compete at any level," he said.

LEARN MORE: <http://nku.edu/features/2016/october/colonel-ling.html>