



GOLD RUSH

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Recent grant funding for NKU partnership to support elementary and secondary school counseling

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Winning 8K time for defending A-Sun cross country champion J.J. Weber, who won the league title by 36 seconds

➔ **800+**

Members of NKU community to receive Green Dot violence prevention training this semester



PRESIDENT MEARNS BRINGS SIMPLE MESSAGE TO COMMONWEALTH TOUR: SOMETHING SPECIAL IS HAPPENING AT NKU

NKU is taking its vision, its programs, and its people on the road to communities across Kentucky during this fall's Road to NKU Commonwealth Tour.

The tour began in September with a stop in Somerset and has continued through Pikeville, Bowling Green, Owensboro, Paducah, and Ashland. It will conclude with stops in Louisville (Nov. 18) and Lexington (Dec. 4).

"The Road to NKU tour is providing us the opportunity to visit prospective students, parents, community leaders, and alumni from across the state to share with them that something special is happening at NKU," President Geoffrey Mearns said. "It also provides us the opportunity to listen to the communities across the state to ensure that NKU is serving them."

Participants meet President Mearns; learn about NKU programs and services; discuss campus scholarships, financial aid, and housing; and interact with current NKU students.

"Regional economists tell us that the fastest job growth for the foreseeable future will be in the areas of information and health care," said Mr. Mearns. "This is true throughout the state. We intend to provide the best education and applied research opportunities possible at the intersection of informatics and population health disciplines."

As part of the statewide tour, NKU will also honor math teachers and informatics leaders from across the state with the inaugural Trailblazer Award."

READ MORE: <http://roadto.nku.edu>

COLLEGE CORNER

The American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU) recently presented NKU with the inaugural Excellence and Innovation Award. NKU was one of only two universities nationally to receive the honor for regional and economic development.

The NKU Center for Applied Informatics Virtual Co-op Program was honored for its success in adapting the traditional co-op education model, offering paid internships to students, into an initiative that provides almost all services virtually. The program now serves more than 120 students per year, and students develop mobile apps, websites, and similar products for more than 200 companies and non-profits, as well as providing services to 50 start-ups.

COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS

"NKU is proud to be recognized with an inaugural AASCU excellence and innovation award for regional and economic development," said President Geoffrey Mearns. "Our Virtual Co-op Program allows us to better serve our students and our region. It provides important experiential learning that complements what our students are studying in the classroom while at the same time offering business solutions to large companies, startups, nonprofits, and other organizations both locally and around the world. To have this important work recognized by the AASCU speaks volumes about NKU's commitment to a culture of innovation.

READ MORE: http://nku.edu/news/_141002aascu.html

NKU HOSTS YOUNG WOMEN LEAD CONFERENCE



NKU hosted the fourth annual Young Women LEAD Conference, presented by Toyota, last month at The Bank of Kentucky Center.

The conference is for local high school girls and focuses on leadership, education and development. The all-day conference features interactive breakout sessions, keynote speakers, and lunch. It is free to all participants, with registration limited to 1,000 students.

"The purpose of the conference is to empower high school girls to embrace their strengths and to reach their full potential," said YWL Project Manager Deanna Bowden of Duke Energy.

"At this year's conference, we are excited to have an Olympian and other nationally recognized speakers who will share their insights on real life issues and how they overcame them to achieve success. The conference will also provide an opportunity for teens to connect to and learn from female business leaders."

LEARN MORE ABOUT THE IPP: http://nku.edu/news/_141007ywl.html



THE SCOREBOARD

The women's soccer team won NKU's first Atlantic Sun Tournament game earlier this month with a 2-0 victory over North Florida. The Norse are seeking NKU's first A-Sun conference championship since being declared for conference postseason play earlier this year. The volleyball team has a record of 16-8 heading into the A-Sun Tournament and is a No. 5 seed. The men's soccer team will attempt to secure a spot in the tournament with a win in its final regular season matchup.

FACULTY FOCUS

Dr. Carol Medlicott has been honored with the 2014 Best Book in the Field of Communal Studies Research award by the Communal Studies Association for her book, "Isaachar Bates: A Shaker's Journey." Dr. Medlicott is an associate professor of geography at NKU. She has been studying the Shakers for 10 years. She is a historical geographer and not a historian, so she said she never really intended to write a biography. "Rather, I set out to tell a story about geographical connections," she said. "The story of the Shakers' expansion across the American frontier and how the Shakers managed to create a coherent cultural system spread over a thousand miles of the American frontier."

READ MORE: <http://tinyurl.com/nkumedlicott>

BRIEFS

NKU AGAIN NAMED A MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

For the fifth consecutive year, NKU has been awarded the designation of Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the premier media entity for military personnel transitioning into civilian life. As a 2015 Military Friendly School, NKU is ranked in the top 15 percent of colleges, universities, and trade schools in the country that are working to embrace military service members, veterans, and spouses as students and ensure their success on campus.

READ MORE:

http://nku.edu/news/_141003military.html

NKU LOG SCHOOLHOUSE GETS HIGH-TECH MAKEOVER

Atop a hill near a busy entrance to the Northern Kentucky University campus stands an 1850s log cabin given to the university library decades ago by Kentucky's Gosney family. The cabin, moved from Grants Lick to A.J. Jolly Park before it was gifted to NKU, is a symbol of how far education has come in Kentucky, from a one-room school house to a major university. And it's about to get a high-tech makeover.

READ MORE:

http://nku.edu/news/_141023cabin.html

NKU HISTORY HONOR SOCIETY HONORED FOR 19TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

The NKU Alpha Beta Phi chapter of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society has won the Best Chapter Award, Division V universities (15,001 to 23,000 students), for 2014. This is the chapter's 23rd Best Chapter award and 19th in a row. NKU's PAT students earned the honor through their participation in many campus activities, involvement in multiple volunteer activities across the region, and numerous field trips to regional historical sites and events.

READ MORE:

<http://tinyurl.com/nkuhistory>

GRANT WILL BENEFIT TRAUMA-FOCUSED CHILD CARE

Faculty in the NKU Department of Counseling, Social Work, and Leadership have been awarded a \$1.5 million grant from the Health Resources and Services Administration that will provide students with specialized skills while filling an important regional need. It will focus on a behavioral health workforce training program in trauma care for children, adolescents, and transition-age youth, or CAT.

READ MORE:

http://nku.edu/news/_141009grant.html

ALUMNI NEWS



When Sandra Forman, NKU professor of theatre, is asked what students can achieve with a theatre degree, she needs exactly zero time to come up with an answer. "I say you can be a vice president at Nickelodeon," she says. She looks no further than her own daughter, Regan Forman, who graduated from NKU in 1993 with a BFA in Theatre. When Regan came to NKU on a full drama scholarship, her talent quickly set her apart in her classes and productions. She graduated and went on to work in New York and North Carolina before landing in Los Angeles. She appeared in "Grey's Anatomy" and in movies such as "Enough," and also worked for Disney, Pixar, and now Nickelodeon.

READ MORE ABOUT REGAN IN THE FALL EDITION OF NORTHERN MAGAZINE