



GOLD RUSH

JANUARY 2018

N O R T H E R N K E N T U C K Y U N I V E R S I T Y

GO FIGURE

3.2

Student-athlete GPA for the seventh-straight semester

178

Student-athletes earned at least a 3.0 GPA

30

Student-athletes achieved a perfect 4.0 GPA



NKU ANNOUNCES INCOMING SIXTH PRESIDENT, DR. ASHISH VAIDYA

NKU announced Ashish Vaidya (ah-SHEESH vi-DEA.) as the university's sixth president on Nov. 9, 2017. Dr. Vaidya will assume the role in Summer 2018.

"The momentum at NKU right now is truly amazing. It's what first caught my attention, and I continue to be impressed the more people I meet. As I learned about the university, its history and its role in regional stewardship, it fits well with what I was looking for. I'm honored to serve as NKU's sixth president and looking forward to the adventure that lies ahead," said Dr. Vaidya, NKU's incoming president.

Dr. Vaidya is currently serving as interim president of St. Cloud State University in Minnesota. Prior to accepting that role, Dr. Vaidya served as provost and vice president of academic affairs at St. Cloud State. Previously, he served California State University, Los Angeles, from 2010 to 2015 as provost and vice president for academic affairs. Dr. Vaidya holds bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Xavier's College (Mumbai, India), and a master's and a doctorate from University of California, Davis. Gerard St. Amand has served in an interim capacity since May 2017. St. Amand postponed retirement from NKU after the departure of former President Geoffrey Mearns.

COLLEGE CORNER

Dr. Dale Stephenson has joined NKU as Dean of the College of Health Professions. Dean Stephenson assumed the role earlier this month.

"Dale brings a wealth of experience to his new role and will provide excellent leadership for the College of Health Professions and for NKU as a whole," said NKU Provost Sue Ott Rowlands.

Prior to joining NKU, Dr. Stephenson served as professor and inaugural director of the School of Allied Health Sciences at Boise State University.

LEARN MORE: <https://www.nku.edu/news/2017/171013CHPStephenson.html>

LEARN MORE: <https://www.nku.edu/news/2017/171109AshishVaidya.html>



GATEWAY TO NKU

NKU's gateway into campus will be changing, as the university, in partnership with Fairmont Properties, announced plans for a mixed-use building along U.S. 27 and Nunn Drive.

A pedestrian-scaled, "town center"-style district is being developed on the south side of Nunn Drive, and site plans feature new restaurants, retail space, market-rate apartments, a hotel, structured parking and public gathering places. The goal is to create a fresh entry to campus that both addresses students' desire for walkable amenities and enhances the community. Additionally, St. Elizabeth will occupy a 70,000-square-foot professional office building.

The development team is continuing its leasing, planning and due diligence efforts, including a careful study of proposed development impacts associated with traffic, parking and other considerations. This work comes at no cost to NKU, and the project is expected to generate revenue for the university. A groundbreaking for the initial phase of the development is expected in mid-2018.

READ MORE: <https://www.nku.edu/news/2017/171218NKUGateway.html>

NKU NORSE THE SCOREBOARD

The NKU women's basketball team earned a huge victory, as the Norse took down No. 19/20 Green Bay by a final score of 62-54. Comparing the two teams' rating percentage index (RPI), this is a big upset. RPI is a quantity used to rank a sports team's wins and losses, and its strength of schedule.

The Norse WBB's RPI is 307 compared to Green Bay's RPI of 4—a 303 team difference. The win was NKU's first victory over a ranked opponent since the university's transition to Division I.

FACULTY FOCUS

Professor of Entrepreneurship, Dr. Rodney D'Souza, was one of seven U.S. educators presented with the 40th Annual Levey Awards for Excellence in Private Enterprise Education from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, a top honor for entrepreneurship teachers.

D'Souza was honored for his work with INKUBATOR, part of the Haile/US Bank College of Business' Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which creates cross-campus engagement to provide students with education, mentoring, seed funding, facilities and other resources necessary for a successful entrepreneurial startup.

READ MORE: <https://www.nku.edu/news/2017/171208DSouzaAward.html>

BRIEFS

MAYERSON STUDENT PHILANTHROPY GRANT

NKU classes recently awarded \$34,500 to nonprofits as part of the nationally recognized Mayerson Student Philanthropy Project.

Classes typically have \$2,000 each to invest in either one nonprofit or \$1,000 in two. Students spend the semester learning about community needs and, toward the end, decide where to invest.

Seventeen classes included student philanthropy as part of an integrated curriculum in fall 2017. The classes ranged from a dual credit course taught at Campbell County High School to graduate courses in various fields.

LEARN MORE:

<https://www.nku.edu/news/2017/171213Mayerson.html>

YOUNG WOMEN LEAD (YWL) CONFERENCE

NKU's College of Education and Human Services hosted the seventh annual Young Women LEAD (YWL) Conference in October 2017.

The YWL conference was for Greater Cincinnati and northern Kentucky high school girls and focuses on Leadership, Education and Development. The conference is organized by the local participants of SOAR, a program designed to assist businesses as they train female employees for future leadership positions. YWL was free to the more than 600 students who attended.

LEARN MORE:

<https://www.nku.edu/news/2017/171017YWLConference.html>

FRENCH STEM GRANT

NKU has been awarded a grant from the French Embassy to increase the number of STEM students who study abroad in France. The French Embassy's \$18,100 grant was matched by NKU to provide \$36,200 in dedicated funds for the program.

The grant was awarded under the Transatlantic Friendship and Mobility Initiative and will allow 10 STEM majors from NKU to study for a semester and/or conduct summer research at French partner institutions. This is the first external grant that the program has received.

LEARN MORE:

<https://www.nku.edu/news/2017/171102STEMFranceGrant.html>

FUEL NKU GRANT

NKU's food pantry, FUEL NKU, received a \$10,000 grant from the Scripps Howard Foundation. The grant is in honor of Rich Boehne's retirement as president and CEO of the E.W. Scripps Company. Boehne is an NKU alumnus and chair of the university's Board of Regents.

FUEL NKU serves as both a food pantry and a campus community committed to fighting hunger on campus. It provides food and essentials to students in a compassionate, confidential and safe environment.

LEARN MORE:

<https://www.nku.edu/news/2017/171101FuelNKUGrant.html>

ALUMNI NEWS



KURT DRAKE ('95) CAMPBELL COUNTY TO COUNTRIES ABROAD

Kurt Drake ('95) credits an open mind, coupled with a knack for work in an emerging corporate field, for his career as a compliance officer for major corporations including GE in Cincinnati, PPG in Pittsburgh and General Cable in northern Kentucky.

After receiving his degree from Haile/US Bank College of Business's accounting program, Drake was introduced to compliance work, which he found it uniquely compelling. He now serves as the chief ethics and compliance officer, vice president at consumer-products corporation Kimberly-Clark.

"Having an NKU education allowed me to apply my learning through practical internships," he says. "This enabled me to transition to the workforce quickly and adapt to professional situations that I never would have predicted."

LEARN MORE: <https://inside.nku.edu/nkumagazine/2018/january/kurtdrake.html>