



GOLD RUSH

JUNE 2018

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

GO FIGURE

GREEK LIFE PHILANTHROPY

\$180,000

in donations

30,000

service hours

\$770,000

economic impact to community



SPRING COMMENCEMENT HONORS 1,650 GRADUATES

Northern Kentucky University graduated nearly 1,650 students in the Spring Commencement ceremonies on May 4 and 6, 2018. Three commencement ceremonies were held to honor the graduates from the university's six colleges.

On Friday evening, Salmon P. Chase College of Law held commencement and honored 136 graduates. During the ceremony, the Honorable Amul R. Thapar of the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit was awarded the Doctor of Laws honorary degree.

Sunday morning's ceremony awarded nearly 700 degrees to graduates from the Haile/US Bank College of Business, the College of Health Professions and the College of Informatics. Doctor of Education honorary degrees were awarded to longtime NKU supporter and active community leader Ellen Rieveschl and to Interim President Gerard St. Amand.

Sunday afternoon's ceremony honored more than 800 graduates from the College of Arts and Sciences and the College of Education and Human Services. NKU alumnus C. Bruce Johnson ('73) was awarded the Doctor of Letters honorary degree, and former NKU Board of Regents Chair Alice Sparks was also awarded a Doctor of Education honorary degree.

LEARN MORE: <https://www.nku.edu/news/2018/may/180506Commencement.html>

COLLEGE CORNER

The Haile/US Bank College of Business' Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) received 18 awards at the 2018 PBL State Leadership Conference. Members who placed will represent Kentucky at the National Leadership Conference in Baltimore, Maryland.

PBL's mission is to bring business and education together through innovative leadership and career development programs. It's open to any NKU student who is interested in building their professional skills.

LEARN MORE: <https://www.nku.edu/news/2018/april/180419PBLAwards.html>



NKU HOSTS SCHOOL SAFETY PANEL

The College of Education and Human Services (COEHS) held a school safety panel in May for the campus and community. The event addressed concerns raised by students in a recent class survey. NKU Professor Dr. Sara Runge begins her Introduction to Education class with a survey that asks students their biggest concerns about becoming a teacher. Her latest group had close to 50 responses about student safety and gun violence in schools. Dr. Runge realized the issue was more complex than could be addressed in her class, so the college began to plan a larger discussion.

NKU Police Chief John Gaffin took part in the panel along with superintendents from three local school districts. They discussed what they are doing to address school safety and share best practices. The COEHS considers this event a first step toward developing recommendations for implementation in area schools and inclusion in educator preparation program courses. **READ MORE:** <https://www.nku.edu/news/2018/april/180425SafetyPanel.html>



THE SCOREBOARD

Director of Athletics Ken Bothof was appointed to the 10-member NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Committee. Bothof is a member of the Horizon League Council. He serves on the League's Basketball Issues Committee, the NCAA Leadership Council and the Women's Basketball Issues Committee.

FACULTY FOCUS

NKU's Latino Institute for Excellence (LIFE) partnered with Samuel Woodfill Elementary in Fort Thomas in a school-wide humanitarian campaign, ¡Yo soy Líder! Desde KY a Puerto Rico Ayudamos a Nuestros Amigos.

Chairs of NKU LIFE's Puerto Rico Relief Campaign, Leo Calderón and Irene Encarnación, surprised the elementary students with the check. The students raised \$2,000 and, with NKU LIFE's match, donated a total of \$4,000 to Comité Pro Desarrollo de Maunabo.

The funds will assist in the reconstruction of Maunabo's Natural Reserve, which was terribly devastated by hurricane María. NKU LIFE also made a \$4,000 gift to the Silicon Valley Communities Foundation/Puerto Rico Relief Campaign.

READ MORE: <https://www.nku.edu/news/2018/april/180426NKULife.html>

BRIEFS

PLANETARIUM BREAKS RECORD ATTENDANCE

NKU's Haile Planetarium recently celebrated a milestone— attracting more than 12,000 visitors in a single fiscal year.

Haile Planetarium also set a personal record for number of public show visitors in a fiscal year, recently passing the 3,000-mark. Planetarium Director Christa Speights says the peak attendance is due to offering more Friday night public shows.

There are two shows every Friday night at 6 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. through the end of June.

LEARN MORE:

<https://www.nku.edu/news/2018/may/HailePlanetariumRecord.html>

CHASE LAW EXPANDS 3+3 PROGRAM

NKU is expanding an early-enrollment program at Salmon P. Chase College of Law to reach more students in Kentucky.

The Chase 3+3 Accelerated Law Program, which combines a final year of undergraduate study with a first year of law school, is now offered to undergraduate students at Eastern Kentucky University. It's also available at NKU and two additional institutions in Kentucky and Ohio.

LEARN MORE:

<https://www.nku.edu/news/2018/may/180516ChaseEku.html>

NKU HOSTS MILLENNIUM FALCON EXPERIENCE

NKU was the only Midwest stop on the limited Millennium Falcon Experience tour. Constructed by fan builders, the Falcon's hold and cockpit reproduce every detail of the set seen in "Solo: A Star Wars Story."

Fans lined up for hours to see the replica ship. For many, it was their first experience on NKU's campus, and they were impressed. After NKU, the Falcon stopped in Atlanta, Denver, Salt Lake City and LA to promote the latest Star Wars movie.

LEARN MORE:

<https://www.nku.edu/news/2018/april/180424MillenniumFalcon.html>

NKU NAMED MILITARY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

NKU has once again been named a Military Friendly School by Victory Media, the premier outlet for military personnel transitioning into civilian life.

Victory Media awarded NKU the 2018-2019 Gold Award for embracing military service members, veterans and dependents as students to ensure their success on campus. This is the eighth consecutive year NKU has received this designation. NKU is also ranked among the nation's top colleges for veterans in 2018 by "The Military Times."

LEARN MORE:

<https://www.nku.edu/news/2018may/180502MilitaryFriendly.html>

ALUMNI NEWS

NKU ALUMNA MAGGIE MURPHY'S KENTUCKY ROOTS CARRIED HER TO HOLLYWOOD SUCCESS

"Veronica Mars." "The Simpsons." "Ally McBeal." "Malcolm in the Middle." "The X-Files."



Do you see the connection between these TV shows? Probably not, but Maggie Murphy ('80) certainly does—she developed and produced them. With a career in production and television development that spans more than 25 years, she has had a hand in developing and shepherding dozens of titles onto major television networks.

LEARN MORE: <https://inside.nku.edu/nkumagazine/2018/march/maggiemurphy.html>