



GOLD RUSH

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GO FIGURE

▶ 12,928

That's how many fans and followers NKU has on its official university Facebook (<http://facebook.com/nkuedu>) and Twitter (@nkuedu and @NKU_News) pages.

▶ 109

That's how many Kentucky counties are represented by NKU's student body. It also represents 42 states and 52 countries.

▶ 550

That's how many student-accessible computers are inside Griffin Hall, including labs in both Mac and PC environments.

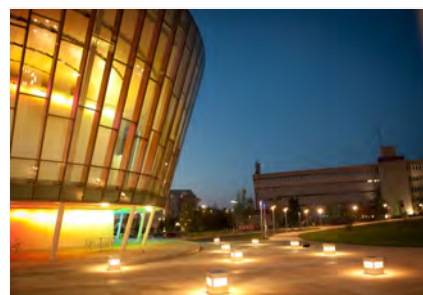
NKU OPENS GRIFFIN HALL

NKU officially opened the doors to Griffin Hall, the spectacular \$53 million home of the NKU College of Informatics, in October.

"Today represents NKU's continuing efforts to help strengthen our region and our commonwealth's position in the high-technology, knowledge-based economy of the 21st century," NKU President James Votruba told the 600-plus in attendance at the grand opening.

Amid Griffin Hall's shimmering steel and walls of glass that shine with vivid stripes of color there lives a level of technology almost unheard of at a Midwest university. The facility, which has hosted classes since August, is a marvel of modern classroom, communication and energy-efficient technology. The 110,000-square-foot structure contains 300,000 feet of data cable.

Emily Crawford, an alumna working on her master's degree in Computer Information Technology, said she's blown away by the technology NKU has made available through extensive private



fundraising. "Before, to have access to this kind of technology you'd have to go to New York City or Southern California, but now it's right here on campus. That's beyond amazing."

In a pre-recorded message, Michael Dell, chairman of the board and CEO of Dell, touted the facility. "At Dell we've always believed that the real benefit of technology is enabling human potential, helping people to do more of what they enjoy and to better achieve their goals," he said. "You've done a fantastic job connecting students and faculty across disciplines to be best in class with technology tools and training."

PINPOINTS

LOUISVILLE



RON BURSE is a junior public relations major from Louisville. He graduated from Louisville Male High School in 2009. Ron is executive director of the Activities Programming Board and is a member of Norse Leadership Society, the Student Alumni Association and Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity. "The people here are some of the

nicest I've ever met in my life," Ron says. "NKU seems like it would be a big university, but the campus is still a small community. I really like that. I don't feel like a little fish in a big bowl here."

COLLEGE CORNER

THE NKU CHASE COLLEGE OF LAW

The NKU Chase College of Law has announced the creation of its Law & Informatics Institute dedicated to promoting thoughtful public discourse on the regulation and use of information systems.

The institute is run by Jon Garon, a nationally recognized authority on intellectual property. Garon's teaching and scholarship often focus on business innovation and the development of best business

practices regarding the exploitation and effectiveness of the information and data systems in business, healthcare, media, entertainment and the public sector.

The Law & Informatics Institute provides a critical interdisciplinary approach to the study of information in the fields of intellectual property law, privacy law, evidence (regulating government and the police), business law and international law.

JIM BUNNING DONATES PAPERS, BASEBALL MEMORABILIA



NKU will celebrate Jim Bunning, a national figure known for his Major League Baseball play and long political career, Nov. 10 with “U.S. Senator Jim Bunning: Baseball and Beyond,” a reception, dinner and lecture to raise money to support the processing of Bunning’s Congressional papers and baseball memorabilia.

The former Kentucky senator has donated items to NKU’s W. Frank Steely Library from his years with the Detroit Tigers and Philadelphia Phillies along with correspondence and reports from his 24 years as a U.S. representative and senator.

His collection will join the political papers of Kentucky Congressmen Eugene Snyder and Ken Lucas, also housed in the Eva G. Farris Special Collections and Schlachter Archives. Once it’s opened to the public, scholars researching Bunning’s life can learn about some of the key decisions Bunning faced while in office as well as see artifacts from his days as a Hall of Fame pitcher.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, visit bunning.nku.edu.

THE SCOREBOARD



At the midway point of fall, NKU’s volleyball and soccer programs are enjoying outstanding seasons. At publication, the defending Division II national champion men’s soccer team (12-2, 10-2 GLVC) was ranked No. 6 nationally while the women (13-1, 11-1 GLVC) were ranked No. 9. In volleyball, the Norse were ranked No. 12 nationally with an impressive record of 18-2 (9-2 GLVC).

The Norse appear to be well on their way to capturing a fifth straight GLVC Commissioner’s Cup.

FACULTY FOCUS

NKU professors Drs. Ted Hodgson and Sara Eisenhardt have been awarded a \$97,289 extension grant from the Kentucky Department of Education to support the Northern Kentucky Mathematics Specialists Project, which works with elementary and middle grades teachers and administrators in 11 northern Kentucky school districts to develop content and pedagogical expertise in mathematics through rigorous, faculty-led courses and job-embedded professional development.

The project has included summer institutes taught by teams of NKU faculty and acknowledged teacher leaders providing participants with 12 graduate credits in mathematics content and pedagogy as well as collaborative action research and leadership projects addressing recognized needs in each district.

BRIEFS

STEM DAY FOR LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLERS

STEM Day was for high school students interested in a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics fields.

They took part in various science- and technology-related activities, interacted with NKU STEM students, and learned about college and career programs in STEM fields.

“There are companies looking for students with technical and quantitative skills, and they cannot fill the positions,” said Dr. Bethany Bowling, assistant biological sciences professor. “We need to make sure students of all backgrounds have the potential to go into STEM areas and be successful.”

MORE: stem.nku.edu

NKU HONORED AS ‘MILITARY FRIENDLY’

For the second straight year, NKU has been recognized by G.I. Jobs as among the nation’s Military Friendly Schools for the services it provides to students with military experience. This semester, there are more than 450 NKU students using educational benefits.

NKU’s Learning Through Military Leadership course gives veterans and active-duty personnel the opportunity to receive up to 18 credits for what they learned in the military. Students identify learning outcomes associated with their military training and occupations and connect those outcomes to NKU courses.

MORE: tinyurl.com/NKUGIJobs

‘DREAMERS WELCOME’ TV SPOT HONORED

NKU’s “Dreamers Welcome” TV commercial is one of 168 nationwide to win the American Pixel Academy’s 2011 EMPixx Platinum Award.

The commercial was produced in partnership with WSTR Channel 64. Other brands honored include AT&T, HBO, Disney-Pixar and The Coca-Cola Company. “When you consider that most of these brands invest significant resources into producing such award-winning commercials, this honor is even more impressive,” said chief marketing officer Rick Meyers. “Our spot was produced at no cost to the university.”

MORE: tinyurl.com/NKUspot

LIFESAVING NKU MOBILE APP COMING TO KENTUCKY

Erlanger Fire and EMS has announced a partnership with the PulsePoint Foundation to bring the lifesaving Fire Department mobile app developed by NKU students to the city.

Tim Ferguson, NKU CIO, said the foundation will make it easier for agencies across the commonwealth and the country to gain access to the technology. “Through the PulsePoint Foundation, fire and EMS agencies can now adopt this important application at a much faster rate, and we are proud that NKU can be part of it,” he said.

MORE: pulsepoint.org

ALUMNI NEWS

True (NKU) Blood

Meet Joyce Watney, founder of the Living Dead Student Alliance at her school and host of the “Just Say No To Hate” festival – a multimedia extravaganza meant to foster togetherness between humans and, um, the un...dead. You know. Vampires. Which makes sense on a smash-hit show like HBO’s *True Blood*, which is exactly where you can find alum Galadriel Stineman ('07) starring as the “bleeding-heart” young Joyce this season. Check her out! You can also catch the Kentucky native and Newport Central Catholic High School graduate in some of her other work, including Cartoon Network’s *Ben 10: Alien Swarm* and the indie movie *Junkyard Dog* with Vivica A. Fox.

