



GOLD RUSH

OCT. 2019

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

GO FIGURE

VICTORFEST DAY OF SERVICE

110

students, faculty & staff volunteers

330

hours of service

\$8,000

in economic impact through
community service



NKU UNVEILS UK COLLEGE OF MEDICINE-NORTHERN KENTUCKY CAMPUS

NKU, in partnership with the University of Kentucky and St. Elizabeth Healthcare, officially opened the new UK College of Medicine Northern Kentucky Campus with a ribbon cutting event. The new site welcomed an inaugural class of 35 medical students during a white coat ceremony in August.

The Northern Kentucky Campus is fully functioning and utilizes the same curriculum and assessments as the Lexington Campus. The new site touts 19,806 square feet and includes classrooms, five standardized patient rooms, a physical exam lab and six group study rooms. Third- and fourth-year medical students gather clinical experience at St. Elizabeth Healthcare.

"This is an historic day for NKU and for the region. We are proud to partner with UK and St. Elizabeth to establish a medical school in Northern Kentucky, that is designed to educate and keep physicians here," said NKU President Ashish Vaidya. "This project aligns well with NKU's academic focus on health and related fields to address critical issues facing the Northern Kentucky/Greater Cincinnati region through collaboration and innovation."

For students, the Northern Kentucky Campus offers smaller class sizes, the benefit of scholarships and the opportunity to live, work and learn in a dynamic region of the Commonwealth.

"The support from the University of Kentucky, Northern Kentucky University, and the generous scholarship from St. Elizabeth Healthcare have made this dream a reality for many in my class," said Allison Anstead, NKU graduate and class of 2023. "It has been an incredible experience to join the administrative staff and faculty here and to be a part of the inaugural class of the Northern Kentucky Campus."

LEARN MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/yjym2uah>

COLLEGE CORNER

The Haile/US Bank College of Business' undergraduate and graduate programs received multiple national rankings for providing an accessible online education.

Bachelor's Degree Center, a free online resource to help students find affordable degrees, ranked the undergraduate Business Administration program second in the country for affordability, accreditation and course offerings.

On the graduate side, College Consensus recognized NKU's Master of Business Administration program for its affordability, convenience and reputation. NKU ranks sixth nationally for both best online MBA program and best no-GMAT online MBA program.

LEARN MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/y35y9act>



NKU AWARDED \$1.8 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS TO ADDRESS THE OPIOID EPIDEMIC

NKU received \$1.8 million dollars from the U.S. Department of Health and Humans Services (HHS) to combat the opioid crisis. HHS' Health Resources and Services Administration awarded the funds to establish and expand access to integrated substance use disorder and mental health services. NKU, along with collaborators from across northern Kentucky, received more federal funding than any other university in the Commonwealth to support HHS's Five-Point Opioid Strategy. The university's Institute for Health Innovation (IHI) has spent the past year working in communities greatly impacted by the crisis. IHI is working in Owen County, which has one of the highest risk rates for drug overdoses in the region – combined with limited treatment facilities and barriers to accessing them.

The IHI received a HRSA grant in 2018 to establish the Owen County Collaborative Addiction Treatment Initiative, a consortium of community partners invested in addressing substance use disorder and healthcare gaps in the eight-county northern Kentucky region. This brings IHI's total amount of grant funding received to \$3.6 million since its initiation last summer. **READ MORE:** <https://tinyurl.com/y24y5xoy>

NKU NORSE THE SCOREBOARD

The Horizon League announced its honor roll for the Spring 2019 semester, with 110 Northern Kentucky student-athletes earning distinction. Student athletes recorded a 3.39 grade point average this past semester. Coupled with an athletic department-record 3.47 GPA in the Fall 2018 semester, NKU posted a new high-water mark of a 3.43 average GPA for the 2018-19 academic year.

FACULTY FOCUS

JESSICA HINDMAN: MILLI VIOLINI

Before her teaching career began at NKU, Dr. Jessica Hindman followed a love of music from the hills of Appalachia to the halls of Columbia University, found a passion for reporting in Egypt and then pretended to play violin for a while.

Dr. Hindman, who has taught creative writing at NKU since 2014, spent years trying to make sense of her experience as a fake violinist. She was finally able to get it all down on paper in her recently published memoir, "Sounds Like Titanic: A Memoir," which is receiving praise from outlets such as NPR, Goodreads, O: The Oprah Magazine and Vox.

READ MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/yxb4hxgl>

BRIEFS

NKU JOINS A NATIONAL COALITION FOR DEGREE COMPLETION

NKU partnered with the Institute for Higher Education Policy to join the second cohort of Degrees When Due, a national initiative helping students who have some college credits complete their degrees.

Degrees When Due shares best practices with the cohort to re-engaging students who have paused their studies. NKU's Adult Learner Programs and Services will benefit from this initiative to support students returning to achieve their degree, and the program will help reach more diverse learners.

LEARN MORE:
<https://tinyurl.com/yxeq8lp7>

NKU RECEIVES GRANT TO PREVENT INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE

Norse Violence Prevention Center (NVP) received a three-year grant from the Office on Violence Against Women providing expanded resources and staffing. With a larger space, NVP is expanding its prevention programs and increasing accessibility of advocacy services including a dedicated trauma-informed meeting space for student survivors. NVP dedicated to preventing and addressing interpersonal violence, including sexual assault, partner violence and stalking on NKU's campus.

LEARN MORE:
<https://tinyurl.com/y62a44ya>

NKU CONTINUES YOUNG WOMEN LEAD CONFERENCE

NKU's Institute for Talent Development and Gifted Studies invites high school girls across the region to be their own heroes at the Ninth Annual Young Women Lead (YWL) Conference on Oct. 31 and Nov. 1, 2019.

YWL empowers high school girls to find strengths and reach their full potential. The all-day conference focuses on Leadership, Education and Development (LEAD) and features interactive breakout sessions and keynote speakers. Registration for the conference is now open.

LEARN MORE:
<https://tinyurl.com/y6fgfnus>

CYBERSECURITY PROGRAM RENEWS PROMINENT NSA

NKU's designation as a National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense Education (CAE-CDE) for the Bachelor of Science in Computer Information Technology, Cybersecurity Track has been renewed. The joint designation from the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security recognizes the College of Informatics as a top-tier program in the nation. NKU became the first institution in Kentucky and the Greater Cincinnati region to receive the designation in 2015.

LEARN MORE:
<https://tinyurl.com/y568zb2j>

ALUMNI NEWS

CASTING LIGHT



When Anna Becker served as the editor of Northern Kentucky University's student newspaper, The Northerner, during her time in the university's journalism program, she learned skills that informed the news career she pursued a few short years later. "It was definitely my most memorable experience," she says. "That was really where I gained real-world experience."

After graduation, she moved south to Atlanta for a variety of positions at CNN's headquarters. Then, in 2013, Becker made her way back to Cincinnati to serve as an associate producer at news station WCPO, where she worked on such projects as the Emmy Award-winning comic-journalism piece, "Living in the Shadows," which tells the story of a family, helmed by an undocumented immigrant mother, and their trials and hard-won successes.

LEARN MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/y52tpkpr>