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Critical announcements

Administrative announcements

Strategic planning open forums upcoming dates...

NKU is hosting a series of open forums as part of the “Our Time. Our Plan. Our Future.” strategic planning process this spring. Listed below are the dates of upcoming forums so that you can plan your schedules accordingly and attend the forums that most interest you. Many of the forums will focus on a different aspect of our planning. Others will be open forums for specific audiences. Additional information about the forums and the “Our Time. Our Plan. Our Future.” process can be found at <http://strategicplanning.nku.edu>.

- February 11 – 10:30 a.m.-noon, SU ballroom: Faculty/staff.
 - **Our Students. Our Opportunities.** Whom does NKU serve and whom do we wish to serve?
- February 14 – 3-4:30 p.m., SU ballroom: Faculty/staff.
 - **Our Services. Our People.** Organizational efficiencies and effectiveness.
- February 15 – 2-3:30 p.m., LA 506: Faculty/staff.
 - **Our Region. Our Stakeholders.** Serving the needs of our region.
- February 19 – 4:45-6 p.m., SU 104: Faculty/staff.
 - **Our Collective Future.** Open session for faculty/staff.
- February 20 – 2:30-4 p.m., SU multipurpose room: Students.
 - **Our Future Graduates.** Open forum for students.
- February 22 – 3-4:30 p.m., SU 104: Faculty/staff.
 - **Our Focus.** Student success.
- February 26 – 4:45-6 p.m., SU 104: Students.
 - **Our Future Graduates.** Open forum for students.
- February 27 – 8:30-10 a.m., LA 506: Faculty/staff.
 - **Our University. Our Attributes.** NKU strengths, distinctive attributes and challenges.
- March 1 – 1-2:30 p.m., SU ballroom: Faculty/staff.
 - **Our Mission. Our Vision. Our Values.** What concepts should be included in our mission, vision and values statements?
- March 6 – 6-8 p.m., SU 104: Alumni.
 - **Our Collective Future.** Open forum for alumni.
- March 7 – 2-3:30 p.m., SU multipurpose room: Students.
 - **Our Future Graduates.** Open forum for students.

Other announcements

Black and Gold and Green All Over

RecycleMania...

RecycleMania is an eight-week friendly competition among North American university recycling programs to promote waste reduction. This week, NKU's Alpha Phi Omega, Phi Sigma Sigma and Theta Chi will go head to head to determine which group is the "greenest" on campus by recycling as much as possible in bins in the SU lobby. To sign up for the few competition slots still available, contact Ed Herschede at herschedee1@nku.edu. Help NKU go green.

Lights out – energy saved...

As a member of the ACUPCC (American College and University Presidents' Climate Commitment), NKU has committed to work toward climate neutrality (zero carbon footprint) by 2050. Help by turning out lights as you either exit or pass by an unoccupied room. This will reduce NKU's carbon footprint and electric bill. Consider signing the Campus Sustainability Pledge. To learn more, see <http://green.nku.edu>. Help NKU go green.

Health / wellness / fitness / sports

Wellness Center updates...

- Did you know? Under the Affordable Care Act, the cost of breast pumps and lactation education as of January 1 should now be covered by your healthcare insurance provider. As with any service, different providers have different policies about coverage. Take advantage of this new mom-supportive coverage by contacting your provider today. If you are covered by NKU employee benefits, you can contact Humana customer service at (866)-427-7478.
- Did you forget to register for the free annual health assessment? It's not too late. We are extending registration until February 8. All benefit-eligible employees can register now at <http://wellness.nku.edu/employee/services/healthassessment.html>. Choose the online questionnaire option, or complete the paper questionnaire at the time of your appointment. Questions? Call X-1922.
- Customer Service Stress Lunch and Learn February 25, noon-1 p.m., SU 109. Difficult and demanding customers, including internal customers, may cause your stress levels to skyrocket. Learn ways to deliver great service without sacrificing your sanity and health. Open to all employees. Bring your lunch. Space is limited. Register at <http://wellness.nku.edu/news/customerstress.html>. Brought to you in partnership with Humana LifeSynch.
- Free employee assistance/work-life wellness webinar on budgeting and financial goal setting. The First Steps to Financial Security, February 26, 3 p.m.
- Operating without a financial "roadmap" can lead to undue stress that can negatively impact all areas of your life. Learn tips on creating realistic budgets, setting financial goals and developing an action plan to obtain these goals. Register at <http://wellness.nku.edu/news/EAPwebinarseries.html>. Brought to you in partnership with Humana LifeSynch.

Human resources / benefits / payroll

New free program from Humana...

Humana is offering a new program called Vitality to all Humana-enrolled employees and their family members. This program allows you to take charge of your health and be rewarded for your efforts. The program is voluntary and confidential. You can participate in all the activities offered through NKU Wellness and Humana Vitality. Come learn more about Vitality at one of these sessions: February 12 in SU 108, February 14 in SU 302, or February 27 in SU 302. No reservation necessary.

Liberty Mutual on campus Feb. 7...

Schedule your Liberty Mutual auto and home insurance review now at <http://www.peterrodish.fullslate.com>.

It's never been more important to make your money go farther, so we've arranged for Liberty Mutual to provide our employees with a special discounted rate on auto insurance and home insurance. Your Liberty Mutual representative, Peter Rodish, will be onsite February 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. in AC 722.

On-campus services

Limited-time offers...

Delicious foods are available in the Student Union. Chip and queso, tuna melts, fried fish sandwiches, six-inch gyros and much more. Try something new and exciting today. Each dining location in the SU Food Court has a limited-time offer. Hurry: they won't last forever.

Other announcement – All audiences

Spring 2013 student funding opportunities...

The NKU Research Foundation is sponsoring three competitive student funding opportunities for research projects or creative activities. The Student Undergraduate Research and Creativity Award provides up to \$600; the Graduate Student Research Grant Award provides up to \$750; and the Summer Undergraduate Research/Creativity Fellowship Award provides a \$3,500 stipend and \$600 supply allowance. These initiatives must be supported by a faculty mentor. March 18 is the deadline. Visit <http://rgc.nku.edu> and link to "Student Opportunities" for details.

Other announcement – For faculty

Are your students research ready?

If you're assigning a research project this semester, consider working with an instruction librarian. Steely Library's information literacy program (http://library.nku.edu/faculty_and_staff/information_literacy) is designed to help NKU students better understand, evaluate and use information for class research and beyond. Face-to-face or online, schedule an instruction session at <http://nkulibrary-copy.youcanbook.me>.

Other announcement – For staff

Seats still remain for tomorrow's Business Warehouse course...

Are you new to the university and responsible for gathering data from myNKU's Business Warehouse? If so, register now to attend the introductory course covering Business Warehouse access and functionality. Review the complete course description and register at <http://pod.nku.edu/podreg/eventtype.asp?eventCategDescrID=48>. Seats are limited. Reserve your space today.

Other announcement – For students

Students needed to help with Book Connection selection...

The Office of First-Year Programs is looking for 10 students to assist with the selection of the Book Connection book. Students will read the first chapter of three books and provide feedback during a discussion February 15, 4-6 p.m., or February 16, 9-11 a.m. This is a great opportunity for students to get involved in an academic tradition. For more information, contact Rich Shivener at shivener@nku.edu or Jordan Holden at holdenjl@nku.edu.

Events

Health / wellness / fitness / sports

NKU volleyball winter clinics...

The second annual winter volleyball clinics at NKU are being offered throughout the month of February. Athletes in grades 5-12 will get to work one on one with NKU's coaching staff and current players. Sign up

a-la-carte style, choosing as many or few sessions as you like. Visit <http://nkunorse.com/volleyball> for enrollment and medical release forms. Email Randi with questions at raffr1@nku.edu.

#LoveNBasketball next Thursday at the BOK...

Have you made your Valentine's date night plans? We have the perfect entertainment for you... NKU men's basketball hosts Florida Gulf Coast at 7 p.m. in The Bank of Kentucky Center February 14. Nothing says romance like wearing black (Black Out the Bank Night), watching NKU hoops, and enjoying \$1 concessions throughout the game for select beverages and hotdogs.

NKU hoops and the American Cancer Society team up Feb. 16...

Come support your Norse in their upcoming doubleheader February 16 at 4:30 p.m. (women) and 7 p.m. (men). Promos include Think Pink (Wear pink to support breast cancer awareness), Coaches vs. Cancer, \$1 select concessions and Greek Night. Additionally, the 2013 NKU Athletics David Lee Holt Hall of Fame inductees will be recognized at halftime of the men's game. Are you N?

Valentine's Labor of Love race...

The 33rd annual Valentines Labor of Love Two-mile Race will take place February 10 at noon. The race features 10 different divisions that are based on combining your finish time with your race partner's time. The two-mile race is entirely on NKU's campus and is mostly flat. No partner? No problem. There is an open division, or we can pair you up in the "blind date" division. Race-day registration will be available beginning at 11 a.m. in Regents Hall February 10 and is \$25, which includes a T-shirt while supplies last. Free pizza and drinks after the race. Race flyers are available in the athletic department and Campus Recreation. For more information, call cross country/track coach Steve Kruse at X-7570 or email kruses@nku.edu.

On-campus seminars / classes for faculty and staff

Faculty Lunch Seminar: Copyright and More for Your Scholarly Publishing...

John Schlipp, Steely Library's intellectual property librarian and the manager of Steely's new Intellectual Property Awareness Center, will answer questions related to copyright associated with your publishing, such as fair use, obtaining permissions, open source and creative commons, and registering copyrights. February 13, noon-12:50 p.m., SL 304. Bring your lunch; dessert and refreshments are provided. RSVP to Allen Ellis at X-5527 or ellisa@nku.edu.

Register to attend Tablet Talks...

CITE has revamped its popular iPad Lounges to be more inclusive of other tablets currently on the market. For more information and registration, view our flyer (<http://www.nku.edu/~lungs1/TabletTalks.pdf>). The topics this spring include:

- Ditching the Desktop: Moving to Mobile.
- iPads and Androids and Windows, Oh My. Which tablet is right for you?
- Go Paperless with Your Tablet.
- Remote Access: Access your NKU computer files through your tablet.
- Tablet open workshop.

New Blackboard courses available...

Is your course in Blackboard overdue for an extreme makeover? CITE has developed a new set of training courses to help you go beyond the basics. Register for one or all of the following courses via our website at <http://tinyurl.com/4a2yons>.

- Blackboard Design Best Practices.
- Extreme Course Makeover: Creating Curb Appeal.

- Extreme Course Makeover: Be a Welcoming Host(ess).
- Extreme Course Makeover: Build a Blackboard Course Blueprint.

Other event – All audiences

COEHS presents the Distinguished Scholar Series: Dr. Courtland Lee...

Join the College of Education and Human Services for a presentation by Dr. Courtland Lee titled “Embracing Diversity: The Challenges and Opportunities of an Inclusive Educational Community.” March 19, 6:30 p.m., SU ballroom. Free admission. Registration is encouraged. To register, visit <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/3RN39D8> or contact TeacherEducation@nku.edu or X-1957.

NKU annual chili cook-off fundraiser...

Come out and support the NKU annual chili cook-off fundraiser March 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Contact Mary Beth Ward at wardma@nku.edu to enter your favorite chili. All proceeds go the Benevolent Association to help faculty and staff who are in need of assistance. As always, donations to the Benevolent Association can be made anytime.

Students have an opportunity to dine with a business executive...

Business Week, sponsored by the Haile/U.S. Bank College of Business, kicks off with the business professional luncheon February 18, noon-1:30 p.m. Students have the opportunity to share a table with a successful business executive who leads one of Greater Cincinnati’s premiere organizations. The luncheon is free; however, attendance for this event is limited. To be eligible for selection, students must write an essay in which they identify their career goals and discuss why dining with a corporate executive will help to achieve those goals. Students must submit essays to Dan Kent (kentd@nku.edu) by February 11. For more information, visit <http://businessweek.nku.edu>.

Student organizations can win \$150 at Business Jeopardy session Feb. 21...

As a part of Business Week, student organizations can win a \$150 donation by signing up for the Business Jeopardy session that takes place February 21 in BC 243. The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. Teams of three will compete in a *Jeopardy*-style game to answer questions from five business-related categories. The winning team will earn bragging rights and a \$150 donation to their student organization. Free pizza and drinks will be provided. Email Jenny Sneed at sneedj1@nku.edu to RSVP. Registration deadline is February 15. For more information on Business Week, visit <http://businessweek.nku.edu>.

Just three weeks left for your students to prepare for Job Expo...

February 27, 3-6 p.m., SU ballroom. For a Job Expo employer directory, visit <http://careerservices.nku.edu/students/jobexpo.html>.

Who should attend?

- Students seeking co-ops and internships within the next year and students seeking full-time employment after graduation.
- All majors welcome.

How can students prepare?

- Attend workshops: “Interviewing Techniques” February 11, noon-1 p.m., SU 302 and “Résumés and Cover Letters” February 20, 5-6 p.m., SU 109.
- Have a professional résumé review: Career Services walk-in hours (Monday-Wednesday 2:30-4 p.m.; Thursday 4-5:45 p.m.).
- Research employers: Log in to Norse Recruiting at <https://www.myinterfase.com/nku/student> to view available positions and to link to employer websites.

- Select professional attire: See the “professional attire” handout at <http://careerservices.nku.edu/students/searchresources.html>.

What should students bring?

- Their NKU All Card and multiple copies of their résumés.

Donations needed for the annual chili-cook-off Mar. 19...

The NKU annual chili-cook-off fundraiser is in need of chili entries. To enter your chili, contact Mary Beth Ward at wardma@nku.edu. The chili cook-off is scheduled for March 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. in the UC ballroom. As always, donations to the Benevolent Association can be made anytime.

Other event – For faculty

Learn about online teaching at Online Faculty Institute...

Interested in teaching online? Find out more about the Spring 2013 Online Faculty Institute. Experience an online course and see what it’s like to be an online learner through the Online Faculty Institute. CITE instructional designer Casey Lundberg will lead an asynchronous tour of online design, pedagogy and interaction February 18-April 1 with a break during the week of spring break. Registration is limited to 12 faculty members. If you are interested, contact Kristen Lovett at lovettk1@nku.edu in Educational Outreach to find out if you qualify for a stipend. To register, email cite@nku.edu by February 15.

Submission guidelines (revised March 2, 2011)

- The deadline is 2 p.m. Tuesday/Thursday for publication Wednesday/Friday during regular semesters and 2 p.m. Tuesday for publication Wednesday during the summer and holidays. **The deadline will be strictly enforced.**
- There is a limit of 75 words per submission except in extremely rare circumstances. **Advance permission is necessary to exceed the word limit.**
- Visit <http://www.nku.edu/~midweek/submissions.htm> to submit items to Midweek, or send an email directly to midweek@nku.edu making sure your subject line includes “**Category:**” (including the colon) and whatever category you choose. A complete list of categories is at the end of every Midweek email. If you have an html-enabled email client, you can create a Midweek submission by clicking a link in this list of categories.
- **Don’t ask to run an item more than once.** You can advertise/announce something more than once, but each submission must be unique and must be submitted just prior to the deadline for the issue it should run in. Advance items will not be accepted without prior permission.
- Submissions to the Midweek email account will be converted to plain text, so colored text, bold and italics, and “hidden” URLs will be stripped before the Midweek editor ever sees your item. **Make sure any URLs you use are completely spelled out,** even if it’s an extremely long URL, or use one of the URL shorteners such as bit.ly and TinyURL.com.
- **Submissions to the Midweek email account that have attachments will be rejected by an automated Outlook rule.** You must submit your events and announcements as plain text in the body of an email.
- Events not pertaining to the NKU campus or not directly sponsored by an NKU organization or department will not be considered.
- The judgment of the editorial staff concerning length, content, style, spelling and grammar issues is final.

Official NKU social media accounts

We have an entire web page devoted to official NKU social media accounts (<http://marcomm.nku.edu/web-marketing-and-communications/services/social-networking.html>), and we’ll be glad to add yours to the list and publicize it on Twitter (<http://twitter.com/nkuedu> and http://twitter.com/nku_news) and on Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/nkuedu>). In addition to the web page, the iNKU iPhone app has an up-to-date listing of social media from official campus entities. If you’d like some help setting up an official Twitter or Facebook account, contact the university’s web gurus at clarkr9@nku.edu. They’ll help you make your web presence the best reflection on you and NKU that it can be.

iNKU, the iPhone app – now on Android, too

There’s a great iPhone/iPad app called iNKU. It’s loaded with useful features and a few that are just for fun. Check it out in the iTunes store at <http://itunes.apple.com/us/app/inku/id313837856?mt=8>. You can also get iNKU on an Android phone. Check it out at <https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=edu.nku.inkuandroid>.

- Check class schedules or grades, do course evaluations, see the academic calendar.
- See the TANK bus schedule in real time.
- Use Directory/Find-It.
- Put \$\$\$ on an All Card.
- See the latest Athletics news.
- Listen to WNKU and Norse Code Radio LIVE.
- Sing the fight song, play a trivia game or find out your geographic location on the campus map.
- Tons of other features.

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For information about subscribing to nkuall (the mailing list for Midweek), campusdigest (the mailing list for Campus Digest's graphic version), campdixtextonly (the mailing list for Campus Digest's text-only version) or other NKU mailing lists, visit <http://www.nku.edu/~midweek/subscribeunsubscribe.htm>.

Midweek categories

- [Administrative announcements](#) – Only VPs and the university president can submit items for this category.
- [The Bank of Kentucky Center](#) – Events and announcements about the arena.
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