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It would be nice to have a shuttle location from the dorms around the other side of campus close to griffin hall or the student union. / More course offerings and a wider variety of times. Many students work and most of the night courses are set aside for pace program participants. I personally am 22, and considered a traditional student. I work and attend school, but it is very hard to get a job or find someone willing to work with a class schedule during days at random times. This also brings up the fact that I would like more online opportunities for Gen-Ed courses. And why do online classes cost more, when I am not at the university using class room

Laptop power stations would be a BIG BIG help (student success center and libraries and GH labs initially)!!! / Cheaper food in the food court would help everyone (so unsold food doesn't get thrown out when students who can't afford it go hungry!). Better cell phone reception is a must!! More parking too (why is that N lot wasted??? it is NEVER full or even 50% used.) Also, we have a 3D printer, what about a 3D scanner?? / Too many online classes. Too often students are forced to take online classes to complete majors. We came to NKU for "up close and personal" and we get shuttled to the internet.

More engaging online classes. / Train instructors how to use Blackboard effectively.

More events
I believe there need to be better rooms to accommodate student organizations. It is very difficult to get a room big enough for my organization. /

Have more things going on, like on the weekends to bring more people who aren't in Greek life together

At times traffic can get backed up /

It's great!

Have further training for advisers and give them the adequate power to do things without continuously depending on the chair of the department

I think it would help to get students more connected on campus from the start. Many students struggle with the transition to college, and if they had someone to connect to here on campus that might help them feel more at home and make them strive in the classroom.

There needs to be more ways to encourage and motivate students to do their best in their classes. While scholarships are great and really helpful, there could be some more things such as award recognitions, or incentives.

Inside the classroom; As it is said over and over, real life application of topics is extremely important. My classes at NKU so far have done a 'good' job of presenting lessons with real life relations, but I do think this could be improved. / Outside the classroom; Creating a community environment. Yes, NKU is an extremely friendly place. However, I think the sense of community is lacking. Being a commuter campus. we need incentives to keep commuters here after their classes are over. Or even better, something to bring in students who will live in campus housing. Greek life, learning communities, married housing, etc. are great places to start.

Improve parking (why is N lot mostly unused? at least open it to everyone after 5PM!). Cut parking fees. / Reduce prices at food court. They are ridiculous. That is why so much food goes wasted/unpurchased. Prices are too high. / Create a food bank. We are not all well off and able to afford sushi. / Provide student financial counseling: include tax and CPA professionals. / Power stations for lap top computers would be very nice: should have them in student success center. /

My last year at NKU has not been great.

For PACE students, free parking for evening classes would be helpful. I was told that I would have to buy a pass to park two evenings a week.

Not really, I'm only a Freshman but all seems well here so far.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

Evening Law students feel like red-headed stepchildren. The course scheduling is atrocious (selection is poor and we have a difficult time getting the courses we need); even in our third year we have to register last or next-to-last (even for summer classes, which are essential for our timely graduation); once we arrive we get virtually no advising; and the vast majority of events are scheduled over the lunch hour or mid-day when we are at work and cannot attend.

I have no suggestions

More training for advisors, especially the department advisors who are primarily professors. They often do not have much knowledge of advising questions. (I also went to NKU for undergrad).

Have a set structure for online courses. I have been fortunate to be a part of some really great online courses but those that are lacking the professors provide no notes or additional insight to the course...it is simply reading and taking a a quiz on a weekly basis with minimal involvement from the professor.

More late night writing center availability or weekend availability for part time students. More career advising early on.

Increase staff to student ratio so there is better support for students across campus. Recent staff reductions are detrimental to true student success and the overall student experience. AND YES, we do notice the reductions created by budget cuts.

Find a way to hold faculty accountable to the academic policies. Many students have complained that they did not receive midterm grades, even two weeks after Spring Break, when it is a policy implemented by the University.

Offer more organizations and classes geared towards non traditional students that may work full time during the day.

In my graduate program, classes are typically only offered at night. During the course of the program, one course had an alternate late afternoon time. I would like more options for courses at this time as it facilitates time to be home in the evening with family.

Quit cutting our budget. I'm a music major and this school is killing the department.

I think that NKU needs to add more online classes as well as eight week classes. Some people such as myself learn better through online courses, and it is a shame that there are not more available. Also, eight week courses are a blessing to people such as myself who struggle to take heavy course loads.

None

Properly reconcile classes. I am currently taking a class that is required to satisfy my degree plan, but makes absolutely zero impact on my learning. / / Emphasize the great benefits that NKU offers veterans. I heard a commercial today for Xavier stating that it has Ohio’s only stand alone veteran’s resource station.

There needs to be better parking such as availability. It is really frustrating to pay a huge amount for a parking pass and then it be able to find a parking spot. Also, there needs to be more food options for commuters! When I even would try to eat healthy it would be so limited and SO EXPENSIVE. A little sandwich and smoothie was 11$. That is outrageous for something healthy and little that would not fill me up. It is also really annoying getting these surveys. I have gotten about ten surveys a month that are nku related. It is really a nuisance I continually get emails and reminders about taking random SURVEYS!

As an online student I would like to see more degrees available online, at least as an option for a minor.

Provide independent study classes that may only have a few students studying the same thing.

I think the best thing you can do right now is finish all of the construction going on. It seems like in my eight semesters I’ve been at NKU, there has always been a detour or something putting you out of the way because of construction, and I’m not including Griffin Hall because I see the necessity there. I’m talking about the plaza being mostly closed numerous times and it leading all the way around Landrum right now.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

Mentoring program between entering students and upper class students, students and professors, and students and alumni.

Better collaboration between departments.

More on campus events

I really enjoyed my first year here as a student, probably a little too much. But ALL of my professors were awesome and campus events have been a blast!

Get rid of the turnabouts or teach others how to use them.

More class availability overall, there is not one Geography class offered over the summer 2014 or on-line for the fall. The class availability, especially in higher level classes is seriously lacking. To stay competitive and to continue to attract students there has to be classes available for them to take. / / Advisors need to be better able to to properly help students with correct information. My advisor takes on so much other responsibilities within the department that she barely has time to advise students, she is unacceptably rude and condescending and does not have a problem letting students know that they are bothering her. Many students feel that they just have to deal with this behavior because of fear of her ability to make their time here more difficult. This should not be something students should have to contend with. / / We live in such a technically advancing world and NKU has great tools that are available and I beleive that professors need to be utilizing them for their students. For example, there are professors that do not know how to use Black Board. Black Board is such as great resource that can make professors job easier and it enables the students to stay engaged in their progress and what is expected of them. / / Many of the computers on campus are outdated and it is very frustrating to work on them, the 3rd floor of the library is an example of this.

Be more creative with assignments. Every class consists of writing long academic papers and a presentation at the end of semester. It is the same thing class after class (through undergrad to graduate level it has been the same boring routine). There needs to be an array of teaching methods other than these two that will inspire students to learn valuable content. Engage students in other ways to learn material. Academic literature has its place, of course, but there are other ways to inspire the mind. Bring creativity into all classes, not only Art related classes. Let students have a voice in what creative ways work for them with regard to learning in all areas of concentration. / / Also, it would be nice if teachers actually taught in the classroom, again. Very few seem to put any effort into teaching, which makes a student wonder why they pay money. We can all go research on our own for free.

In my meals, I would like more healthy options that are still tasty. For instance, I feel I can only have apples, oranges, and bananas. Or, lettuce of some sort. There are many other fruits and vegetables that would be great. Along with that, just cooking the food in a more healthy way would be beneficial.

Each academic department being asked to cut 5% of their budget in order to provide the funding for the unnecessary health innovations center is severely impacting the ability of smaller departments to operate as they would normally. In many cases, after salaries, the budget that remains to operate classes is around 15% of the total budget. If departments need to operate on just 10% of their total budget, sacrifices must be made on the part of the students' education. The class availability and small class sizes that upper level students currently have is one of the major benefits of attending NKU and is not going to be possible with such a small fraction of the budget available to offer those classes. One-on-one interaction with professors will become less frequently available as their course loads and number of students per class increase due to decrease in the number of sections available. As an academic institution, the primary goal should be the students' education. Resources for health that are currently in place are sufficient until the funding from another source becomes available.

Everything is concrete and gloomy. More art and decor around campus. Also, new elevators in landrum.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

More available daycare openings with more schedule options and also bring the cost down a bit, we are students you know with most of our money going to school related expenses. One way to make the daycare more affordable is with smaller time options, like hourly or even by the minute pricing. This would bring the cost down and allow us more flexibility to take classes. I don’t need half day childcare when I am only going to be in class for two and half hours. 

make elective classes more relevant to your program. 

NKU can continue to try to keep class sizes small because I believe that is essential to the learning environment. NKU could also offer more opportunities to connect with other students, faculty, and staff within one's college. For example, I am in COEHS and I would love to see some variations on activities that STEM has had, such as STEM-lympics and STEM Dinners, in the COEHS. I think it would help me connect better and earlier with others in my college. 

As a graduate student who spent a maximum of 2 days a week, 2 hours a day, on campus, I would like to see programs implemented that make me want to come to campus when I don’t have to. Other than the Student Union and Griffin Hall, I don’t think I've been in any other buildings on campus. I don’t feel connected to the University as a whole, even though I have had a wonderful experience within my individual program. 

Slow the spending down. As I notice more and more expansion, I can’t help but watch tuition rates go higher. I think it’s incredibly important to remember that this is a college, not a sports administration or an entertainment facility. It’s more important to keep the learning and the education front and center. I was drawn to this college because of the education and the low cost of getting it, compared to other colleges. If I was interested in sports, I would have gone to UK, UC, Xavier, or any number of other colleges and universities. 

things are handled in the South. While bureaucracy is the curse of any large institution, the way NKU is run is a joke. The "good old boys" club needs to come to an end. Capable faculty and staff are shoved to the bottom of the pile in favor of less qualified individuals who achieve their status simply by knowing someone in power. Not only am I disgusted by my work experience at the university, I am horrified that I went $30,000 into debt for my degree. Students are not challenged enough. Faculty feed them high school information that should have already been covered. My undergraduate classes at the University of Cincinnati were more challenging than my graduate classes at NKU. Both students and faculty are unengaged at this university. You cannot expect students to get involved if the faculty are not. NKU needs better leaders. Granted the faculty and staff that take initiative are some of the best people I have met. They go out of their way to get students involved and provide any kind of assistance. But many faculty and staff see themselves above all of this. Perhaps that works at other well established universities that have the platforms and programs already in place to facilitate student engagement, but we are not one of those establishments. NKU needs to build and improve student programs both in the classroom and beyond (expanding outside the cliche "Greek Life"). To achieve this, there needs to be a shift from a commuter school to a residential school. Why not create housing for specific groups-i.e. a language house with a faculty representative. Inside the house students speak the foreign language and receive tutoring from each other and the faculty. A Baptist ministry house where students with those specific beliefs can live with each other and bond. A spirit house for the NKU die-hard fans, requirements could be planning an NKU spirit event to promote awareness in a specific sport. There are ways to unite students while drawing new ones in. Students should want to be here not just for classes, but for their extracurricular activities. More events for students that do live on campus, build residence halls, encourage non-local students to apply at NKU. There must be a reassessment of the type of university this is, what are we providing to the students? Faculty? Staff?
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

One of NKU's strengths is the personal attention its instructors and staff give to helping students succeed. Suggest NKU build on that existing foundation of customer service, encouraging faculty to make themselves available, and staff to respect student concerns. This might mean asking faculty to spend less time in committee meetings and more time in their offices. It might mean that instead of shrugging and saying "it's not my job," staff to step up and take a stake in customer satisfaction. It might mean developing an organizational climate where no one, no matter what their job title, walks past a piece of trash on the sidewalk. Again, attention to customer satisfaction is one of NKU strong points--but there's always room for improvement.

I think that as a student body we should show more support for our school; this includes sports teams, academic program, community involvement and organizations. Our lack of excitement about our school is what sets us apart from larger schools like UK. We are a university, not a community college, so we should act like it!

More activities on campus throughout the weekend. Greek housing.

Create more interactive classes while in the classroom. Some classes / You merely sit there and write notes or read a PowerPoint.

Offer more CIT and CSC classes. / / Make new IM fields open for everyone including alumni without having to pay. / / Sidewalks maintained. / / Don't tell us construction will be done at a certain time unless contractors can absolutely deliver it by then. / / Don't shut down something that students rely on mid semester without letting students know a year in advance...(Norse Commons) / / Get good Contractors to do construction on Campus. It's ridiculous to see them do a bad job and then not be held accountable for their poor craftsmanship. Make them come back and re-poor busted up concrete...(Griffin Hall Stairs near exit closest to the science center.) / / Teach maintenance guys and girls how to drive.... It is ridiculous to see giant tire ruts besides sidewalks because they don't know how to keep their vehicles on side walks. Better yet get their vehicles off sidewalks because sidewalks are for walking. / / Fix curbs in parking lots and roadways. Another maintenance problem because when they plow snow they plow curbs and and damage them or just totally demolish them.

give more space between assignments or at least students a one week break to prepare for finals and midterms

Professors being more efficient as far as returning emails. Not all, but a lot of professors I have had in my time here prefer being reached by email (that's the most effective way to contact them), yet I often get a lack or response, or it takes way longer than it should.

I think buildings with more than one elevator should have one for injured or disabled students only. I am a disabled veteran who ha akillies tendon surgery. I was late every day to one of my classes due to waiting on elevators. having other students rushing in front of me and taking my spot on the elevator making me have to wait for another. (This has happened with me even on crutches several times students have looked back at me a laughed about stealing my spot).

I think there needs to be more events on the weekends so students feel more connected to campus. When it comes to classroom issues, I know a lot of students have a problem registering for classes they need to graduate as they get closer to graduation because the classes they need fill up to fast. (Long story short, we need more classes offered)

Change to an A+ Grading Scale. Or Otherwise just get rid of all +’s and -’s

More graduate student opportunities: allow them to receive incentives such as scholarships, contest awards, etc. Also, allow them to join "undergraduate" student organizations/honor societies easily, or promote more inclusion for Graduate Student organizations. Perhaps host a graduate/doctorate/law student social. Lastly, create more graduate assistantships.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

I would like to see more programs geared towards helping students who are undecided about a major figure out the program that is best for them.

I would recommend NKU have their professors focus more on practical training for their students. Some classes are nothing but theory, and that probably won't help an NKU graduate find a job. Something as little as applying the material to real world scenarios can prepare students greatly.

I think that there need to be more activities in the early to late afternoon instead of in the evening. This is because of commuter students. A lot of students go home after their last class and often coming back to campus is impossible and costly.

I have really enjoyed my experiences here at NKU. I have had the opportunity to conduct research and participate in various conferences. My program does an excellent job connecting students with potential career opportunities, which are extremely helpful. I am not sure if other programs do the same, but my suggestion would be to ensure that students know of research and career opportunities within their field.

I think that the gen ed program needs to be reevaluated. I am in a very intense program and am trying to graduate in four years instead of five, and it's very difficult to want to put time and effort into classes that won't help be in the future. For example, if I want to be a music teacher, why should I have to take two science classes and pop culture, I would rather take extra music and psychology classes that will help me be a better teacher.

Better advisors who are more knowledgeable about their courses and more flexible with their schedules. An online "chatroom" that other schools have to talk with the registrar, bursar, etc. A checklist of everything to do in order to get through the college application and acceptance process. Easy website access to things such as consortium courses and scholarship applications.

I think that NKU can offer more classes to the Distance Learners in all semesters, not just Fall and Spring. There are those like myself that take classes in the Summer to complete our degrees as fast as we can (time and life willing). I would also direct more services and more organizations to form a web presence that the Distance Learning students could become parts of, so we could also gain that valuable experience and be able to put that on our resume.

Including everyone. Even the people who don’t have as much money.

Graduate classes should have more interaction with local businesses. Coursework should more closely align with real business application rather than textbook memorization. NKU should provide the links to the local businesses each semester with projects that will link the student to the community.

Stronger push to pursue internships and co-ops with corporations and businesses in the area.

I think perhaps creating more of an NKU community outside of greek life, though tough, may be beneficial to the students who feel the only way they can belong in by joining greek life. / Beyond that, do not be afraid to host more events (comedians, movies, ect.) throughout the year more than just welcome week. / Tell the parking garage to get off their good for nothing butts, take all of the money they make by unfairly ticketing people (they should have a good lump sum, trust me!) AND PLEASE FIX LOT K (across from Griffin, used to be lower part of lot P) / Other than that, I think it's mostly the little things here and there (like fixing the craters in lot k, re-planing the speed bumps, getting rid of the speed bumps in the commons circle all together, and taking out the new speed divets all ideas of which are due to my NOW RUINED SUSPENSION for being brave enough to drive over 3mph and will cost me an arm and a leg to get fixed, bye bye pell grant!) that make up the biggest changes. Also perhaps make the dorms on campus wet, BUT only for juniors and seniors whom are at or above the age of 21. Promote scholarship recipients more and recognize their accomplishments.

NKU has been a great university for me, just keeping improving the facilities and keeping subject matter interesting and up to date.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

More hands on learning compared to the typical college setting just taking notes and lecturing.

More food options / No increases on tuition

Bring the students more innovation in the classroom, it just seems like the teaching methods are either reading off powerpoints or just talking all class, get the students involved in the lesson. / / For outside of class, have better times for different events and clubs, because as a student who because of their required classes had mostly night classes, I really couldn't attend most of the things happening because I am in class from 4 til 9 every day.

More class times avalible and more sections/seats for classes.

Finding a way to get all students more involved with NKU sports and events on campus. I usually know about them, but I never want to go because others don't want to.

- Keep the small class sizes!! Being able to know my professors on a one-on-one basis has really helped me be successful here at NKU. I don't want to feel like a number. I want to feel like an individual person and the small class sizes really do allow th

It would be extremely helpful if the Wifi signal were stronger throughout campus.

Having professors require attendance to their class would greatly benefit us students. A lot of students take advantage of certain professors' attendance policies and end up missing some very important information and some even fail the course(s) simply because they did not come to class. I know I am very distracted when I'm in class and people are coming in late or just don't show up at all. It throws off my routine.

Have the professors evaluated on a more strigent level. I've had professors that aren't good teachers, but have been at the school for quite a while. It's discouraging when you have an instructor that doesn't really "teach" and you are required to figure it out on your own. I feel that the evaluations we complete are useless when I see teachers that continue to teach even though there is a concensus among students as to their ability to teach. / /

Took this survey previously and forgot to mention the following. As a graduate assistant, I was tasked with matching "Property of NKU" ID numbers affixed to computer hardware and furniture with those on a printed inventory list. The ID stickers placed on furniture are typically concealed, so the ID tag on a sofa may be at the bottom of its back leg, facing the wall. To read these stickers requires moving furniture and at times lying down on the floor to read the ID tags. Yet each ID tag contains a bar code. Why isn't a scanner similar to the type used in grocery stores used to scan the ID tags? Why are the ID tags not positioned more prominently? If this task did not involve stooping and squatting, it would be faster and easier to do, and NKU might have a clearer picture of its inventory. Thanks.

My only experience at NKU has been as an online student. I have had some really fantastic instructors and a few not so great instructors. I would ask that NKU pay more attention to those faculty that they allow to teach an online course. A fantastic in-class instructor does not necessarily mean that person will be a fantastic online instructor. There is definitely a unique skillset for online instructing. If it's not done yet, I would recommend training for those that are teaching online.

I was a nontraditional learner. Single mother, worked full time, and school. My daughter was young and my biggest problem with NKU was the lack of affordable child care.

At the law school and as a new resident of Kentucky, I have learned that networking and getting to know upper classmen and listening to their advice is a key component to success.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

The general education classes need to be more college level. I feel like I wasted money on classes that were not advanced or challenging enough. College is a higher education and should be treated as just that. I took all of my general education classes first, and went into pre-medicine after. I can certainly say the general education classes did not prepare for the critical thinking or study habits for more advanced classes. I remember classes in high school being more advanced than the gen ed we have here. I will say the science department has an amazing staff and they make you work for your grades. I couldn't be happier that I chose NKU to pursue my science degree.

Communication and Budget: First of all, the most stressful part of being a student at NKU is experiencing a lack of communication between faculty members and students. With the common chaos that comes with class registration at any university, it is nearly impossible for some students to get credit for the courses they need simply because it is difficult to figure out how to get that credit. I have had trouble getting registered for a special topics course this semester. When I asked the instructor how I can get into the class, he sent me to the chair of the department. When I asked said chair, he sent me right back to the instructor. I know these men have very busy lives, but they are colleagues, and it is vital that they communicate with EACH OTHER about situations like this. I have also heard of several other similar encounters with other students and faculty members. / Also, I understand this university is growing, and I understand that it costs a lot of money to be a growing university. However, I do not believe in budget cuts that affect any part of the academic side of the school. I have heard of large budget cuts that will be taken from the fine arts programs in the next year or so. To me, this is absurd. NKU's music program, however it may be perceived by prospects or other people not employed or enrolled at NKU, is an extremely rewarding and excellent program. The faculty is amazing, being made of some of the best and most working professional musicians in the Tri-state area. People go to school to learn, and the renovations to Norse Commons and the recreational center may seem important, but nothing like that is more important than a student's education at a university. The students here pay a large amount of money so that they can work hard, get a degree, and hopefully find a job that will pull them out of college debt and hopefully make them successful in life. When you start to cut money away from academia, you tarnish the integrity of the university.

Offer more online, 8 week classes.
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It's funny you should ask this question, considering that just yesterday, in an Aspergers/Autistic Spectrum support group I helped create on campus, I shared some ideas about what more the disabilities office could do for people with mental disabilities. I hear the campus is very big on supporting people with disabilities, and though this is only my second semester here, I can already tell they are not doing enough for people with mental disabilities. Luckily, I have created a fairly detailed plan describing what I think it and the campus itself could improve on. / / Because this is a survey, and cannot have attachments, I will go over the basic gist of it. (If you want to know more, that is why I added my email.) Basically, I decided to call it Opportunity U, because it will give people with ALL types of disabilities more opportunities to make something of themselves on campus. (If the name is taken, I'm sorry, I'll find another.) One of the main things I would like to emphasize is the creation of support groups for all students with disabilities. These would allow the disabilities office to collect data about what students are experiencing on campus based on their actual disability, allowing them to help current and future students with the same disability find classes, majors, and ways of coping. / / Another point is to help them find jobs on campus. True, there already is a place to go to search for jobs, but many of these jobs are designed for people who don't have disabilities. Jobs like book organizing in the library or even checking them out for people would be a good thing to possibly preserve for people with disabilities. Also, giving campus tours with less people could prove to be a promising job for someone with Aspergers, as well as giving them the chance to explain things from the disabilities perspective, which would be absolutely necessary for incoming freshmen. / / I would also be highly appreciative of an orientation for disabled students. Yes, I already know the disabilities office used to have them and people didn't show up for it, but if this is as mandatory as the torturous one I had to attend, by golly, a lot more people will show up. The important part of this would be to do it by tour and NOT to have anyone in big groups or spend the night. I have Aspergers and I am registered with the disabilities office. Let me tell you, I literally did not want to go here after the orientation. That's nice that some people like to party, good for them, but I'm into academics and cannot function with all those people. I really, really don't care for sororities and clubs as much, which is all I really felt "mattered" about the orientation. This orientation would literally SHOW people where everything is and while there, they will learn the information about it. I could not process all the information I was getting at the orientation. / / There's much more than this, but I'm trying to be nice to you readers here.

NKU could reach out to more non traditional students and make an effort to get people who are not in organizations involved. Out of our total population of students, a very small amount is involved in organizations, yet they often are the ones making lots of decision, etc at NKU. For example, only about 700 students voted in the SGA elections out of 16,000. 

More internships and news about internships
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

I think that as a whole, NKU is serving its students better than ever. I began here as a freshman in 2007 and have loved seeing the growth that is taking place on campus, both externally in the growth of buildings and internally in the professional growth of both students and faculty alike. NKU is doing great providing students with both access to cutting-edge technology and education on how to use it across disciplinary fields. I would like to see that keep happening. I would love to see more crossing of disciplines to give students a more well-rounded education. For instance, the Honors program is a great resource. It needs support because it is training students to be individuals who actively engage in their community, which is in alignment with NKU's strategic plan. I know for a fact as a graduate of the Honors Fellowship program at NKU that there are faculty here who are pushing their students to take the knowledge they are being given and apply it to real-life situations that benefit not only themselves but those around them. Additionally, Honors programs at other schools are competitive and noteworthy. It is a great attraction at other schools for potential students. Unfortunately, in the current climate at NKU the Honors program is laughable - not because I think so, but because the undergraduate students at Northern don't understand the "point". Typically when I told a friend I was in the Honors program the response I received was "why?" I think it would be good for the university to give a reason why the Honors program is important, so that its own students won't need to ask. Especially considering that other universities nearby (such as UK) use it as a draw for potential students.

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As a graduate student, one of the reasons I was drawn to NKU was the emphasis on hands-on experiences in real-time. I would like to see even more partnerships with area organizations and companies to ensure students have even more exposure to relevant, group projects and individual work with major corporations. This type of work is both a compliment to the theory presented in class study and gives a solid foundation for their future careers.

Difficult for me to answer since the ELOC master's program is much different than undergrad and other grad-level programs. We work in teams in both the first and second year which provide more of an intimate learning experience with other professionals. It also requires both school related work outside the classroom as well as a social element among the cohort. As it relates specifically to the program we have already provided feedback to the program director.

Continue to promote study abroad opportunities.

No it is a good overall experience as it is.

Not currently, but I do think that NKU needs to reach out more to the community. I know a lot of people that have graduated from NKu that love NKu, but I'm not sure the community is quite behind NKU. I think that sometimes NKU gets a negative "rep" because it use to be a "high" commuter school. Send your Admission Reps to start hitting outside your "normal" demographics. Start building a D1 School :)

Continue to provide experiences that directly relate to careers, such as research, co-ops, etc. Also, having professors who genuinely care about their students and strive to help them succeed is the main reason why I loved and was very glad to attend NKU.
More communication between different departments on campus. I am not a traditional student and was a transfer student. I had a major negative life changing event happen in the middle of one of my semesters, and reaching out to get help was fruitless from the campus. I went to the counseling department and found no support as a student, I went to financial aid, and there was no further suggestions, and my advising counselor was no help. I did find some help from another advisor, and my teachers were supportive, but I was already well into my core content and the teachers knew me. I believe there needs to be better communication for what is available on campus, what services are available to students and how to access them. Trying to find things on the website is not easy, and by being on the website is not enough. When students are in need or searching for services of any kind, there are times that you are not able to find them on the website due to not knowing the services are available, or what you are actually searching for. An example of this is that the professors were stating that money is available through scholarships within the education department, and money is usually left over because students are not applying for them. When I enquired more specifically about these, they did not know how to apply for them or where to go. I still have not found out where I should be going. /

As a senior, about to graduate, I have had a good experience at NKU. Inside of the classroom mainly because I am a commuter student. Maybe have more activities for commuting students to get involved outside of the classroom would be resourceful. I feel like I could have made more of my experience but the commuting back and forth was hard with having a job and time-managing making friends at school.

I believe that students would greatly benefit from learning what tools they have access to on campus. continue to provide opportunities for hands on learning that other institutions don't have for their undergrads Within the College of Informatics program specifically, internships cannot be stressed enough. The actual importance of internships is often repeated, but I feel like more could be done within the COI (and NKU in general) to truly assist students with figuring out the internship process.

I never really knew what was happening on campus. Scholarship opportunities are hard to find. Information is generally hard to find. Show up to class, go home, repeat. There isn't much of a college experience here. But the nuts and bolts approach does lead to a degree, and I personally appreciate the place. I just feel like I missed something.

More parking, using the A plus system, allowing students to preview their syllabi before taking the classes, stop taking money and professors from the arts programs, using swipe access for buildings for when students need to access certain buildings (with restrictions)

More dorms and students living on campus. / Making the students services in the newly re-designed Uc building and tutors more widely known to students.

I have experienced that in some of my past classes, but not all that the professor had not enough material prepared for the time allotted and that caused an early release from class. Perhaps planning material that would exceed the time allotment and go from there. A bigger push on the students sports programs. In this I mean to highlight more up coming games and events to get even larger student and fan support at the games.

Boost the athletics program to rival that of the top mid-majors in the country. We have the facilities we just need the success which will bring the school spirit, enhancing the experience

My experience at NKU has been a very good one. As a past graduate of Marshall University I can say that all the faculty at NKU does everything possible to help you succeed.

Add more sections to upper level EMB Courses or hire more Professors to teach those courses

Either provide more night classes or online classes or a mixture of the two so that non-traditional students would have better opportunities to finish their degrees at NKU.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

I am in the Law School and have limited exposure to the rest of the NKU community. One of the things I have noticed is the clear distinction between undergrad groups and grad groups, where the diving line really does not exist. A few examples come to mind: the LGBTIAQ undergrad group seems limited to undergrad students only when that group transcends grade level; the SPHR (society for prof. human resources) chapter could reach out to law students and grad students for law students who will be working in HR law or corporate counsel; there is a LAW group (Legal assoc of women) where the focus of events have been around the idea of women in professional occupations and opening up the group to undergrads to attend would greatly expand the benefit of the group. Overall, I think there needs to be more collaboration among student groups and the entire NKU community. My perception of student groups is that they are currently wearing blinders and are unable to see the greater good if they were to open events to the entire NKU community. Second, the most frustrating thing about NKU (granted this is not a significant issue) is the lack of a turn signal on the stoplight at University Drive and Kenton Drive. There is no turn signal for turning left onto Kenton and with the heavy traffic from Univ Drive southbound and those turning right from Univ to Kenton, there is usually a long line waiting to turn. What tends to happen is that cars waiting 10-15 minutes (the most I have waited in this turning lane is 22 minutes) will either turn against the light (violating a traffic law), turning into oncoming traffic (public safety risk), or blocking the box (violation of a traffic law). As NKU grows this traffic light problem will only increase.

Improve the quality of the wombs system for the online students. I would be embarrassed as a university with a "state of the art" informatics program to have a system that many of my graduate professors don't know how to use, that you can't hear questions from the face to face class during the broadcast, and not able to see the professor or his writing on a white board in the classroom. Some profs won't put themselves "on camera" but the face to face students see him and you learn much better by observing facial expressions and body language (especially those that have a strong accent). There needs to be more available parking, that was an issue for me at least three times a week and I always arrive early for class. Inside the classroom could not have been any more of an amazing experience.

From day one have the students set up a plan with an advisor to graduate in 4 years. Possibly have graduating students talk to Freshman (from the same major) and give them tips and advice for school. NKU should also partner with more companies that have tuition reimbursement and have them advertise on campus (Citi, FedEx, Ohio Casino, etc.). Figure out ways to make tuition more affordable for students who are trying to pay for college on their own without putting themselves into a lot of debt by taking out tons of loans. Another idea, is having more freshman and sophomore classes in communities (same people in group of classes) but trying to break it up by majors. Once I was into the teaching program and had classes with others with similar interest, I enjoyed the classes much more. Therefore, if this was started earlier it may have improved my college experience. Outside the classroom, NKU should put actual restaurants in the food court. Students who live on campus should get guess parking passes for family/friends to come and visit. If students vehicles have a registered car that is associated with a parking pass they should not get a ticket and/or staff at parking services should be better trained at looking for people's parking passes inside the vehicles near the cars mirror. Another suggestion, is to build another parking garage because the population on campus continues to grow. Just continue to encourage students to join activities and clubs on campus and they will get out of their college experience what they put into it.

Focus hard on studying and do not relax at all.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

Anyone who knows me knows I've taken advantage of every opportunity NKU has offered, so my experiences have not only made me well known within our community, but has allowed me to represent NKU around the country. The only thing that could improve my experience inside the classroom is if more sections were offered within my major on campus during the day. Organizational Leadership typically has classes at night, or online. Being as involved as I am, online classes usually end up being the route I go due to obligations at night.

I can definitely say that NKU has put a lot of efforts and energy into making the campus more inviting visually. Anything that you can do to make it more "cozy" is always helpful. I like the greenery that is being installed around campus for sure. I know that the campus is growing, and therefore buildings must be built-- but it would be nice to see more updates to the current buildings, too. I am a firm believer that environment is a key attribute to the learning experience and success.

The best thing would be to try and get commuters involved as much as possible. Many students are originally from the area and are only on campus for class. Doing things such as bringing national chains for food on campus will keep these students on campus creating a more exciting and vibrant atmosphere.

Have more activities offered to the freshman to get to know one another once school has started. The work is just a little too hard. It should be challenging but not difficult. I'm not saying it should be easy, but easier.

To be frank, NKU's campus life is seriously lacking. While there are plenty of student organizations and athletics events for students to attend, being such a commuter campus really puts a strain on the vibrancy (or lack there of) of our campus life. During the day when the weather is nice and students are going to classes, there is a great sense of life and community on campus; the trouble is that as soon as classes are over and students go home, this is gone. I think one of the biggest keys to improving student experiences here at Northern is making housing a more affordable and desirable situation for students; living in an outdated facility and overpaying for a less than satisfactory meal plan do not entice students to become residents. Another key is creating events and experiences to keep students on campus after their classes are over.

I love the education here. The negative experiences I have had with NKU all have been with housing. The most recent negative event was the closing of commons halfway through the semester. We had to pay for a meal plan to live on campus and we had our main food supply cut off from us unexpectedly half way through with a couple weeks warning. That is just bad business. Another negative event is the intramural field. There should be a survey of how many residents use the field than non residents who take parking places and play loud music over the sound system. I know the field is a good way for the school to turn a profit, however it is at the expense of the paying student.

Add more quiet areas for studying. The basements of the libraries are not very inviting.

Inside the classroom professors (mostly older) should be more understanding about the fact that many students have trouble learning from them because of the way they teach. I have heard many different times in a few different classes "I wish this guy could teach" and "How does she expect to give us a quiz over this when we don't understand it?" as well as "I didn't even know we had a quiz!" / / With that in mind, I have two suggestions: / 1) Require all teachers to use blackboard (I have a professor that didn't even make one) / 2) Offer some type of help for teachers who can't teach students the way they need to be taught. I always have trouble with teachers who are "too smart to teach" and can't explain things in a way I understand. / Teacher assistants from the classroom such as Seniors who are about to graduate or have a major in the field.

More useful information given by the advisors. I don't believe I was given enough information regarding my career and things I needed to do in order to be successful such as taking an extremely necessary course that I needed for my career.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

I think students need to be more aware of the help and organizations that are out there for them, particularly commuter students.

Honestly, one of the biggest suggestions I can make is to hire better advisors. I had a good advisor for my freshman year and that was about it; after that, I've been consistently disappointed with the quality of my advisors. Good advising is still a necessity for upperclassmen, and I feel like we just get kind of tossed by the wayside because we're not freshmen anymore and we supposedly know what we're doing. But we need guidance, too, and we need it from quality advisors.

I'm just now coming back to school after many years of working. I worked with the PACE program and found that very confusing with little communication, especially in the beginning. More one on one contact would have been helpful to me.

I would not be able to attend if it were not for the online programs.

Yes, As an art student, I found it discouraging that the university did not see the potential that the art program can give the students of the university. The art program was the only reason I came here and it is unfortunate that the directors of the school cannot see that the expression of the mind is just as beneficial as writing reports and long essays. Thinking critically with the mind is one thing, but if someone cannot channel their emotions in a constructive manner than they are no better than a empty shell ready to crumble to dust if enough pressure is put on them.

Traditions on Campus. Events, activities, things to do before graduating, when you're a freshman, etc.

Less adjunct professors. In my experience they don't care as much or put forth as much effort as full-time

I HAVE REALLY ENJOYED MY GRADUATE SCHOOL EXPERIENCE HERE AT NKU. MY PROFESSORS HAVE PLAYED A CRITICAL ROLE IN MY EXPERIENCE AT NKU AND I AM REALLY HAPPY I HAVE CHOSE NKU FOR MY MSW. / /
I WOULD LOVE TO SEE MORE ONLINE MSW CLASSES!!! AND MORE FLEXIBILITY, LIKE CLASSES THAT ARE OFFERED IN MULTIPLE SEMESTERS- ESPECIALLY FIELD.

In my opinion, NKU is doing a great job as far has helping people having a good experience here. There are only a few things that I will suggest. I would suggest that there should be more events held for students to meet other people. There are some students, such as myself, that are unable to be involved in organizations due to money or time, etc. Another thing is to expand parking areas. Lastly, I feel that NKU should choose better timing. Some of time issues include renovating Norse Commons, and Speeding up the construction.

cheaper tuition and books

More food options. Talk to Dr. Stephanie Hughes (COB) for ideas.

Offer a wider variety of programs. I know several people who want to attend a Master's of Social Work program with a macro level concentration, but have not found one in this area.

As an engineering technology student I am aggravated that many classes are only offered at night and once a week. I know there are a lot of older students working during the day and getting their degree at the same time but I would love to see more variety. I also wish that the general education requirements weren't so much. The added an extra 30 credit hours to an already +100 hour major. Without summer classes there was no way I could graduate in 4 years.

Honestly I am a first yea graduate student at NKU. As this is my first semester at NKU I can say that the graduate program has really made sure and provided us with opportunities to get invomed

Lift the No Smoking Policy in place and set up very specific smoking sections outside of every building instead. School is stressful and a lot of students find a legal and quick stress relief through smoking.

The NKU website is still somewhat hard to navigate and the search feature isn't very helpful.
As you reflect on your time at NKU, do you have any suggestions on what NKU can do to help you and future students get more out of your experience here, both inside and outside the classroom?

Include more non-profit and social enterprise training for students. Discard the old system of academia and provide more real-world experiences for students. Textbooks are of little use in an actual office setting.

A more fair way to go about priority registration. I believe academics are more important than involvement in Greek life.

I think the thing that will help this school the most is for students to be able to rent houses and things closer to campus. You can't walk to many places at NKU. I know that NKU is a dry campus, but the party aspect of college is something a lot of students look for. In order for this school to grow, the social scenes must be improved.

College and organizations fairs at freshman orientations

WiFi across campus is terrible!! I was lucky to be able to pull up this survey while I'm on campus. I often put down my macbook and opt for a campus desktop if I'm going to be using the internet for a while.

The only part of my NKU experience that I have ever truly been upset or frustrated by was academic advising. As a theatre major, my advisor and I had a great relationship. When I decided it would be best for me to change my major, I tried to reach out to the advising center as a resource. I was turned away and told to speak to my assigned advisor - as a theatre professor, he could not offer me much help and advice. I felt completely on my own. Now, as an Integratives Studies major, I again feel tossed aside. When I go to my advising appointments, my advisor barely knows who I am and has given me consistently incorrect information. As a senior, not feeling comfortable with my advisor has made graduation a very stressful process. My peers have expressed my same concerns - it seems that advising is very inconsistent across the university. My experience would've been greatly improved by having a better advisor relationship.

Teachers who actually teach and lecture rather than have you read the book to learn.

I'm apart of the PACE program. This program is important to the adult population to return to school. It would be very helpful if some of the events such as career planning and resume assistant could be available at the PACE office in the evening hours. It would also be helpful if the counselors assigned to the PACE program students could be more interactive with the PACE students. The PACE program needs to be advertised more.

More community

More scholarships for single parents and more accommodations for class scheduling to coincide with daycare and working hours. Also I am a nursing student and there are some classes that are required that are offered online only during certain semesters that present way too much information to be taught only online and also class times do not always allow for enough information to be taught.

I am a PR major and it was difficult for me to get into required classes because the lack of availability of these courses. In the future, I think it would be helpful to offer some of these courses more than once a semester.

Maybe recognizing the differences between departments and how things are done in each department. Not every class at NKU is a sit-down lecture based class, and forcing such classes to abide by the set standard gets in the way of not only grading but how the class is conducted.
What do you perceive to be the biggest obstacle(s) students encounter to achieving success at NKU?

Course times and availability. I know myself and several students have had to extend our time here because courses are only offered once a year and have 25 seats.. and 50-75 people need that class.

Family stress.

Accepting non-college ready students.

Make time to study and knowing how to study

I think parking problems make students more likely to skip class or be late.

Time management and graduating on time.

Parking / Class size in some classes have to many students

Applying themselves to doing homework and studying on their own.

Availability of upper division classes and assistance from department advisers / NKU has lots of projects when it should have fewer high quality projects / Fees we never see the results of such as rec center I have been paying for for a while and they have yet to even start the project

One of the biggest obstacles is finances. Many students are working and going to school, and I know first hand that it can get tough.

Time Management seems to be one of the big obstacles students have. For example, everyday, I am on the run from classes to work and other in and out of school activities. Rushing around does become overwhelming for me. I want to have a chance to just sit back and relax, but unfortunately, that throws me off from what needs to be done, causing me to fall behind.

It seems to me that students at NKU simply want to get their degree and "get out". I can't say that I am any different.

Financial issues. Being underprepared and needing to take remedial classes because of their low ACT scores or lack of high school classes. Not staying engaged during the summer months. Not getting adequately engaged with the campus and peers because living on campus is not mandatory and it is not the norm (it should be). There should be more freshmen and sophomore retention programs. Advising is an issue -- quality advisors are so important and should be trained.

Lack of family support. Long commute. /

Ineffective communication and slow response from faculty.

I am in the PACE Program. I consider my biggest obstacle juggling 3 classes this semester and working 3 days per week . . . plus life. Some professors consider the amount of material that can be covered in an accelerated course and others do not. Having a reasonable amount of materials to cover, keeping in mind the accelerated pace and other commitments -- other classes, work, families, etc. -- would be helpful.

Financial limitations

Nothing, it's all very easy to get to, we always have readily recourses available.

Inability to schedule the courses we need when we need them. The full-time day students get prime choice and the courses we need fill up before we even have a chance to register. The priorities for registration need to be changed so that the promise that part-time law students can complete their degrees in four years is fulfilled.

The biggest obstacle, speaking for me and a few people I know, is academic advising. I have had nothing but trouble with my academic advising. I have had to switch 3 different advisors over the course of 1 year. <> is my current advisor and I am content with him. However, the ones I had prior to him, weren't helpful and if anything held me back from scheduling, and moving forward.

Not very much help for mothers. When I looked into it a few years ago, the child care facility hours on campus were not helpful to a single mother such as myself you needed child care while I took evening classes. Furthermore, I thought that children had to be age 2 and up to even be allowed at all to attend. Need more resources for moms!!!!!!!!!
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Finances and being able to fit courses in with a work and family schedule.

Finances and time for part time students. Hard to get involved with the school if you do not go full time.

Lack of support staff, increased work loads and stress levels on current staff are counter productive.

Viewing NKU as a "commuter school." Although we have a large commuter population, it seems that there is a mentality that education comes second. People work while they're getting a degree, not work to get a degree. I believe NKU's growth of its residential community will help that significantly.

Not enough classes offered in your major. Every semester I watch as classes fill up that I need to graduate before I can get into them because it's not my date to register.

Too many things keep changing and tuition keeps going up. We should have never gone division 1 and the fact that the campus keeps getting a facelift is getting really annoying. My tuition money should be spent on better things other than making the campus look pretty.

Although it is mainly the student's responsibility to succeed, I think the biggest obstacle that some students will encounter is the poor quality of some professors. To be clear, most professors at NKU are incredible, but NKU really needs to "weed out" the bad professors.

Cost. NKU is still affordable compared to many other schools, but some of the things on campus are not free. Students are already paying to go to school here, so they should have more free options or opportunities on

Holding students accountable for their actions. This was exemplified when I took a public speaking class. I am a Toastmaster and over-qualified for doing these speeches. However, other students in the class were able to skirt by with just doing the bare minimum yet receiving a "good" grade.

All of the things listed above. I believe all teachers should have a complete open door policy. This enhances the teacher student communication and relationship. I believe that sports gets more attention than any other field in the school. They get priority registration and excused from classes. They get rehab and lots of funding. But what about other programs that are suffering. Like the sciences or the arts. I can think of each year how funding has drained for both these programs, while sports has thrived! I think it is so important to grow nkus as a DIVERSE curriculum!

As an online student I would like to see more online electives with more options of full and half terms.

That faculty and students can't cooperate with new rules set by the school i.e. the smoking ban.

Money. I know our tuition is great in so many ways, but the system of financial aid fails to recognize students like me. I have hard working well paid parents, but they also have a lot if bills to pay. Financial aid just sees that they make money, not the bills, so I'm always disqualified for grants, and thankfully have not needed a loan thus far. My sister and I were lucky enough to attend catholic school all of our lives, and now it's like we're being punished because money is running out. Also, we have a great study abroad program, and even with scholarships, the price is still so much. If I can pay around $4000 for a semester here, why go somewhere for two weeks for the same price. I know that it includes a lot, but when you simply think in money terms, you just see wasting money on a trip.

A lack of connectedness to fellow students, the community of NKU, and the community of practitioners the students plan to join after they graduate.

Having too much on their plates.

Housing

knowing how to study.

Taking what seems to be unnecessary classes for there major. Like pre-algebra or algebra i do not understand where these math classes are implemented in all types of careers.
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More class availability overall, there is not one Geography class offered over the summer 2014 or on-line for the fall. The class availability, especially in higher level classes is seriously lacking. To stay competitive and to continue to attract students there has to be classes available for them to take. / / Advisors need to put students first, period! They also need to be better able to to properly help students with correct information. My advisor takes on to many other responsibilities within the department, to the point that she barely has time to advise students. She is unacceptably rude and condescending and does not have a problem letting students know that they are bothering her. Many students feel that they just have to deal with this behavior because of fear of her ability to make their time at NKU more difficult. This is something that students should not have to contend with. The requirement for so many papers to be academic and citation based...this is not how many will experience the real world once their education is completed. Provide more real world teaching experiences and carry that philosophy over to the assignments. Students need to learn how to engage with others and develop relationships that will foster success no matter what career path they go down. Unless you are planning on a life of research, every class does not have to include a research assignment. Creative writing and reflective writing should be encouraged more. / / Please update the library and make it more conducive to studying. It has become a social haven where those who want to study find it difficult unless on a weekend. The chairs and desks are so uncomfortable and outdated. Build an amazing library with lots of individual spaces for dedicated students to study and read without distractions. / / Parking for students is entirely too expensive. I think there are students who easily find community here, but for the majority of students, they do not. I think if those students could find a place to belong, then they would better succeed. I know most of my success has come from having a close group of friends to study with, to go to dinner with, etc. So finding those ways for students who aren’t go-getters to get involved with other students.

Too few sections of upper-level courses. Obligations outside the classroom.

Money.
The teaching ability of some professors is below par. One certain professor ignores his online class and has given, at most, two lectures this entire semester. This professor assigns papers with very little direction. Most of my learning has been from my own research on the internet, which usually leads me to some other college website where one of their professor's has provided details to their own students about how to write a certain type of paper. Some professors are great at teaching a class online, others need much training in this technique. I believe NKU should require that any professor wanting to teach an online class should go through some training program. It would be really easy to find the good professors to model a training program from. / / The biggest obstacle for students in general might be finding the time to do everything they want or need to do, such as study hard and go to class, hang out with friends, work to pay for schooling, and get involved in organizations. At some point, there are going to be conflicting interests and sacrifices are made. I can only speak from my experience as a graduate student in the Communication program, and I do not perceive any obstacles. I think the faculty is amazing, the classes are sufficiently challenging, and the program is designed well. If anything, I think many of my peers were their own worst enemies in many of the classes I took. They didn’t put in the work that was needed to succeed or didn’t care if they failed.

Financial struggles or mental health issues. I struggle with both. I'm currently working 30 hours a week and trying to maintain 3-4 classes a semester, so any tuition breaks possible would be greatly appreciated. The amount of work load is demanding physically and mentally, making things easier on students and providing adequate mental health facilities at an affordable, or even better: free, rate would help tremendously. I'd much rather see this than see NKU on ESPN or see us put in another vendor in the student union.
What do you perceive to be the biggest obstacle(s) students encounter to achieving success at NKU?

Apathy. A majority of faculty, staff, students have no interest in getting involved with the university outside of classes. In order to make NKU great the curriculum needs to be more difficult and there should be a shift towards more student programs-and not just those involved with Greek Life. Students not affiliated with a sorority or fraternity are much more limited when it comes to being involved. Find out what the students are interested in and provide it.

As a mature learner and a returning student, it was difficult to get the graduate school ball rolling: to know what steps to take, what the deadlines were, who to contact and how. Simple things can be impediments: ordering textbooks, finding a campus map, locating a classroom building/classroom, learning where parking might be available, knowing where to find a meal on campus in the evening. Learning to use NKU's webmail, Blackboard, online classes, myNKU, and the Steely Library databases was confusing at first. Suggest NKU offer an orientation and tour session geared toward returning mature learners, including financial aid options and showing them ways to get around the hilly campus without having to take the stairs. ;)

No comment

Financial instability is a huge setback for any college student no matter what college you go to. Also, I think commuter students have a difficult time getting involved on campus.

There is no student body. Campus is dead on the weekends

Money- financial aid for some. Also, the requirements for graduation (they finish all core classes but still have 30 credits to meet).

REGISTERING FOR CLASSES THAT THEY NEED! / / It is the worst thing I have experienced here at NKU. Most of my college stress comes from registering for classes. You all have to do something about this and start offering more classes in CIT and CSC. The numbers are there to offer more sections...

Teachers taking favors and let people who they dont like, to fail or have bad grades

At least for me (as a music major), a struggle has been taking the courses I need to graduate "on time". Some courses are on a rotation, and some classes are dropped if not enough music students sign up for them (that semester). It's unfair that students are "held back" because of reasons beyond their control.

Class selection.

Students do not feel connected to campus; Therefore they have no reason to continue their education at NKU.

The Lack of campus involvement by everyone. No one cares about the sports, the fundraisers, nothing

Tuition increases and little scholarship opportunities or graduate assistantships for graduate students.

Deciding on a major that they will LOVE

The funding cuts are probably the biggest issue.

Trying to get into classes. You often get dropped from classes with no reason. Personally I get to register a day early because of a disability and I often get dropped from classes with no reason, even when I triple check if I or will meet prerequisites.

It is pertinent that students have the support they need to be successful. Not only from faculty and staff, but also from their fellow classmates. Ensuring that students are engaged in learning communities is important.

Communication between advisors their departments.

money

Lack of knowledge and not "following up" on things (financial aid, scheduling, etc) A student should NOT have to check and double check to make sure their aid, grades, etc have gone through but they must here at NKU. If students don't know how to do or that they NEED to do this they will be at a disadvantage.

The only obstacle for me is the geography. I cannot think of any other obstacles, because nothing really got in my way of success at NKU. I am not sure about others, I am only speaking about my own personal experiences.

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What do you perceive to be the biggest obstacle(s) students encounter to achieving success at NKU?

The balance between working part or full time and going to school. More online or hybrid classes are needed to provide flexibility. New MBA program is too restrictive, not allowing the flexibility to take courses that fit with a person's work schedule.

Attending class regularly and developing planning/organization skills

The distance they feel from the campus itself. I'm not talking about actual physical distance, I'm talking the communal distance. Have you seen this place on the weekends? Deader than Lana Clarkson! (or that joke...)

NKU still has a local reputation of not being "good enough" for high caliber students. This makes it difficult for such students to feel confident in their decision to attend NKU.

For me it would be quite rooms, but that is more of a function of other students not talking on cellphones in the library. That really is not in your control. I do love the study rooms, would like to have more.

People here neglect to get involved and that is the best part about NKU. I am involved and have loved NKU so far but people don't get involved and then they hate NKU but that is their own fault.

Financial aid / Uncooperative faculty and staff

Graduating on time, balancing school and work, dealing with SOME of the tenured professors who seem to not care anymore.

The price of textbooks

Getting the correct classes on time, there are a lack of seats available in require courses even at the senior level with earlier registration.

Getting involved because it is such a high commuter campus. Even my freshman year the first 3 weeks were so awkward because I didn't know anyone and had no way to really meet people, but once I went through recruitment I made so many more friends and found my place at NKU.

I think the biggest obstacle that students encounter is the financial burden that keeps growing from year to year. So many of my friends have not been able to be retained due to the rising cost of tuition and/or not being able to qualify for student loans because their parents do/don't make enough money. One way we could try and help this problem, is creating a scholarship bank. Basically, you get students to donate however much money they feel like contributing, and then that money goes to a student who needs financial assistance. The money can be collected at athletic events or in the Union during lunch, etc., and the student has to write an essay explaining why he/she needs the money and submits an unofficial transcript proving their last semester grades are above a 3.0. (it should not be cumulative because sometimes a cumulative GPA is not as representative of a person's work ethic as much as a semester grade can be).

As an adult student, my biggest obstacle is my finances. I am not able to afford the remainder of my tuition and I have 9 classes left to complete. My federal financial aid loan amount has been exceeded.

I feel like most students want to fit in with a group but do not want to be part of the overexposed Greek community. By feeling isolated and alone most students stay by themselves and never ask for help when needed, which leads to bad grades and failing courses.

Class times that don't fit my schedule. Really more in the frequency. For a PACE student, the classes that are 2 nights a week are extremely difficult. It would help to have more flexibility for those of us that this is difficult for.

Personal issues... be it ambition, dedication, life experience

Transitioning between high school and college, especially with regards to studying, time management, and self-discipline.

Lack of time and financial aid to get involved in everything that I want to do.

Students need to learn better studying habits and be forced to spend more time outside of the classroom on the material. If you don't spend time applying yourself outside of classroom, you will fail inside of the classroom. I think flipped courses have helped limit this significantly. This type of teaching should not only be implemented in the sciences but other areas of study as well.
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Everything I stated above proves to be a big obstacle against student success at NKU. Along with that, I have noticed NKU to be a school where a decent amount of people go when they mess up somewhere else. The school is off the radar a bit, not as popular as Cincinnati, Louisville, or UK, which makes sense as it is still a growing university. Basically my point is, there seems to be a theme in certain classes where students want to slack off. I believe this is a major problem with society as a whole today, but I see it more here, unlike when I spent a year at the University of Louisville. This slacking off theme spreads like wild fire, and it affects students who may have come into this school with absolutely no intention of slacking off. It should be noted that I do not believe the average NKU student is a slacker, but it is definitely a big challenge not to become lazy when you have colleagues that submit to it.

Cost of tuition.

Actually, I faced a huge obstacle just these last few weeks. Apparently, no one told me a thing about when to register for classes for next semester. Less than a WEEK before priority registration, I received a note telling me when ACTUAL registration began. I'm on SUPER priority registration, and to this day, I still don't know when I could have gone. To make matters worse, the advising office doesn't care diddly squat about super priority registration. It's first come, first serve. Not to sound like a "me first" snob, if someone TELLS you you are top priority, you EXPECT to be top priority. Telling someone you do something and don't follow out with it is beyond dishonest, it's wrong and rips people off from getting things they might need. I'm not the only one who fell into this trap. Someone else in my support group had the same issue, and I'm sure other people have had this happen too. The worst part for us is that we can't register because our accounts have holds on them that can only be lifted by our adviser. Mine was booked solid for a whole month and appointments couldn't be made into the next month. My email was not even replied to about the hold. The worst part is, the <> office won't do diddly squat, either! You have to be undeclared to do anything in there! That cancels out more than half of the students in there, easily! Obviously, I wanted to report this, but I don't know who to go to. This has made me really angry. I at least managed to luck out and get an appointment on April 22, but snobbishly, the principle of this is, I should've had one MARCH 22 instead, considering that's the kind of thing I was promised.

Making scheduling classes an even playing field. Although I have one more semester left to graduate and need to take a specific class, people with priority registration often get to schedule before me. If you are a sophomore or junior and still have 2-3 years left to take a certain class and I'm a senior with one opportunity left to take that class, the senior should get priority. As a Communication Studies major, it is extremely hard to get into the classes I need.

motivation, overcoming the feeling of being "burnt out" by schoolwork

Honestly? Professors that care more about their independent research, tenure, and prestige than about their students' success. The students can tell. No matter how smart a professor is, their intelligence will not have much long-term impact if they cannot engage with the students. And no matter how old the student, there is an innate desire for someone to want them to succeed. The age of the "ever-lecturing professor" is dying. Students want to engage. It is also taking students too long to graduate (5+ years is the new norm). Students' loans catch up to them and some have to drop out before they finish just to pay for the education they completed up to that point.

Professors; professors who bully their students. Professors who are NOT meant to teach. Professors who mislead their students and set them up for failure. One example: our professor made us take an online practice exam that he himself was unable to pass. Every person in the class failed multiple times (still never being able to pass) after multiple attempts.
**What do you perceive to be the biggest obstacle(s) students encounter to achieving success at NKU?**

Paying for tuition is always one of the biggest obstacles for NKU students achieving success, and even if they can pay for tuition, it is difficult to get involved without financial assistance.

I believe the biggest obstacle is yourself. Everyone has one or more (sometimes many more) distractions/obstacles than other but it really comes down to each individual's commitment to learning. I am of the opinion that if you want to be successful here at NKU the resources are here if you want to be dedicated and focused to make the best use of them.

Maintaining a stable flow of funds seems to be the biggest obstacle that NKU students encounter.

**Course Load**

I'm not sure that there is a biggest obstacle, generally speaking obstacles are student specific :) / / However - more landscaping (not looking so "concrete around campus) and parking tend to be issues. Also, I see Campus police sitting on the turnabout before/during/after an event at the BOK Center, but I see them in their cars.

The first year seems to be the most difficult for students. Many have difficulty adjusting to the difficulty of the course work (at least in the sciences). It is essential that students receive support during this year to help them adjust and pass their classes.

The hours required for not only homework, but class time. I am an education major, and have to spend time in the field, which is needed, but the hours required in the field are not equal to the credit hours you receive. I spend six hours a week, not including emersion weeks, for two credit hours. I do not spend that much time for a three credit class. Another obstacle with the field hours is they are spread out over two days, when I could be working one of those days as a substitute teacher in the school districts that I would like to have employment. All of the education classes are spread out through the week and during the day, so there is no option to work in a school full time, part time, or as a regular substitute teacher, which would give me more experience in the field that I want to work in. / / Another issue that I have found with the field experience is that there is no continuity from admissions semester through the program. I signed up for special education from the beginning, and there were other students that did the same thing. Most of the students knew they wanted special education before they got to the admissions semester. With the field experience, I was going for elementary education. There are some students this semester that found out their placements are going to be in middle school or high school next semester for their special education portion because they did not have a placement prior in that age group. There was even confusion this semester about what people needed to meet the requirements for graduation and to be certified. This area needs to be made more clear to not only the professors and advisors, but to the students so that they can advocate for their education. / / With the special education classes, it may be beneficial to the students if the advisors suggest taking some of those extra classes during the admissions semester. I was told that I could not take them until Pro 1, which lead to semesters where I carried 18 or 19 credits, when I could have reduced some of that a little by taking an extra class or two in the admissions semester. Some students in my classes last semester were in their admissions semester. / / Another obstacle that I found as a transfer student is some of the class requirements. I had science classes prior to coming to NKU that were same level or above in the areas that were needed, but the classes did not count to my degree because they did not have a lab. I will state that the biology class I took at Gateway that did not have a lab was much better than the class that I took with the lab. I learned much more and it was a higher level biology class, but it did not count. The astronomy class that I took did not really utilize the lab, and I spent another semester in a class. I enjoyed the astronomy class, but it is not something that I will be using in my degree and did not accomplish anything more for my education other than to spend a semester in a classroom taking up time and money that I needed for other classes.
**Q6**

**What do you perceive to be the biggest obstacle(s) students encounter to achieving success at NKU?**

Working through personal obstacles would have to be the biggest encounter that I have seen. Many students come from many different backgrounds and I know for my family and I, the finances of college was the biggest obstacle that I had to get through to achieve getting through school. Now, 4 years later, I have achieved it but it takes a lot of hard work and time-management skills.

Getting past the "oh you go to NKU" stigma.

NKU is a commuter school, making it harder to attend events on campus and be involved. Providing a reasonable amount of time and providing incentives for events on campus for students could increase participation and interest.

Availability of required courses and taking required courses that are weeder courses for other majors, not to say that the course isn't useful, but it can cause more problems for a student to graduate when they need to

Balancing time; it is definitely a concern for all college students, but NKU students seem to be uniquely stretched even more thin with work, family, and travel/commute time restraints.

I think a lot of students feel like they're in it alone. The campus is quite unattractive and incredibly corporatized, which is discouraging. "Dreamers Welcome" is an awful slogan - it's a sell job that ignores the fact that student loan debt is over $1,000,000,000,000 in this country. A university isn't about dreaming - it's about doing. The graduation rate is 37%, which I believe is above the national average, but "dreamers" certainly aren't bringing the average up. I'd like to see the school be perfectly honest about the possibilities - we will educate the hell out of you to the extent that you are willing to engage and work, but we can't guarantee you a damned thing. The way the economy works these days, you're better off praying than dreaming. Or you can settle for U.S. Bank, CitiBank, or Starbucks - where dreams become stark reality.

The ability that teachers have to cancel class whenever they please, or to not update grades / On blackboard.

Being mainly a commuter school alot of students dont get as involved.

As a non traditional student I really believe that in some cases the biggest obstacle is the student themselves. It is also a matter sometimes of the student not wanting to ask for help. I have found in most all occasions that if I needed help from a professor I was never turned down. I don't feel that the professors can go any further than they already do, but maybe just more encouragement from the professors that if help is needed it's not a weakness.

I believe that students that come into NKU are somewhat already predestined as to how they are going to do because of our lenient acceptance. There are some students at NKU that are already a little behind others as they come in as freshmen and that hurts the quality of the education.

In general, students always have trouble with time management and in my opinion, understanding the importance of work experience while in school. I don't think there is enough importance placed on having an co-op or internship in the field you are studying in.

Not being able to get into classes they need due to there not being enough sections.

Most students have to work and there are not many places that will work around a college student's schedule.

Limiting my answers to the law school, I believe the biggest obstacle to achieving success at NKU-Chase is a mentality that Chase is okay being a tier 3 law school because historically Chase trained local country lawyers. With the increased push of the law and informatics program and the growing diversity of the Chase student body, the remainder of Chase needs to shift and follow through with that movement. This will require a dramatic restructuring of the curriculum to include more than just local/state issues, hiring more of a diverse faculty, and increased emphasis on critical pedagogy.

I feel that the cost of tuition added to books added to parking added to other miscellaneous fees is very overwhelming for students who parents do not pay for portions of college.
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<td>Our large commuter population is a big obstacle, although they do it to themselves. We're working towards getting more on campus housing, which is a positive, and something extremely necessary as we continue to build NKU up. PCP students hurt their success tremendously by not sticking around and getting involved. Another thing we're working towards is being more inclusive, which will definitely benefit student success in communities that are so often overlooked.</td>
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<td>Really, there is nothing that NKU can do on it’s part to ensure student success. If the student wants to be successful then they will. I guess student incentives could be offered... but seriously, in college, we should not have to be bribed to want to do well. The biggest obstacle for students is not being prepared. There are too many students who come in who don’t know basic skills that will get them through any class. Example would be proper writing/ grammar skills, research techniques, study habits, and willingness to learn. While some of these are addressed in gen. ed. classes I believe students need to learn how to function properly in an educational environment. Time management The demand that is placed on standardized testing and exams makes it harder to learn because we all find ourselves focusing more on passing the exams than learning new ideas. The exams should be just a little easier. The biggest challenge for most students is the lack of motivation. Because NKU is such a commuter school, a lot of the students who are from the area view NKU as the easy choice when they’re not really sure they want to pursue higher education, and because they're not motivated to pursue their education eagerly, their grades suffer. Another big distraction I see for a lot of students is the inability to prioritize. Many of my peers become overly distracted with their social sphere and other aspects of their life and allow their grades to slip. Procrastination. Dealing with the frustration of Commons being closed. The expensive tuition for regional students. The biggest problem is not being able to understand a professor. It is simply impossible to learn while you are trying to figure out what the person is saying and half the questions I would ask the professor wouldn't answer correctly because they couldn't understand what I was asking. Having to ask something multiple times is extremely time consuming and set the class schedule back noticeably by the end of the semester which only hindered my classmates and I; not to mention that I missed out on valuable information that I may need in the future. Not enough material, tutors or workshops. Knowing what steps you should be taking in order to be successful and get out of college within 4 years. I think a major issue I've had is professors that are unwilling or unable to provide the assistance that students require. Perhaps it would be beneficial to to inform the faculty that if a student is reaching out for help, it would be in the student's best interest to be as understanding as possible and to also respond in a timely manner. As students, our professors expect us to be available for their communications and to complete their assignments at all times and I don't believe that many professors are willing to do the same for their students. This has been a serious issue that I have encountered in the past few semesters and even though I am graduating, I would like to see it resolved for students in the future. One of the things that always really bugs me is class availability. Some classes are only available in spring and not fall, some classes have only one section each semester even though they're really popular and people want to get into them. It's really frustrating, and it would be great if more classes were available more of the time.</td>
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I have not comments on this subject.

For my age group it would be having the time to complete classes and homework.

The biggest obstacles I tend to see reoccurring over the years is that some classes are not offered nearly as often as often as they should, whether that be a staff issue or a time constraint, I'm not sure. But, it is frustrating when a student wants to take a class but can't squeeze it into their schedule for that semester and then come next term, the class isn't even available. Sometimes it won't even be available for another two years. Also, I see a problem when someone is pursuing a career in a field and when they are in the middle of completing that major, the university decides they are no longer going to support those classes and drops them. That is extremely unfair to students, not only financially, but also career-wise because they are now faced with the choice of giving up on their dream and pursuing something else, or going to another university that may be farther away and more costly.

Having a better relationship with support services on campus (tutors, advisors, professors) that would help achieve success in classes, academic years, overall college experience.

Technology difficulties--especially with Blackboard

BEING AFRAID TO TALK TO PROFESSORS WHEN THEY ARE STRUGGLING. ASKING FOR HELP. THERE ARE A LOT OF SERVICES AT NKU AVAILABLE TO GET ASSISTANCE.

For me personally, I feel that NKU is hard for me because I am constantly worrying about the cost of college. I sometimes wondering if I'm getting the most out of my money, and that is able to distract me from my studies. I shouldn't have to worry about extra money for books or online classes because I am trying to better myself and that is more than some people could ask for.

It's hard to balance having a job and going to school. Time management is a big obstacle.

Entertaining homework and classroom activities.

As a freshman student it is hard to even start getting into you major classes. You spend the majority of the year taking gen eds and it isn't exciting at all. Many students do not find a joy in learning things that they are not interested in and it is frustrating. The class sizes are small, yes, but they fill up quickly and not enough are offered. Students, especially in more common majors, are shut out of classes a lot and need those classes as pre reqs before they can even get into the other half of the required classes.

managing work and school. Esp at the graduate level. It's so expensive, and the program I am in says that it was designed for working students, yet we are unable to work during our internship. If possible I would like to see the school counseling Masters program make adjustments to their requirments. They currently let school teachers do their internship at their school they are working in but after school hours, but make no adjustments to others and their careers. We are forced to quit our jobs making it super hard to live off of. I would like to see practicum removed (since it is only 1 day a week for a whole semester) then make internship 2 part time semesters so students can at least work part time jobs as well.

The lack of adviser communication. I've never met my <> adviser ever. His existence is still a question to me. In my time at NKU I'd never once seen him and he made it that way by dodging my questions and just lifting holds on my account. This doesn't make for a good adviser and is partially why I changed my major.

Availability of classes and the difficulty to apply classroom concepts to real work experiences.

It's hard to register for the classes you need, which puts your whole college career behind schedule. Some students have to go extra semesters because they couldn't get into the classes they need. I currently cannot get into the classes I need for my major.
**Q6**

**What do you perceive to be the biggest obstacle(s) students encounter to achieving success at NKU?**

The biggest obstacle that students encounter would be creating a study plan that works for them. I feel like students who live on campus try to get too involved with campus life and forget about why they come to college in the first place.

- more options for temporary parking for commuting students

Attendance. I work full time and always get my work done, it's hard to see grades drop only because I missed a few classes... I am paying for the classes right?

Honestly, in my experience working with new and younger students on NKU's campus, it seems College preparedness is a major issue. Many students struggle to meet expectations of their professors in their first year - this obviously stems from experiences they had in high school. The UNV 101 program is a great start to addressing this problem, but the class could be developed to include more relatable study methods and academic tips.

- Boring classrooms

Adults students returning to school need to be treated as freshman at NKU. It is a big commitment to return to school, work full time and have a family. Sometimes returning adult students do not know all of the ropes and need to be encouraged to use the resources at the school. / A tutorial class at the library would be a great offering to the PACE program. I know there are online tutorial programs, but I found out a lot about the Steely library when I visited the library on my own.

No sense of community on the weekends. Not a lot of campus events to attend on weekends

One of the biggest obstacles is not enough classes offered at various times and days to accommodate working schedules and daycare schedules.

- Scheduling conflicts with work and school

Probably with finance. There seems to always be a fee that students end up paying without prior knowledge.
What aspects of the NKU experience would you publicize to prospective students?

Not just first generation college, second generation too, etc.. Call us nth gen. U /

I certainly would stop using the advertisements that have been in rotation for several years. Cincinnati State's advertisements are far more successful in getting students excited about attending there. I'm always kind of ashamed of NKU when at the movies and an NKU ad comes on after a Cincinnati State ad. It's really embarrassing. / / That being said, if we re-focus on up close and personal and away from so much online, then

PACE program for non traditional students.

It's great, simple school. College has a lot of stresses and luckily this school makes it simpliler for me

Professors and small classes.

To not worry about a major as you come in. Freshman year there are so many gen eds you can take.

Awesome teachers / Class size is small in some classes / Students here are very nice

How nice the small classes are and how nice the campus is!

Division 1 school / Griffin Hall

The connections that you can build with faculty and staff here are what I think is the best part of NKU. Through my first two years here I did not try and connect with my professors or anything, and this was not because they did not try. I learned how valuable these people can be my last two years here and I have formed wonderful relationships with these people that have helped me tremendously with figuring out what I want to do with my


The low price for the quality of education. The facilities!!! They are a lot nicer than some campuses. The size is also very surprising - this should be promoted more.

1st generation or non-traditional student life. We don't want to be seen as a party school beholden to athletics.

I would publicize that online and face-to-face classes are available. I would also publicize the PACE program.

Small class sizes, variety of course offerings, variety and plethora of bachelor and master degrees

The friendliness of everyone.

Certain professors at Chase are excellent. Not only are they brilliant, they are excellent teachers.

Flexible classes / Easy campus to navigate

Great community feeling.

The great staff!

Great teachers, small classes, reaches out to / Those who need help.

N/A

Small Class Sizes / Cheapest Meal Plan in the state / Biggest Return on Investment / Small community mentality in a large University setting

It's a very nice school with nice staff that really want to see you achieve success and help you get there.

Inclusion of all students on campus, including those with physical and intellectual disabilities and what programs are offered to them.

None. I would tell people to not go here because it simply isn't worth it anymore.

The small classes. / Friendly and safe campus. / (Mostly) Fantastic professors. / Offerings of some online majors. / More personal experience. /

SCHOOL SPIRIT! The students at NKU have incredible love for the Norse!

The resources for veterans definitely need to be better publicized. With the Veterans Resource Station and the Norse VETS social group, there are many great resources to unite veterans and create a support group that welcomes them into the civilian workforce.

That nku staff is very passionate. It is easy to find professors who want to help students be successful and rise to their fullest to do so. Their student to teacher ratio is low which helps to attain this achievement.

The professors are very caring. I have had wonderful advisors and communication and events are great.
### Q7

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NKU is a gem that could shine with a little polish. Suggest NKU could capture a larger share of the mature returning student market by publicizing itself, particularly to those who have been displaced or laid off or are underemployed and looking to make themselves more attractive to prospective/current employers. I live north of Cincinnati, but I chose NKU because it was far more welcoming and helpful than Xavier or UC. Make it easy for students to come to NKU, and the out-of-state tuition difference will not seem as prohibitive. Keep up the good work with promoting the College of Informatics and Start-Up Weekend connection. Publicize the unique Integrative Studies program, which is particularly attractive to students with years of work and life experience:

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<td>There is nothing to do on campus on the weekends.</td>
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<td>The psychology department is the best. The teachers here are amazing and truly care. / Our study abroad office has any options for you.</td>
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<td>I like the school, I like the professors, but registration SUCKS. So if you are planning to go to NKU for something that is in the Informatics department, then don't come here. Think long about joining a Sorority or Fraternity, because I pledged and then wasn't accepted, which really had negative impact on my experience at NKU. If they like you enough and you get, you are pretty much guaranteed to have a good college experience. It's probably best to not bother with them and just make friends else where where plus the other friends you make will be free.</td>
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<td>tobacco free campus really did get in the way of my achievements as i sometimes need a smoke break to really get back to work</td>
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<td>I love how involved my professors are in my success. They want to see me succeed and that is such a great feeling. I love how much our University is growing! Student Life and Athletics are becoming such a force on campus, which is great to see!</td>
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<td>Our EMB program here is by far one of the best in the entire country. Most of our professors are extremly overqualified to do the work that they do, which helps the studets tremendously, our Jazz and theater programs are extremly good, and much better than those crazed wankerman from across the river (UC) and the best part: Our campus isn't UK, it's actually respectable! (assuming we don't try to implement any more of THEIR rules Teachers are invested in their students and provide ample opportunities for their success.</td>
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<td>Great community, walkability of campus, the chance to work in a state of the art facility such as Griffin Hall.</td>
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<td>Great work opportunity on campus / lab research / student lab techs etc / Friendly helpful faculty</td>
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<td>The feeling of family with the university and the faculty, because of low class sizes, it felt great that I could talk to a professor to deal with any problems vs. at larger universities you might have to talk to someone like a TA. small classes and good location, however good luck getting the classes you need when you want them.</td>
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<td>Getting involved with organizations, not only greek life. I think that if students are involved in an organization or activity then they are more likely to enjoy their time at NKU.</td>
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<td>These are all aspects I share on tour. / / - Small class sizes: they allow a student the chance to really know his/her professor and feel like a name instead of a number. / / - Housing: All grades can live wherever they want as long as they pay money and follow the policies. No option is co-ed. The residence halls are dry - so no alcohol at any time (allows us to not be a party school). / / - Energy efficient/State-Of-The-Art buildings make us seem valuable and exciting. Rainbow-changing LED lights, dry erase paint, swivel seats, outlets in the tables, etc. / / - Education Abroad: The fact that students have 40+ countries to choose from and there are financial options The helpful and knowledgable professors and small class sizes.</td>
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<td>I would not publicize our Greek community, most people would, but I would not. The Greek community here at NKU is very cliquish and that is not what prospective students want to see right out of high school. I would, however, publicize our small class sizes and the relationships students make with their fellow classmates.</td>
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<td>NKU's reputation of being a solid institution at a reasonable price. That was what ultimately madet he decision for me. With other universities in the area as well as online courses, I chose NKU for the total package that it I believe NKU really does want to be a benefit to all their students. NKU does a lot to ensure student satisfaction. great opportunities to get involved on campus, safe campus, great programs to support students and help them NKU has a wonderfully open and friendly atmosphere, which encourages networking and relationship building between students of all grade levels and faculty.</td>
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<td>The amazing research opportunities NKU has to offer! Also, the study sessions different programs have like STEM pizza night where you study, socialize and meet new people with the same interests. The small classes are fantastic. They provide great interaction between teachers and students. The fine arts programs at NKU are top-notch, and are not only just as good as places like UC, but stress individuality, which lacks in some prestigious / institutions, such as CCM or IU's music school. The faculty is outstanding, hard-working, and down to Earth. It is a growing university, and I believe with some minor changes to its budget, it The wonderful faculty</td>
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It's a small college that seems to listen to your ideas. I was greatly astonished that the disabilities office actually put my support group idea into action. Also, the staff are generally nice. You can talk to janitors and not have them be like, "What are you looking at, punk?!". The class sizes are also nice and small. The biggest one I've been in so far has 36 students in it. It's a size a lot like that of a public school's class and not one of those with a hundred people in it. Also, if you have a class all the way across campus, you can usually make it there within ten minutes. Griffin Hall is also very interesting and the 5th floor has a great environment for calming down after over-stimulation, especially when it rains. There are also lots of choices for majors and minors, and it's all things I'm interested in. I also get to see past professors and my dad's childhood best friend, who also works there. The problem is, trying not to get so excited that you take too many classes in a semester.

NKU is a constantly growing and changing university both physically and organizationally. Instructors are generally very helpful and willing to work one on one with students. Compared to other universities, the tuition rate here is relatively affordable.

can garner a tight relationship with professors which may help you after college

The new College of Informatics is incredible. President Mearns is actively engaged with the students and appears "plugged in" to what's going on on campus rather than removed and unaffected. The programs are growing at an increasing pace. I personally love that as a staff member I get to use the health center for free -- that's a unique benefit that surprises my friends and makes them want to work here as well.

Our leadership organizations and extra-curriculars are life-changing

Our great Greek community, the many leadership opportunities, and the community that is built by those that stay involved in NKU organizations.

I think NKU can do a better job leveraging the solid value of the education it provides to students at an affordable price. Especially with the current concerns over the cost of higher education, this could be the sweet spot for NKU, and presents a very good opportunity.

Funny you should ask...our cohort was asking the same question or at least a variation of the question so we have decided as our final class project we would put together an ad campaign (short video, extended video, published article, etc.) to help promote the ELOC program.

NKU is a medium sized school that provides a big campus feel without sacrificing small class sizes and low student to faculty ratios.

That there is a small school feel.

Access to professors, professors who care, more available research opportunities for undergraduate students.

With not being a traditional student, I am not able to take part in many of the activities on campus, but the activities would be something I would publicize more. The community that is available on campus is something that I think my children will enjoy when they are able to get to this point. I have one that is at Gateway community college now, and I think he would enjoy many of the on campus activities available. I think advertising the small class sizes has been overused by many colleges. I think if they could see what NKU offers for the local communities, what is going on while on campus, and things that they offer that the public can come and be a part of would encourage more students to come to NKU. Things like the music concerts, plays, astronomy viewings, science fairs, anything that the public can be a part of should be advertised more widely than just through the students participating in them would bring up attendance at these functions, as well as The willingness of professors to work closely with you. They have always been the most helpful part of my experience. If you stay in contact with and are truthful with your professors, you can make your semester with them a lot easier to get through.

Cost, teacher quality, and access to the same resources that other universities offer.

NKU has a big school feel, but it is still small and comfortable. My professors know me by name, and even remember me afterwards. The programs are great, and it's affordable.
What aspects of the NKU experience would you publicize to prospective students?

Class sizes and the mostly helpful faculty

It truly is a community. If you get involved and make the most out of every opportunity, NKU truly can change. Go into something you’re interested in and feel like you have a talent for and let it rip. You’ll probably find that the professors teaching you will be the best aspect your experience at NKU. You won’t feel like a part of the place most likely, because that isn’t encouraged. There are a lot of well-meaning people who work here who likely ended up here more than they aspired to be here, just like us. So we’re all in the same boat. Great things have happened within groups of misfits. / / The concrete battlements are encircled by an asphalt moat. Dreamers are welcome to apply and pay tuition like everyone else. You’ll graduate if you meet the requirements and you will either look for work or go to graduate school. Maybe you’ll buy a t-shirt.

The strength in the Greek organizations, and something OTHER than sports for example: using the northerner, or the arts buildings, or even telling students about all of our research... Not everyone is happy about the sports programs, / Or the fact that sports programs receive so much funding, but not the arts, research or creative. The personal sized classes / The basketball arena and sports success / All of the new buildings and re designed campus-shows that Nku is building for the success and future of its students / NKU is growing and renovating faster than any other school around. The turn around just in the past few years is amazing and the plan for the near future is just as exciting.

The "community" that is provided at NKU. My experience at NKU has been one that has nourished my learning and helped me succeed.

The nice campus, great professors, and high tech buildings and equipment

Great education, very thorough.

From my experience with Chase, most of the faculty have an open door policy. That is one of the best aspects of NKU. In addition, the tuition is affordable.

The ability to attend online.

The education program and who it is the only university around that gives the experience that it does.

The professors at NKU are amazing, especially in the elementary/special education program.

Small class size, big name

It is a very nice school and a majority of the teachers are super friendly.

As a tour guide and orientation leader, I highlight campus involvement every chance I get. The experiences and opportunities offered to students through organizations and on campus jobs are remarkable, and have completely shaped the person I am today. NKU is a family, but only if you allow it to be by immersing yourself in the culture and getting involved.

I was a commuter student to campus for the last 2.5 years of my undergraduate-- I loved campus. In fact, I was so skeptical to do my graduate degree all online through NKU because I just felt that it could not be nearly as great of an experience as my undergraduate was. I was proved wrong! I am in the Teacher as Leader program (working on an endorsement in English as a Second Language) and I have to say that these professors have made being an online student very interactive-- I feel like I still receive a lot of instructional attention even though I have not seen the professors face-to-face thus far. I definitely promote the online programs to my co-workers.

The expansion of NKU. I have lived within a mile of NKU my entire life and have seen the additions of the Science Building, Griffin Hall, Student Union, Bank of Kentucky Center and all the other renovations that have occurred. It is extremely exciting to know that we are a growing community with aggressive strategies to make additions to our campus creating more opportunities to meet the needs of incoming students. Because of our strategy I believe we have the potential to be one of the best universities around.

Get involved. There is something for everyone, you just have to find it.

The faculty and staff are exceptionally friendly and knowledgeable, the facilities are well-kept.
What aspects of the NKU experience would you publicize to prospective students?

The biggest selling point of NKU in my opinion is the personalized experience a student can have here. I love that my classes are small and my professors know my name even though I am not the most vocal student in the class. I also love that so many leadership opportunities are available to me because we do have such a small community of students who are active in our campus life.

All the choices of majors and minors available to take.
The small class sizes and helpful environment.

Division 1 school and assets with the close-knit culture of a small division 2 school.

Greek life is extremely strong if you're wanting to rush. The teachers are always willing to sit down with you one-on-one if you go to them for help. The campus police are not crazy but actually nice and approachable. NKU upper faculty cares about it's students and their well being. The Griffin Center is extremely high tech and will allow for any type of computer major to excel in any field. We are officially a D-1 university. Above all, tuition is extremely affordable and there is absolutely no quality drop from major universities.

The actual teaching program is very well put together.

Our student organizations were a major draw for me as a freshman.

I would publicize the small campus. Seriously, that was one of the things that led me to choose NKU over UC. NKU's campus is so small and easy to get around, whereas UC's campus is a monster campus and I don't know how people ever navigate it. If you want a campus where you can't get lost for two days trying to find the right

I know there is a lot of focus on the prospective high school students, but don't know that other populations get the necessary attention. I've had several conversations where students were unsure of a major and hesitant to spend the money without some direction from the university (i.e., a major, a career path). This kind of service for prospective students would be very helpful.

Great place for a great education.

Be careful of the major and minor you choose to pursue. Though I love NKU, I have not agreed with their latest decisions. If there is a class that is available that you need for your major/minor, take it IMMEDIATELY. Do not hesitate. You can take care of your general education classes at a later time. Pursue your dream, no matter what obstacles may be in the way, because in the end it will be worth it.

As a tour guide, one aspect I share is the ability to get involved and have an incredible college experience both in and out of the classroom as a commuter.

The friendliness of the students

GREAT PROFESSORS, SMALL CLASSES, VERY ATTENTIVE CLASSES.

I would publicize that it's a good school. However, I would also be honest about the costs. Also, I do not agree with the Tobacco Policy so I would mention that if they were a smoker. I would emphasize all of the organizations and sports that they could get involved in though.

Most of the professors I have had really care that students are learning something during their time at NKU. NKU is a great university.

Great Professors. Almost all of them are very friendly and will try and help any student out. Also most of them have real passion for what they are teaching.

Small Classroom sizes. This is great for professor/student interaction and it really lets you build relationships that can last. This also helps build your overall network for the future. / Great things we do for Veterans all around. Being a Veteran I see all the great things that we are doing and this is very important to the success of NKU has everything to offer. The campus is growing, we have so many majors, and we are in a great location. There is a group for everyone and we are diverse.

The Communications Department is filled with the best, brightest and most helpful professors I've ever had, and their works should be given great credit.
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<td>The excellent professors, especially the ones who acknowledge that the current academic system is outdated. / The fact that NKU is an excellent school that is still small enough and young enough to make changes without Small classrooms.</td>
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<td>There are plenty of great internships in the area that NKU can cater toward your major Get Involved! The Student Engagement opportunities at NKU are truly unlike any other. They offer endless personal, academic, and professional benefits to students. No student that is involved in Student Life has a negative thing to say about the university - and the reason is because they are so much better connected to it!</td>
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<td>Greek Life I would publicize the fantastic professors here at NKU, particularly in the STEM departments, as well as the advisers. The advisers are crucial to success here. I recommend the PACE program to any adults I talk to that are thinking about returning to school. The school is in a good location, the online classes are challenging, but doable. The PACE programs accepts a lot of credits from other college experiences. Small class sizes and smaller campus offers just as much as the bigger campuses which make NKU stand out above other options in the tri state area. Also the fact that a good college education at an inexpensive price I really love the EMB program and would recommend future students to look into the program.</td>
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Online is worthless.

Too many online courses. Often HAVE to take an online course because in-person options for required courses are too few.

Orientation they talk about making friends and connections. Haven't talk to anyone from orientation since. Like my group leaders in orientation.

Living on campus was made to make it seem like those who live on campus do a ton when honestly most students go home over the weekend.

There is not as much that interests me as I thought.

The teachers really care about their students success.

N/A

Griffin Hall represents innovation but many of the courses are years behind new standards. Many people I came here with thought it was just a place to go to class and go home, but I have gotten so much more out of my experience here with student organizations, faculty mentors, etc.

My teachers seemed to scare me a lot about college in High School. They told me that college is not a place to waste time in. While I knew that was true, the way they told us was a bit more harsh. Once I got to NKU, it didn't seem as bad as my High School teachers told me. In fact, I really enjoy college much more than High School.

I can't say anything was necessarily surprising to me. I have been around the NKU campus since I was 3 or 4 years old. Everyone in my family, who attended college, eventually came to NKU.

Few options for classes in summer, especially at graduate level. Library very noisy sometimes.

The promotion of the NKU experience to me is comparable to the actual NKU experience.

The college life, all you see is pictures of students laughing in the SU when in reality that does happen but not as it's perceived all the time.

We were told that Chase is proud of its part-time evening program because that's how Chase began. I didn't expect that the sun and moon would revolve around the day students and that evening students would be The classes were surprising. I didn't know they were classes all throughout the day. I thought they only offered morning classes. But each semester, I have found classes to accommodate my work schedule.

My online degree has been very hands off regarding assistance from the university. They are available when I need an advisor but I have been feeling my way through this degree.

Not very large live on community. Graduate program is not career focused.

More difficult to get answers and support to even the simplistic answers. Outdated systems and methods make it difficult to know what support staff to visit for help.

I was surprised how few students are actually involved on campus. With all of the organizations I've joined, there seem to be the same 100-150 people involved in all of them.

There really isn't anything different.

I thought I would have a pleasant experience but it has gotten worse with every year that I have been here. There have been too many changes and students have not been consulted as much as they should have been. Excellent example would be the tobacco ban. I am not a smoker but making a ban on smoking at a public university in a state where smoking is legal in public outside settings is an incredibly stupid idea.

Nothing was very surprising.

I didn't think there would be that much to do on campus. But there are so many organizations!

Not a whole lot was different.

Food, there is not good food plans for commuters or those who dorms.

Nothing really.

I was not informed about how much work you do in college, but I do feel like I am learning more than in high
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It was promoted as all fun all the time, but if you are not a joiner like me, it's fairly normal. I think orientation fails to realize the shy or lonely kids and thinks everyone wants to join a club, which is not true.

I really was not aware of the very close proximity to Cincinnati. I was very pleasantly surprised, as I grew up in a big city and love all the things there are to do. I was also not aware of how good the law school actually is and what champions it grows and puts out into the legal community. For a tier-4 law school, it competes exceptionally well against schools in the top tier.

A lot of the general education classes are bigger than I expected.

I am from out of state and had no idea the school even existed until I met someone who went here on an internship in Florida. I feel you need to focus on not only bringing in students from the area but from other states its actually better, I didn't know there would be so much to do and get involved with.

Nothing.

No surprises, I choose to come here because of the small class sizes and the affordability.

There isn't enough teaching by the professors as I thought there would be. I understand being independent as students, but I would like to see the professors actually teach the material from the expensive texts we are required to buy— it is just not happening like that these days.

Focus on the students and the academics seems to be decreasing after moving to Division 1 athletics.

It's a lot less structured than high school and much more easygoing in some ways. Not as stressful as I expected.

The general education requirements are fine but the rules are a bit surprising. Why can't I take two history classes for Culture and Creativity. I like history and have no interest in any of the other classes.

Nothing

I think there is a misperception of NKU as "less than" in the eyes of some people locally for whatever reason. However, I found my experience with faculty and staff to be outstanding, even better in some regards to my undergraduate experience at Xavier. Griffin Hall is a top-notch facility, and the campus as a whole is really nice.

Not a whole lot. I was left very unimpressed by the tour I took of campus when I was deciding where to go, but in 3 years, I'm sure that's changed some.

I thought it was going to challenge me and prepare me for a job. Fortunately or unfortunately due to the lack of knowledge and preparation from my program I took it upon myself to make this experience the best I can. This self-empowerment will help me in the future, no thanks to NKU.

All but one of my classes was in Griffin Hall, and I visit the Student Union frequently. Whenever I go to other buildings, it's dismaying how decrepit they are. They seem neglected. Some actually smell bad. The shabbiness is particularly disconcerting in the library, arguably the brain of the campus. They have a super staff, but the No comment

I was surprised at how different greek life is from what I had perceived it to be. It is much more respectable and academic/community service based than other greek organizations I've seen at other schools.

Promoted? Uh, well...I wouldn't say it was ever promoted well or advertised to any part of Louisville, KY. / / Well, they did promote small class sizes. Then I came in and had 3 classes that were 90+ students. But now, I don't care. I WANT those big classes if that means I can actually register for classes I need.

dorms are way too strict for students to actually be able to live there with no pressure

There are some professors I have had who are extremely unprofessional. (Rude emails, lack of emails, not clear in the syllabus, etc). However, some professors were wonderful and extremely passionate about their careers. I wish all professors had that attitude.

Nothing

I didn't know that it is as small as it was. It's not tiny but its literally just an area of land with no houses or anything. It's very private like.

Nothing.
What about your NKU experience is surprising or different from how it was promoted to you?

I was pleasantly surprised about how many resources are available on campus that cater to many student needs.

My actual experience reflects what was promoted.

People always told me that NKU was no knowledge college. I have found that to be false. All of my professors were passionate about their subject and knew their subject well. I have also found all my course work to be difficult but fun and interesting.

There were no differences, I couldn't ask for more from a university based on my personal experiences. Great faculty and staff who are very supportive and committed to student success.

I have been taking 19 credit hours every semester. The program I am in is unorganized and therefore I am forced to take twice as many classes as any other NKU student.

I feel that there is a lot of red tape. This may be the typical college experience but it is very discouraging to me at NKU was way more sophisticated than BCTC, so there was that, and it also surprised me how like BCTC it was (simple MyNKU interface, Blackboard was the same, just different colors, etc.).

It's harder than it looks.

MBA classes lacked instructors that had true business experience. The classes that did have instructors that worked in the corporate world were much more realistic, interesting, and applicable to one's life.

My current graduate program advertised that it was designed to be flexible with my working schedule. Three weeks ago I took an exam that lasted from 6:00pm to 10:30pm. This, to me, was not being mindful of my work. Honestly I was never recruited to go here by the school. It was recomended by family that I go here. I had heard that this place was a solid "2.5 star university" when I joined (before we had Griffin Hall of course). I came from a low class place, hardley any money to my name (maybe $20) and I thought this place was all serious, no fun, and you weren't anybody unless you were on the soccor team. / I thankfully was wrong. It did take a few years for me to find my niche, but once I did I realized that there is just something about this place to always like (other than the parking). No matter how many grievances I had and have (did i mention my expensive suspension replacement bill that will probably be put off until i have the money to pay for it) there is always two things to like about this campus. Have you ever just driven through this campus on a sunny day with your windows down, blasting some cool tunes and just enjoyed the all around enviornment? It's got that X factor.

I didn't know student involvement would be so centered around greek life. It makes it difficult for non-greek students to feel connected.

It is even more fun then the brochurses say it is.

I loved NKU when I toured here I thought it would be more boring than it actually is so that is a good surprise.

Inability for termination or punishment of uncooperative professors / Tenure should not be a reason to keep bad teachers

I think that since NKU was shown as a lower cost local alternative to places like UK or UC I thought I would be getting a lower quality education, but I think it was right on par.

Nku was presented as a boring, commuters college. I have found it very exciting and have still made connections with people even if we commute.

I felt that the degree I was going for would have been more involved/hands on then it has been. For example much more related to real world programming and networking. However there is more focus on exams and unnecessary topics such as equations and other mathematics. In the real world a calculator would be used to verify your results even if you knew how to do it. I agree that these topics need to be understood but being tested on them without the ability to look at programming language documentation or having a subnet
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<td>It has been what I expected. Like I said before, I'd like super priority registration to be... super priority. Also, I'm always told that gluten-free products will be labeled on the menu like I was and keep being told they are, I'd really appreciate it. Diabetic-friendly and vegan-friendly things are, but nowhere do I see it for my diet. Though, the menu on the app is helpful, and I am grateful for it, not everyone has that kind of technology and would really like to not waste their time asking EVERY food venue on campus if they serve gluten-free things.</td>
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<td>Less papers than high school until senior year (which I liked, but..) It got better the longer I was here. Not just because of my actions (trying to reach out and become more engaged) but because it seemed the faculty/staff dynamics were changing with the students. I feel like I've seen a shift in how faculty/staff treat students and it's encouraging.</td>
<td>The health care professions (I was in nursing for two years, changed my major to respiratory therapy) It was a lot better than what it was promoted, especially when it comes to how close people get to one another. But negatively, promotion does not cover how much of the students are commuters and how that affects the work load may have been a bit more than anticipated - perhaps more at the beginning as I was not used to having to do the whole school thing for quite some time. Everything seems to have been promoted accurately.</td>
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<td>I got to know the professors much better than I thought I would and I had much easier access to research. There are also a variety of organizations to get involved in. When I first came to NKU, my advisor sounded like he was there to help me and support me through the process of school. I found that the information I needed, or wanted, he was not able to answer or to direct me in a way that was helpful. I found most of my information through other students or through my teachers.</td>
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The advising. I felt like the advising, on my part, was lacking in a few areas. I came to NKU from a different college in my 2nd year of college and I felt like I would receive more answers to some of my questions about the school. With the program that I am in, I felt scarred to switch over some of the credits that I previously earned and I tried to feel comfortable opening up to my adviser. I then learned that she was not very resourceful and went else where with some of my questions that I had.

That once you realize that college is a place to learn and for self improvement its no different than any other not really sure about this one

There are times where it did seem like I was more "on my own" as far as advising, etc. than I initially felt I would during my orientation.

The quality of the professors is consistently high. I feel like I have learned more than I spent.

Greek life, we are far more involved with the school and the betterment of the campus than it is said to be I dont remember how it was promoted to me

Not really anything. I remember from my orientation that what I was told my experience would be has pretty much lived up to it's promise.

Class selection is not as available as it is made to seem.

The legal writing program at Chase has been quite a disappointment given how much focus is given to it from the I was in the first group to complete the nursing informatics MSN. I was not prepared for the MBI classes that were required. I thought the program would relate to my nursing career more with introduction to how business processes could be useful. What I got was a program with very little useful nursing education and a lot of business classes that really expected me to have business knowledge coming in. Finishing the program just became a challenge to meet because my company had invested so much money in it.

The certification process was very difficult. However, it did just change this year so that should improve.

Prior to coming to college, I didn't know about all of the involvement opportunities. Being able to jump in and have those experiences as soon as I moved in was amazing to me, and something that's very special about NKU. Honestly, people told me to NOT do the online programs through NKU. But I've been very pleased!

I was surprised at how nice everyone is (give or take a few students/dining employees).

It's essentially what I expected.

The biggest surprise for me was my freshman year when I spent my first weekend on campus and saw how dead our campus was on the weekend. I perceived NKU to have a very active and engaged student life, which is true at times, but not consistently.

It was received better that I expected because of the amazing teachers.

Greek life is the dominant power on campus.

When I was researching and applying to schools, I was told that NKU had a regional tuition which was just slightly higher than in-state tuition. Once I was accepted, NKU changed its tuition policy and now my tuition is much higher than I was planning.

Nothing, what you see is what you get which is definitely a plus.

NKU was always promoted to me as a good school I still believe that however, I think that some chances should be made in which I have already listed.
What about your NKU experience is surprising or different from how it was promoted to you?

I thought that smaller class sizes would lead to more amiable professors and I think that is true with professors teaching lower level classes. However, as I proceeded to upper division classes, professors became less helpful and less likely to respond to me asking for help.

I don't know that I can really think of anything that is surprising or different from how it was promoted to me. No comment.

Learning more from online classes than I thought I would.

I was surprised how similar college was to high school. Everyone still has their cliques, though they are more willing to hear what you have to say and are very friendly. The people I've met here are some of the greatest I will probably ever meet. Food has never been my best friend like it has been in college—fuel for the brain.

N/A

It's not as fast-paced or intensive.

AT ORIENTATION I ALMOST FEARED THE MSW PROGRAM. IT SEEMED A BIT HARD CORE. WHILE IT IS AT TIMES THE PROFESSORS ARE KIND AND COMPASSIONATE AND DOING GREAT WORK.

I thought that my housing experience was going to be a bit different than how it is. So far I am not having the best time that I possibly could. It's very hard to meet people in the Suites as well. What surprised me is how many groups this school has. I have unfortunately met people in certain organizations that treat "outsiders" if I am from Northern Kentucky, and people always considered NKU the "safe school" that anybody could get into. However, as a student at NKU, the previous statement is completely false. I believe I am appropriately challenged in my courses and by no means find NKU an "easy school."

Not really surprised, I got what I expected.
What can NKU do to strengthen the university’s support of student engagement with nonprofits, businesses, schools, and other community partners?

Need more vans to go out and get students to community partners.
Get sponsors and do something at NKU where all students would enjoy.
Honestly, I do not have an answer.
Maybe some sort of community day where we welcome the community and have activities and such
Offer more volunteer work within the university.
Just keep building relationships with them so more opportunities can be offered to the students here at NKU.
Stress the importance of the need for community involvement in today's society.
NKU could include opportunities in with class offerings, perhaps as special projects or labs.
Advertisements.
Chase does a good job, especially the Small Business and Nonprofit Law Clinic.
Advertise events more often. I barely recieve notice of anything going on at the campus.
Lower tuition prices for internship!!! Unfair to have to pay full tuition to work somewhere (usually for free).
Support local schools more, get involved and offer events on campus to bring the students here to see how great NKU can be.
Reach out to the majors clubs not just the fraternity's. Clubs like Phi Alpha Theta the history's honor club and the anthropology club.
Connect us! As a student, it is difficult and intimidating to reach out to someone in the community that you do not know. If the University already has a working relationship with the community, then it is easier for the students to trust and reach out to it.
Don't know, not into much outside of classes because I work full time.
Share success stories of inclusion and examples of how NKU is a welcoming community of learners of all kinds.
Actually encourage it.
N/A
Incentivize support of those programs. For student organizations that reach out, make certain "rewards"
Show students exactly what these organizations do, don't let them be surprised if they check them out.
Make a website that has a list of all the nonprofits, businesses, etc and provide information students may want to know about those organizations.
Why not try to pull in more private school kids and give them a discount? Thomas Moore does that for private school kids, and I realize it's a private college itself, but I think that rewards the students and also the parents who have had tough money times.
More speakers and events with community members. / Also start a mentoring program for students to mentor K-12 kids. That's not only fun, but it's a great way for students to give back, feel like a contributing member of society and know that they are making an impact on our future. It's like a Big Brother Big Sister thing, but it can be more like a pen-pal activity where students engage in a more non-invasive way and then perhaps have an event once or twice a year to have lunch with their pen-pals. My former employer,<> had a thriving pen-pal program with several area grade schools. One engineer matched up per student....The relationships in many cases bloomed, and the students got so much out of it. The engineers did too.
Encourage community partners to hire NKU students and do training programs that will enable students to get more hands on experience.
Show interest in what students perceive as important goals and charities.
Gear these opportunities toward integrated them into classroom work, this not only benefits the organization but also the student, giving them the opportunity to use skills and talents that they have acquired in real world situations. Also inviting community partners into the classrooms to engage students in the various aspects of...
What can NKU do to strengthen the university's support of student engagement with nonprofits, businesses, schools, and other community partners?

Use class time to engage with nonprofits, etc. Students find it difficult to be involved as much as they would like to because of other commitments. Set aside some actual in class time to work with nonprofits and other organizations. Students could be working on community projects during class time, not only outside the

What are those and where are they shown on campus.

Students have very busy schedules. If participation in this area is low, then motivation is needed and what motivates college students to contribute their time. The question that a student will ask themselves is "What's in it for me?" Yes there is the moral satisfaction of contributing to the community but that is not enough when weighted against class, work and family time. Short of paying students, you will need to find a way to reward them. Community Involvement 101 sounds to me like some social science class that has exciting hands on learning experiences away from the classroom setting and is worth three credits. Not all students are going to be interested in getting out there and working with the people in nonprofits and schools so you need to target the ones who are motivated enough to study that sort of thing and then motivate them more with some college credit. / The quickest and simplest way to get the participation numbers up would be to encourage and even challenge those students who do participate to invite a fellow student to accompany them. Some of those who

I don't know what the university currently does in this arena, but it really should try to extend its footprint (especially for graduate students) into Ohio. Whether that means hosting more corporate off-site events, fundraisers, etc., just to get people to campus, or partnering with large corporations on their corporate MBA initiatives, people need to see what NKU offers. Seeing is believing.

The job fair and other career builders are really nice. I'd love to see some expansion there.

Faculty and students need to not only get involved with programs like Mayerson and 505, they need to put 100% into their efforts. Each year at the Scripps Howard Center we have faculty and students participating in an array of events and programs, but it is not whole-hearted. If members of the NKU community put just a little more effort into their endeavors this university would be more successful. Often times the results of the program or event are less than desired, yet our center promotes our "success" as if we did some get service when really it was a sub-par performance. Instead of correcting our mistakes and trying to get faculty to see the importance of the program they participated in, we gloss it over and perform the same sad dance next year. This university is founded in MEDIOCRITY and that needs to change. We need to have more passionate faculty, staff and students. In order to achieve this we need better leadership in our departments. We need people who care to

Leadership University does a good job with this, as does the Greek system. Startup Weekend is great, but the timing can interfere with school work. Maybe institute a community service requirement? But keep it flexible. If someone lives in across the river, he or she may want to fulfill the requirement close to home.

I love how we get emails about internships, job fairs, etc. It makes these types of things very accessible to us. Keep doing this.

Focus more on career and classes counseling, some students really do face issues in their professional and

No comment

We need to have more business/night life that are open to students. I have always said that I would love to see the area around Applebee's and Walgreens become a night life area for students. Highland Heights just needs to become a college town sooner rather than later. This would help keep students around in the evenings and on weekends. We also need more college housing in the surrounding neighborhoods.

First off, expand campus, promote more to incoming students. Larger numbers

More promotion and utilization/enhancement of graduate student programs

Continue service days, allow students to volunteer to beautiful the campus (ie: planting flowers)
What can NKU do to strengthen the university’s support of student engagement with nonprofits, businesses, schools, and other community partners?

As part of the UNV 101 curriculum, make it a requirement to participate in one of these. Maybe that will foster a pattern for the student so they can volunteer later on.

None

I understand that NKU undergraduates are very engaged in service learning opportunities. This should also transfer to the graduate level.

Get more support from the local businesses by asking them to hire or let volunteer more students, maybe even have students placed in certain areas and places, like we do for the Senior Practicum.

I don’t know

Get the business leaders in the classroom and get the students into businesses. Incorporate a plan into each semester coursework. / Promote internships/co-op programs. / Promote community outreach projects and provide the support system to link the student to the project/business/community.

Develop an internship program. I working in recruiting now and I see other campuses pushing internship and co-op opportunities. I don’t feel that NKU pushes those opportunities as much.

I think by adding classes tiered towards and treated just like internships. Have a "class" that 5 to 10 people sign up for, and the whole class is just working on an internship at a partner of the universities, AND HERE’s THE BEST PART: make those classes cost nothing to take. Why? Because our students are smart. Many will not pay well over a grand to go work for free, regardless of what they learn. If these classes are free, then they go and work for the business, non-profit, school, etc. and get the experience they need, and they won’t need to worry about "paid" internships because the class is free! everybody’s happy and everybody wins!

Promote more service learning in class.

I think just recognize how big of an impact we have on the community.

NA

Bring more organizations in to talk to the campus and maybe more opportunities to show them off to the student body would bring more awareness to those places/people.

Make the ability to engage with them more realistic. MOST students are working in order to pay rent, bills, and buy food. When do we have time to do these other things and not get paid? I would love to not work so I could do more like this, but bills need paid.

I think we should have more events on campus. The events APB holds are amazing, but I would love to see an event every week. Maybe getting the word out more about Greek Life philanthropy events and having them held on week nights on campus instead of weekends or off campus. This way non-Greeks feel more involved.

NKU can go to every high school in Kentucky, southeast Indiana, and Southwest Ohio (and up to Columbus and Dayton). So many students that go here never even heard of NKU until their senior year and randomly applied. That should NEVER happen! Students all over this region (and beyond) should know about us; and they won’t unless NKU goes out and makes NKU a household name. / /

unsure

N/A

I don’t know

Stipends for externships

Promote the opportunities in a more appealing way to the students. This is a commuting school, so students usually live off campus and don’t get involved. They should have university classes like university 101 for every year of school. Each year a student has to take a class where they learn leadership skills and a part of the curriculum is to be involved in some sort of non profit or community organization.
What can NKU do to strengthen the university's support of student engagement with nonprofits, businesses, schools, and other community partners?

Shove it in the students' faces. Hearing about it one time, a student will typically disregard such a thing. When someone is constantly being reminded of the great things they can do in this area, they will eventually get the message.

Offer student engagement with non-profits as part of earned credits. Perhaps a semester project.

Internships are always a good idea. In fact, I know of a place that was thinking of doing one: Dolbey, (don't get your hopes up, it's not the sound company), has NKU graduates there and they are probably a good candidate to ask. My dad works there and I know at one point he said they were somewhat into offering internships for NKU students. He was hoping if it happened, I'd go there, which I might because it's still a company that deals with computers and software. Great for promoting Griffin Hall and NKU. Getting it's name out there as what, one of about three places in the country that has a College of Informatics can be very helpful for promoting our university, as the jobs it endorses are gradually growing in today's market.

Reach out to students and easier for them when they look for help.

Pair more, advertise more, act more. Action more than anything. I hear a lot about things the campus might do, but sometimes don't understand what actions the administration is possibly working very hard at to get them there.

The new Health Innovations Center; get other hospitals involved and reach out to more than just St.E. If we want to promote this building, get the Ohio and Indiana hospitals involved as well. That will draw in prospective students better than just the Northern Kentucky Hospitals.

No suggestions.

A couple of things: / 1. Make better use of alums who are now in the business world. / 2. Continue to focus on a customer-centric approach. / 3. Don't be afraid to ask for what you need and want.

Our ELOC program actually worked over the summer with these exact entities so from my standpoint nothing. That said I am sure other programs/areas on campus would suggest otherwise.

Continue to have “spring into service” days, but promote them more vigorously.

Involve the community more and in each program of student. Promote graduate school programs. Have a weekend where you involve partnerships with community partners. "Brag" to your community partners about NKU's success stories.

Work with student-run organizations on campus to get them to sponsor events with the nonprofits, businesses, schools, etc.

Offer credit through their classes to participate. As a non-traditional student, I am not able to spend as much time doing these kinds of activities because of class time, work and homework. I have to support my family financially, which consists of two teenagers and myself and have to work full time. If I miss class time, not only do I miss instructional time, but I get points counted against me.

Nothing.

N/A

Reaching out to the community to be a part of our school would be essential. Whether its catering, or mixed events with other schools, generating involvement outside of the community could really help.

Provide a wide range of opportunities for students to work with those they will serve in their field of study. Partnering with organizations that already exist. For example, encouraging a club that already exists like the NKU Public Relations Student Society of America (PRSSA) to partner with a nonprofit as their client for the semester, NKU spends more time shaking hands with industry captains than integrating students into the university experience. The website is so awful at the task of disseminating information that students just go to class and go home - but not before being gouged at one of the mostly unhealthy Student Union restaurants or the bookstore. It's a mystery to me how anyone ever knows what's going on at NKU. There is no sense that one is at anything other than a concrete community college that is owned and operated by banking conglomerates.
What can NKU do to strengthen the university’s support of student engagement with nonprofits, businesses, schools, and other community partners?

Allow more funding for programs to assist students in those types of organizations until they are able to provide their own stable funding through organizations!

Show the benefits and advantages to being engaged (More likely to get a job). Try and get involved with more well known organizations.

More job placement opportunities.

I don’t have enough information to comment on this.

Offer more scholarships so students don’t have to work so much and can put more effort into your extracurricular programs.

I’m not sure.

Mayerson courses, awareness, information sharing

I have no idea.

We definitely need to support the community around us, and I think a big way we can do this is by making it a bigger part of our values as a whole. While we already do community service, and certain organizations and departments partner with nonprofits and schools, more university sanctioned events should be jumpstarted in support of community partners, which will help engage students and organizations to return and make a bigger difference.

I’m not really sure.

I think a better internship/ co-op program in the different colleges would help enormously. Also having a series of speakers catered to the needs of students as whole would help networking opportunities that could culminate in relationships of a professional or personal manner. Also many times when there are these sorts of events they just pop up. If there was better advertising for them or some sort of schedule that was followed more students.

More marketing directed towards inner-city students in the region who may have received poor education in.

Encourage professors to engage with students on these matters more.

N/A

Not sure, a great job is already done.

Make it more interesting so that students want to actually spend their time doing these things.

I think bringing nonprofits/businesses/etc to campus and making them more visible to the general student population would be beneficial.

Honestly, I think NKU does a lot of this already, so I don’t really have ideas about what else they could do.

Promote and encourage cooperative learning, shadowing, etc. /

Instead of hanging signs up and expecting students to engage, because many won’t. Continue having booths and attractions to lure students in and ask questions. But be careful not to be pushy, some students just want to be left alone and eat in peace.

Offering more classes that would are service-learning/community service in their content and projects. Better PR for community service to non-traditional/international students.

Be more publicly accessible

THIS IS OCCURRING IN THE MSW PROGRAM. WE ARE WORKING WITH SEVERAL COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN CLASSES AND I HEAR OF OTHER CLASSES BRANCHING OUT TO DO COMMUNITY WORK. I BELIEVE NKU IS VERY MUCH SEEN IN THE COMMUNITY AND IT IS GROWING.

I feel like NKU should pair up for discounts and events that the students would enjoy.

More support for clubs and Greek life.
Q10

What would you suggest to make NKU a more environmentally sustainable campus?

Food bank for students and staff! Not all of us have wealthy spouses to subsidize our sushi. Why throw out doughnuts when we would buy them for half off?

Turn off giant bright lights in the middle of the night. I don’t think the Library and Bank of Kentucky Center need to be promoting themselves at 3 a.m.

Liven it up. Not much going on

Let commons be “serve yourself” I have often gotten huge portions that I throw away.

Yeah.

I would work with some of the Environmental faculty and organizations to have more promotions to have people do things that are better for the environment or have them hold sessions that would educate students on how to be more environmentally friendly.

Public transportation! Not necessarily only for NKU, but the entire Greater Cincinnati area.

GH is too sustainable: the blow dryers in the bathrooms are too noisy. Not enough cell phone reception!

I do not have any suggestions.

Solar panels for electricity.

Make all printers and copiers default to double-sided printing. / Promote more bicycles and skateboards by providing paths throughout campus and places at every building where bikes can be locked. / Promote more motorcycles by giving a reduced parking rate and providing more prime parking spaces for them. / Replace all the toilets in Nunn Hall (and every building) with low-volume ones like in Griffin. / Put filtered water fountains in all buildings to reduce the use of bottled water. / Replace the plastic containers food service uses with recycled/recyclable containers. / Use sustainably harvested flooring when renovating (e.g. bamboo or cork). / Go green roofs (meaning plants). Fruit trees.

N/A

Invest in sustainable options. Students often do not recycle or participate in other environmentally conscious activities because they feel they don’t have the option. Having recycling bins that look exactly like the trash cans is not the best way to advertise that our University is committed to environmental sustainability. Also, get student orgs involved. If you create an environment where it is taboo to participate in environmentally detrimental behavior, then students will be more likely to participate.

Update some of the older buildings

the non-smoking change was a good start - but reporting smokers by turning in their names is not effective and dumb. Recycling containers in every classroom and every dorm room would be GREAT!

Need more recycling and just get rid of plasticware.

Water-less urinals. / Solar Panels on the parking lots to power the lights on the parking lots (like the Cincinnati offer “ports” to encourage electric cars to come to campus.

Online student.

Enforce the smoking ban / Cigarette smoking is bad not only for the environment, but also peoples’ health. Since the stands where people could put their cigarettes after they were done smoking now, the just end up on the ground. It is gross looking and not healthy for when it rains and puts the chemicals in the ground and not good for any animals that may nibble on them.

I really like what we are doing right now honestly. I think you all are doing good on this part.

More recycle bins around campus. Someone said that all the recyclables get thrown out anyway. I hope that isn’t true, but if that’s the general understanding, then it seems people don’t believe NKU is truly recycling. So maybe we need to change perceptions first.

Shuttle service.

more recycle bins!
What would you suggest to make NKU a more environmentally sustainable campus?

Use more natural energy sources and better recycling programs.

Solar panels although costly would be great. A less expensive idea is to promote more about the little things that students, faculty and staff can do to everyday to make a difference.

Modernize the library, for sure. Give students more opportunities to get involved while you have them in the classroom. Students who work or have family responsibilities lose out on being involved because they don't have the luxury of time outside the classroom as do other students who are only going to school.

I think we could have better lighting systems in the halls (KY and Commonwealth). During the day, in the evening, all the time, the lights are on. I'd like it if the lights went off when it was daytime or when everyone is asleep. I know that it might be a safety thing, but we could at least have some lights off in the evening so we are wasting less energy. I think having more recycling bins in the housing area would be great. We used to have one in the Suites, but now it is gone, so I am forced to throw things away in the garbage even if they are recyclable.

More recycling and recyclable materials.

Not sure really. Solar panels come to mind. Maybe an ongoing energy saving campaign to start.

I think that creating a larger input hole in the recycling dumpsters in the residential village would encourage more residents to recycle because you would not have to fit each can or bottle in the small hole one by one.

Wind turbines. Seriously - it gets REALLY windy on campus.

Honestly, I have no suggestions for this. I think we're doing an excellent job already. I do like the new green space being put in around campus.

The university should work more with Kentucky Campus Compact to make this a priority. <> heads this program.

She is a wonderfully collaborative individual who could do the university a service if she was consulted more.

Prevent able-bodied students from routinely using the door openers installed to aid those who are disabled.

Wait outside the doors to the Student Union for ten minutes and you'll see what I mean.

Pull the plug on the system that monitors how full the parking garage by Griffin is; it does not work.

No comment

Put windmills on top of buildings, this can be done and on our campus these would produce a ton of energy because of how windy this campus is all the time.

yes, ease a little bit on students and laws

No comment

Don't build anything else. Enjoy the nature instead of tearing it down to build more energy sucking buildings.

Changing traffic patterns to help reduce cars sitting, waiting for pedestrians to cross back and forth from campus to the housing village/parking lots.

Bring in more off campus luxuries. Restaurants, Housing, Greek housing, Apartments

More hand-dryers in every bathroom (in every building). The MEP building, for example, only has paper towels.

More recycling bins, rain barrels to water plants and flowers, carpooling

Make roads less congested, so cars don't have to idle for so long. And turning the thermostat up or down, depending on what time of the year it is. So if it's winter, then turn the temperature down.

I think the current programs are perfect and NKU can not do much more than they are doing.

I believe the campus puts forth great effort to be green. I understand that NKU does a annual assessment of the campus' carbon footprint. this is great and I hope the university will implement strategies based on these results.

Enforce the no smoking rule.

work within plans now before going wild trying new new ideas

I have no idea because I have visited the campus twice in 2 years, and was never there long enough to get a feel for the place.

Plant trees in other parts of the community.
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<td>Start fining people for littering.  Have a biology class whose job it is to upkeep the campus by planting trees, picking up trash, etc. (again making it cost less or free because they are working FOR the campus and will most likely make recycling easier on campus.)</td>
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<td>Add water filter stations. Very much so, I personally would like to see more green energy being utilize through such endeavors as water conservation and solar heating/cooling.</td>
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<td>NKU should do some type of &quot;ride-share&quot; or &quot;bike-riding&quot; program. I know the SGA has really tried to get this going over the last few years and I do think it would be beneficial to the students; especially since we're a primarily commuter campus.</td>
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<td>A community garden could benefit the students giving them an activity to participate in as well as provide an opportunity for students to grow their own food.</td>
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What would you suggest to make NKU a more environmentally sustainable campus?

There's a no smoking rule on campus, right? But how would I know? Each day, people tend to group up in clusters and still smoke on campus. The main places are in between the University Center and Student Union, in the garden path under the bridge that leads to the third floor of Landrum, at Loch Norse, and in the old smoking spot down the path that leads from the University Center to Landrum--you know, near the statues/art pieces. Now that I've told you the places I know of where most of them hide, go get them! What use is it having this rule if no one gets them? I rarely EVER see the campus police walking around on campus looking for these people. I heard they didn't support it, but I don't care. I'm extremely allergic to the smoke they let out to where my throat will close up! Trying to gasp in the air when I hurry from class to class becomes brutal when I have to pass by these people. Luckily, it is not as bad as last semester, but it’s still problematic. / / Also, there's this issue with the Right to Life club. While trying to remain neutral on the issue, I feel that their displays of bloody babies is left for private eyes and not the eyes of the public. They post warnings for college students, who are usually 18 or older that gory images are ahead. However, because of the theater department, a lot of elementary school kids come to campus for field trips to see plays. Is this what you also want your child to see? I literally passed by this display once when a field trip of kids did. One said, "Look, a baby!" and the teacher tried to get them away from there. They do see the pictures and they do react to them. This exact display could appear in their nightmares later on and scar them for life. That is incredibly uncouth of an organization to do such a thing to children! It's

Update our facilities to be more energy efficient and consider energy efficiency when building our new structures. Having more recycle bins always helps.
Fewer dumb flyers about nothing. More providing students with cost effective food utensils that are for multiple uses. Also, more recycling bins. And make a big paper recycling "party" at the end of each semester
Rewards/incentives for students to participate in sustainability will get them to be more active participants. The campus is working toward sustainability in many of its measures but I don't feel like all the students have quite
Choice of reusable cups in the SU.
I understand a substantial upfront cost to solar energy but that could be a long-term view to make our campus more sustainable long-term.

No comment.
I like it the way it is
I'm not familiar with this very much, but more recycling?
Don't know, but more living, green things would be good :)

Maybe have more recycling bins, even in the classrooms. Also, solar powered classrooms by adding panels to the rooftops. (Just some ideas!)

N/A

I appreciate the trash cans but every place to get food that isn't an overpriced, unhealthy restaurant is a candy bar store with cheap, crappy food that is overpriced and presented in plastic containers and wrappers. There is plastic everywhere. Public transportation on campus doesn't exist, so we just traffic jam it up every day, emitting carbon monoxide into the atmosphere to the extent that the trash cans probably are meaningless. But they are blue and have more than one hole and labels and are plastic. So that's an appearance.

requiring professors to make less paperwork and more online work. More recycling inside buildings

Add more solar powered trash and recycling cans. Add more green (trees, grass, bushes) like you already are, makes it look alot more attractive on top of the sustainability.

It would be difficult at this stage but more solar powered buildings. I do also notice some areas seem to be more brightly lit than would be necessary. Turn off some of the lights on bright sunny days.

Because of the strong wind on campus, maybe we could look into something in that regard.
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<td>Continue to recycle and promote activities and things that help the environment.</td>
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<td>Have a few sculptures made of recycled materials to promote students to use the recycling bins on campus.</td>
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<td>Honestly I think NKU already engages in pursuing environmental objectives to the extent that any school can; the infrastructure for recycling and other initiatives is in place, now it is up to patrons of our campus to utilize them.</td>
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<td>More flowers.</td>
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<td>No. If it saves money, then do it. Students do not get any value out of a this type of promotion. Please be good stewards of our hard-earned money.</td>
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<td>Enforce the tobacco ban as well as encouraging students to recycle.</td>
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<td>More recycling bins! Seriously, it’s fantastic that NKU has recycling bins at all, but I’ll admit that I’ve ended up throwing recyclable goods in the trash more than once because there wasn’t a recycling bin nearby. I think it would be great to put a recycling bin with every trash can; that way, people really have no excuse for not using No comment.</td>
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<td>Continue adding more greenery! The construction can be a bit annoying, but the after-effect is lovely. I hear many people say that because NKU is mainly concrete, it’s a real turn-off as a university. Foliage can brighten a student’s day and encourage more active play outside of class. Also, more trash cans around campus and in the classrooms. Trash gets left behind in the classrooms all the time because some students either forget or are too Promoting Recycling and RecycleMania across campus. Have bigger bins for recycling outside campus that is not the small-holed bins next to the black trash cans.</td>
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<td>Give everyone iPads, not just the computer science people. Also make blackboard, my nk, ect, more accessible to iPads. More iPad accessible text books too!</td>
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<td>Brign more technology into the classroom. There are a ton of resources when using technology that could help students learn.</td>
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<td>Some professors could benefit from Blackboard training.</td>
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<td>The wireless in Nunn is horrible! I'm constantly being dropped off and can't get back on unless I reboot. IT has looked at my laptop and there's nothing wrong with it. Can't get wireless in most of my classrooms this semester. / Put at least one computer lab in every building on campus.</td>
<td>The NKU wifi could be strengthened a little. Sometimes, in certain rooms and buildings (my chemistry class) I get no bars or wifi in that room and I know I'm not the only student who deals with this.</td>
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| Update service so it is faster in all the computer labs and libraries. Spend the dollars to boost internet service and response. Education is getting more and more technology based and NKU needs to respond to this reality. Wi-Fi coverage is inadequate. Internet has a tendency to fade in and out on campus. Improve the internet speed and quality. More online classes. Train the professors to teach these types of classes and you will have more enrollment in them. My English class is using Google+ for blogging and document sharing. These are features that need to be available through the college. We should not have to rely on Google from these services. I think NKU could better utilize technology by encouraging all professors to use Blackboard to track grades. It is frustrating when a professor does not post assignment grades or average course grades on Blackboard because it makes it more difficult to track one's progress in a class. No suggestions. I think NKU is extremely advanced in the technology they offer to students. There are constant problems in the Informatics building with technology. Some of the split monitors haven't been working for years, making it difficult to see the one large board that does work. It really impedes learning. Other than that, I thought it was sort of silly that NKU dropped a lot of money on Apple computers, but despite it being an Informatics and EMB classroom, they didn't have SD card readers. I thought that was ridiculous, that I had to buy an SD card reader to use for class on these $3,000 computers. Some foresight would have been nice Use less of it. Online classes are a disgrace to the amount of money students pay to attend this school. Face to face interaction is how you educate young people. Publicize the Pod classes offered by IT. Their classes are to-the-point and high quality. Keep promoting help desk services in the library and with IT in general. Offer more tutorials for new students. Shepherd older faculty and staff so they don't fall behind. Everyone should know how to print PDFs and use a copier to fax and scan. No comment I don't think all of my professors are on the same page when it comes to Blackboard. blackboard timeout sometimes get in the way of my long discussions in my online courses No comment In truth I think it should take some technology out. All were doing is creating a technology dependent The wifi could always be faster; especially in the Student Union. Other than that, I think that NKU utilizes technology extremely well when it comes to webmail, blackboard, charging stations, etc. Allow NKU staff and student email to be accessed via mobile phone app, also, allow the blackboard app to be Implement some of the technologies currently in Griffin Hall into a building like Founders. Including, better desks and overhead projectors. I think all the technology being utilized is great. I like the Blackboard program, but wish my instructors would use it more. I have assisted other instructors with BB in a previous GA position and I was impressed with all the different tools within the program. NKU should encourage more faculty to use BB to enhance student engagement. The dorm classroom computers are very out dated! THE WIFI NEVER WORKS!!!!! stay ahead of needs NKU does a fine job at utilizing technology, and they are constantly getting feedback and support from those of us who do everything online, so they are good where they are. Use less technology. Increase online courses. Continuously improve the Blackboard website and associated links to it. Train all instructors on how to utilize online tools effectively. Fix the WI-fi in Griffin.
Q11

How do you think NKU can better utilize technology to improve your student experience?

centralize Blackboard, myNKU, and webmail into one domain.
Keep investing in new tech.
I think there needs to be a computer lab in the Student Union.
Updated computers - many are outdated and others just need simple preventive maintenance.
Use it more in the classroom vs just talking in front of the students and lecturing from notes for an hour to an hour and a half, by just getting students more involved with different questioning techniques with it and things
Don't force students to use software that is costly or not offered by the university at a severely reduced rate.
There are professors that require a student to submit an assignment in .docx format with times new roman font. This often confuses students and makes them believe that they need the newest version of Microsoft office.
Openoffice and Libreoffice both work with .docx and are free. Students are poor!
Send out the N3 more than once a month. Maybe section it off and send it out bi-weekly with the next two weeks events listed.
Some professors put their notes online but some do not. For those who don't allow it, I do understand why they have that policy. However, I do think that if the student can't write as quickly as the professor lectures, they should be allowed to access the professor's notes somehow.
More open computer labs or a 2nd tech bar would be greatly appreciated.
I think the use of technology is great.

improve wifi around campus
Expand the soft test software to allow students to use tablets on tests.
Have more online learning such as flipped courses where the teachers upload online lectures as tegrity videos, the student takes their own notes at home and when they come to class they utilize this knowledge for problem solving and application. The material we learn in class is already available online, so we could allow the teaching and lectures to be applied at home and actual application and use of knowledge in the classroom.
The library page is awful. Links are constantly changing. To conduct research as a distance learner is cumbersome. I should be able to search with much more ease than is currently offered. I currently use google scholar then when I have identified the exact article I need, I go to the libraries web page and find it that way.
Make a better website... period. No offense, but seriously, having to do a Google search to find an individual school on campus? There's this incredible thing called a link, you all should try it sometime! And this dependency on Blackboard? Ha! I know someone who is having trouble in class because Blackboard won't load on their computer in Callahan Hall. In fact, all of Callahan hall is a wifi and cellular dead-zone! The internet all over campus varies in stability, but is especially bad in the dorms and isn't that great in Lanrdum either. Valuable word of advice: technology is awesome and we love it, but depending on it for most, if not, all of our schoolwork is a bad idea. Blackboard is so unstable, that even professors hate it! As for dates, again, the website is terrible.
Consider giving out student calendars each year for free and putting important dates like when registration, priority registration, and super priority registration is happening. Even sports games. Not as many people care about things like Homecoming as they do actually registering for classes. College is not a party, so stop treating it

Free app for phones and tablets
I think NKU is currently doing well utilizing technology. I've seen some exciting possibilities for the next few iPads in class are a huge hit with me. They are much more interactive.

Only in the case of better internet on campus, especially in places that are supposed to be high-tech. The difficulty of slow wifi gets in the way of our effectiveness as students and adds a lot of frustration.
How do you think NKU can better utilize technology to improve your student experience?

We were provided iPads as part of our program but frankly they were only utilized for reading course material. Perhaps there are additional ways to utilize them to make the technology more relevant. Possible leadership tools or applications that make their way into our workplaces might be beneficial.

NKU already utilizes technology to enhance student experience.

Seems to have all the latest technology

Make VPN software more user friendly to students who don't know much about computers.

The wifi connections available on campus are not very friendly to smart phones or tablets.

Maybe train professors to be more experienced with using Smart Board and a microphone in class. With a bigger class size, sometimes it was hard to hear the professor.

I think teaching students some of the useful tools on our @nku email would have been useful to know. Things like setting up signatures, using a read receipt, and other tools. I had to learn these things on my own and if I was taught them could have been useful my first year.

continue to provide unique opportunities to use and learn how to use new technology

N/A

Just get the <> website together already. It is absolutely awful. It's embarrassing and has arguably never improved. Why isn't there a database of information about anything a student might think to ask - events that are coming up, scholarships that are available, other incredibly obvious potential search queries. The search engine is so pathetically awful. It's inexcusable. If you can't get the IT staff here to do this correctly, <> outsource it already. It's just mind numbingly frustrating to do anything other than check email on the website. Forget searching for anything, just go to class and go home. Concerts, events - no calendar exists in an obvious place.

It would be really cool if we were able to out large screen TVs in multiple buildings and have a group of students in charge of what displays on the screen, and every week, showcase some different aspect of NKU, because a LOT of the students that are here don't even know about half of the amazing things that organizations or even different majors on campus have accomplished!

Offer labs with more up to date technology, and certain programs that are to expensive for students. Offer a monthly service where students can pay and have their own laptop or tablet, with an option to own after so

Continue on the path that NKU is on with technology.

Better wi-fi to reach students who prefer to sit in their own vehicles and do class work during breaks.

I think the technology aspect of the campus is pretty good. Just continue to advance as technology advances. See above.

I think you are doing a great job as is. Maybe make lab tops available for rent so they can travel with you on the days you forget yours?

Have more teachers use blackboard. Teach students how to use technology (especially future teachers). For example, have a class on how to use a smart board.

enhance wifi

Improve wifi signal

Again, I think that NKU is on the right path with this area. No suggestions.

Something that can be improved on is the use of blackboard. Many teachers don't know how to use blackboard properly and refuse to use it. Better training of the faculty would help classes go more smoothly especially when we have had winters like the last one.

More teachers need to let students use technology in class for taking notes.

Give away free e-cigarettes to encourage people to quit smoking and give people who are addicted an easy alternative to smoking.
How do you think NKU can better utilize technology to improve your student experience?

This is an area I believe NKU already excels in.

Better Wifi access around the whole campus and dorms.

Yes. NKU can offer more classes that with a major on-line portion. This will save commuters money and will likely save the school money. Perhaps then NKU will not need to charge such a high rate to local students who live outside the state lines of Kentucky.

Make them more readily available to students

I think better communication through social media instead of solely through email would be beneficial.

While I don't really have any complaints or suggestions about this aspect of my experience, I will say that it's kind of embarrassing that the computers in one of the MEP labs constantly end up having the "Windows is not genuine" problem. It makes me wonder if the school is pirating copies of Windows. I don't think that's the case, but I cringe every time I log on and see that message. I think it would look really good if the school fixed that.

I think the Tech Bar and computers in the University Center are a huge step in the right directions. Maybe a similar station in another building (Steeley?) would be helpful.

NKU can better utilize technology by displaying it across campus. The only technology that any student can witness is at Griffin Hall and that is slightly away from campus. Perhaps look into solar panels or wind powered facilities that are not only environmentally friendly, but also add a technological flair to the NKU campus.

Promote NKU hashtags on Twitter. PR more through social media and promote Blackboard and online courses by making videos that would inform students on the benefits on online courses and what courses are offered in respected departments.

Stop relying on it so much. Sometimes professors rely too much on online resources and not enough on actually teaching. Use technology to help, not to teach.

PLEASE REMEMBER NOT EVERYONE LIKES MAC!

I feel like the WiFi could be greatly improved. That is the only thing that I have had a problem with thus far when it comes to technology.
Other Suggestions, Comments, or Notes:

All bathrooms should have shelves so we can set our stuff down! Stupid that they don't. We have to put our books, etc. on the floor! How can we wash our hands and hold books at the same time? / / GH vending machines are hidden. Have more latenight food options around. MEP has a microwave and coffee. Does the library or GH have a microwave available?? /

Go Norse!

N/A

Stop wasting money on LGBTQ and anti-smoking/anti-tobacco. Spend that money on better/cheaper parking and less expensive food. More vending machines, microwaves. / Subway never allows the NKU discount they are supposed to be giving us. Get more area discounts for NKU! Places like Staples and Chipotle and Tire

No comment

Please educate teachers more about students with disabilities. I am classified as having a disability and have had more than my fair share of awkward moments handing my letter of accommodation to teachers.

Go Norse!

This university takes too many things into it's own hand without consulting the students. I am absolutely sick and tired of the way my tuition money is used because it obviously isn't used to help me. This university is nothing more than a business looking out for it's own interests instead of the interests of its students. The amount of politics going in in this place is overbearing as well. Its all just a game of who can carry the bigger stick and beat everyone else down with it. / / In the music department alone, there isn't enough space to hold all of us. Once these budget cuts take effect though it won't matter because in five years we won't have enough students to worry about the amount of space that they are taking up. I have a lot of problems with this school and the sad reality is that they will never be addressed. I'm in my fourth year with one more to go and the changes that need to happen simply will not. This school had so much potential and now I'm just waiting for it to

N/A

We need more to do on weekends. Campus is a dud on the weekend. We need some kind of activity, even if it's Fix the broken vending machines in FA 300.

I really like the K-12 pen pal program for all students, and the outdoor film series to get students to stick around and be engaged more in the evenings on campus.

I really do love NKU, I just feel it needs to not only inspire its students but also the educators. I have seen a decline in the quality of teaching throughout my years. Motivate the educators to want to teach again and reward them for doing so. It makes a world of difference when you are in a class where the professor knows the material, has real world experience to draw from, and can keep the students interested the entire class.

Everyone really loves to learn, I believe that. They just need to be inspired and allowed to learn in the way that works best for them. Listen to the students and give them more choices in assignments. Give students a voice in how the objectives of a syllabus will be met. Every person has unique personal style preferences in what works best for them to learn. Engage students at the start of a class and provide more flexibility with assignments as to foster a student's strengths. Not everyone wants to present in front of a class— it is just

Aesthetics should be secondary to the success of the academic programs offered.

Great school!

Good luck.

Thanks for asking!

Does it matter?

N/A

Love the campus environment. It is nice to take a break from classes and concrete buildings with beautiful flowers, trees, grass space. One of my favorite things about NKU is the outdoor environment. Also, seeing an email from President Mearns in my inbox is cool— it makes me feel connected and like an important member of
Other Suggestions, Comments, or Notes:

Only suggestion is to improve diversity within the campus. Both among students and faculty. Not only from a basic demographic level, but also diversity in experiences. I enjoy learning from those who have different perspectives and experiences. Please make strides to improve this.

Go Norse!

NKU needs high-quality instructors that can deliver outstanding students to the workforce. NKU needs to invest in paying faculty and staff competitive wages and provide merit increases so that these high quality associates want to stay and invest in NKU.

I just ask that if you should choose to implement any of my ideas, please notify me. I don't want money or anything like that, I just want that personal sense of accomplishment that i did something to make a difference.

Doing well in many areas

I believe that professors and the university as a whole have an assumption that the standard student is a student that doesn't work or if they work, work very little. I can say that I know of very, very few students that attend NKU that don't have a job working 25+ hours a week. This assumption makes classes and life more stressful and makes it difficult to maintain good grades. If unnecessary content was cut and students could focus on real world "job like" assignments and not midterms and finals, students would be more successful. / / PACE programs are for people working and over 24...? So students that work and are under 24 are out of luck? How does this make any sense? Offer more night classes between 4:30 and 9 without the PACE requirements! / /

I think greek life has become a huge part of NKU and you should utilize those leaders to bring in those students who aren't as involved to be a part of something bigger

The course evaluations that students are mandated to fill out is my biggest pet peeve here at NKU. / / 1. The professors and deans of the colleges need to take the evaluations seriously. I have had really wonderful professors and two extremely awful ones. All of the following issues were addressed in my course evaluations but were never taken seriously. / / A. The one awful professor <> told me that she quote, "thanked god that I was not a <> major because I am not cut out for that career." She also said something along the lines of "Your <> abilities are intermediate, at best." Need I remind whoever is reading this, that she said this at the end of the semester of an "Intermediate " level course. No wonder I'm at an intermediate level. I'm in an intermediate class! Anyway, her rude and condescending behavior actually affected my confidence that I actually dropped my minor. / / B. The other awful professor was <>, who taught me <>. She would make extremely verbally racial comments towards the Saudi Arabian students and make condescending comments towards any student who was not understanding what she was talking about. It was really tough being in that class and I addressed specific phrases that she used in the course evaluations and nothing was ever done about it. / / 2. The course evaluations are due by finals week so they do not include the final exam on the evaluation. In my opinion, this is not okay because: / / A. The final exam is part of my grade and class so I want my evaluation to be reflective of EVERY aspect of my experience in the class. / / B. I am trying to cram for my exams while spending hours, yes, hours, on my evaluations. Trying to balance those responsibilities is extremely overwhelming. It would be beneficial if students were given until 11:59 pm on Sunday night (AFTER) the Friday of Finals week to submit their evaluations. / / Moral of my biggest pet peeve/complaint: Take the course evaluations more seriously because if you are going to make students take time out of their day to do them, then someone else should take time out of his/her day to read through them carefully and accurately. / / I truly love NKU more than anyone else I have ever met. If we continue to value students' opinions, NKU will continue to grow and improve, which Why is Callahan becoming the Greek living quarters? Is the new housing building going to be Greek too? I hope not. You know, there are A LOT more students on this campus who are NOT Greek than there are in a frat. or

The printers, staplers and computers all rarely work at the same time in the Law Library.

Events could be broadcast for distance learners to participate.
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Other Suggestions, Comments, or Notes:

I apologize for telling some people/aspects off on here, but this, though bluntly said, is what I feel needs to be said. I'm a freshman and I'm sick of everyone thinking about being informal towards us and that we should all focus on parties and sororities, these are second to education, though I feel to my crowd it is presented as a first-hand focus. As I told someone during my first semester, "I'm here to learn, not make friends. If I do, that's a bonus." Also, though I have not been here long, I am observant enough to know when my needs are not being met and I'd like the disabilities office to do more than they are doing now, hence Opportunity U. Please consider it, I feel very passionate about it and I truly do want to improve the school and make it more efficient.

N/A

HEALTH PROFESSIONS EXAMINATION BY NKU

Have visitor parking for those who have guests coming to campus especially visiting people in the dorms.

No comment.

I think the biggest thing is to have more communication between departments and classes that are required for students. I think the best semester that I have had from NKU so far is the semester I am currently in. The teachers for the core content of special education not only got together and supplied a universal calendar with all the class dates and assignments, but they talk to each other about the students in their classes and they know what each other is teaching. They work as a team and the assignments work off of each other and support the learning going on in the classroom. What one teacher is teaching, another teacher is building on that same concept and is taught more in depth than any other semester I have had so far.

N/A

I have loved (mostly) every minute of my six years at NKU ... I'm going to miss this place!

I have an idea - stop forcing students to by Cengage books brand new for an access card that NO ONE NEEDS to learn ANYTHING. It's a <> scam and it should be illegal. Mark Twain wrote a lot of books, Thomas Edison did a lot with tungsten, and Thomas Jefferson impregnated a lot of slaves without an online access card that cost $150. The overpriced, unhealthy food, the bookstore shenanigans, the general corporate <> at the expense of students is as predictable as it is shameful. Stop it.

Please please please find more funding for the arts and sciences. Provide more for the students / And not loath in athletics... Put more effort towards flourishing the academics and strengths of why students actually go to

GO Norse

I specifically like the fact that NKU has planted more trees and green areas. Before it was such a "hard" environment. It will pay two-fold as the trees become larger and provide shade and green to our campus. The new plaza is nice, however a tree or two would not have hurt it any. It appears that the campus has lost a parking lot down by the gym area. I would hope that it would be replaced somewhere. At times parking is hairy enough without losing spaces. Phone charging stations... Great idea! One or two more mainstream dining choices would be a good plan. I know we just completed a survey not to long ago but it would be nice to get one I have showed some several prospective students around campus and one thing they comment on is the lack of visual attractiveness of the campus. It would be amazing how much it would help to plant more flowers, trees, and grassy areas. Also any new buildings need to not be concrete! That is a huge turn off for students. Campus attractiveness NEEDS to be an issue that is looked at.

Thanks for the opportunity to voice my opinions on this.

Overall, NKU was a great school to attend. Thank you.
Thank you for a great undergraduate and graduate experience. I can say that my money has not been wasted here and I am proud to be a Norse!

Go Norse!

Some of the dining employees on campus are very rude to a point that when they are working I do not want to go to that dining service.
Other Suggestions, Comments, or Notes:

Nku needs a more centralized structure for advising-counselors. At the moment, each counselor works in their own department and has little communication with other departments. Nku needs public relations people. Like people who just walk around campus asking students questions about their experience. This survey, for example, will be ignored by many students. You would get more results by talking to the students face to face when they are engaged in learning on-campus. There should also be more options for majors to compete with I believe you should use the course evaluations to make a sort of "rate my professor" for each class NKU offers so students know what to expect in regards to teaching styles, teaching ability and also put grade rates for each teacher. (A's to F's) / You employ a great faculty here at NKU, a great management team and above all you all care about the students. While you have a few teachers who need some work, any campus would and I am As I said in earlier comments, please do not look down on the art program. I have witnessed first hand what it can do for students and the results are marvelous. Perhaps display murals across campus and not just sculptures. I love the sculptures on campus, but some can seem hidden or incomplete. Each program should have a chance to shine, not just off campus, or inside our designated buildings, but also outside and around the concrete walls that each student has come to love.

YES-------- EVERYWEEK ON MONDAY AND TUESDAY NIGHT AROUND 430..THE PARKING GARAGE BY MEP SAYS FULL....AND IT IS NOT. YOU CAN LITERALLY SEE A WHOLE FLOOR OF EMPTY SPOTS, YET THERE IS A SIGN OUTSIDE SAYING FULL AND THE FULL LIGHTS ARE LIT UP. MY EMPLOYER PAYS MY PARKING EVERY WEEK SO NKU IS MAKING MONEY AND THIS IS THE CLOSEST GARAGE TO MY CLASSES. PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE IF THIS IS A STAFFING ISSUE GET IT FIXED. I DO NOT UNDERSTAND WHY THERE WOULD BE A GARAGE WITH SEVERAL DOZEN EMPTY SPOTS IN IT WITH A FULL SIGN OUT FRONT.

Thank you for allowing me to voice my opinion, I greatly appreciate it.
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