A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF COVID

A look at our changed reality

The past 13 months have changed our reality at NKU, in higher education, and around the world. Things we previously thought impossible are now a daily reality: remote engagement with students, primarily online learning, and meetings via Zoom. We have learned how to adapt and how to be even more successful in our roles.

We are now confident that we can reach students and engage them in a virtual campus community where they may have missed out on these opportunities in the past. Virtual meetings ensure remote students and nontraditional students have the opportunity to join in extracurricular learning opportunities. Virtual fitness classes have allowed students who would not have attended a live class to maximize their benefit from Campus Recreation. While the past year has been challenging, we have emerged from the crisis with even more tools at our disposal, allowing us to successfully serve our students in our changed reality.
During the summer (May 8 - August 22), Student Affairs offices and services will have some modified hours. Most offices will be open normal hours Monday through Thursday, with remote hours on Fridays. The Student Union, Campus Recreation, and the Health Center will all have modified hours for the summer, as shown below. All offices will be closed on NKU holidays (Memorial Day: May 31; Independence Day: July 4). In addition, the Student Union, Health Center, and Campus Rec will be closed on some additional dates, as listed below. Please plan accordingly.

### Summer Hours & Services

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*Food service will be closed when the Student Union is closed.
**Starbucks will remain open until 3:00p on Orientation Days.

The **Student Union** will be closed on May 14, May 21, May 28, July 2, and July 9, in addition to University holidays.
The **Health Center** will be closed on May 28 and July 2, in addition to University holidays.
The **Campus Recreation** will be closed July 4 for the Independence Day holiday.
The **University** will be closed on Monday, May 31 for Memorial Day and Monday, July 5 for Independence Day.
Summer at Campus Recreation

Campus Recreation is proud to continue engaging students throughout the summer. Not taking classes this summer? No problem! Purchase a Student Summer Membership for $48 and keep coming to the Campus Rec Center all summer. Stop by the membership services desk to purchase your summer membership.

Campus Recreation has a number of ways to engage during the summer, including Norse Fitness classes. Campus Rec will offer a blend of in-person and virtual Norse Fitness classes to suit all tastes. Check out the summer schedule and sign up for a class on the Campus Rec website.

NKU Campus Recreation is also excited to announce that i9 Sports will be offering T-Ball, Flag Football, and Soccer leagues this spring at NKU. All games will take place at the Intramural Field Complex on Northern Kentucky University’s campus. These fields are 100% sports turf, which will be great for the kids and make rainouts and rain delays less likely on game days. Super convenient parking will be available directly adjacent to the Intramural Field Complex. For more information on i9 Sports at Northern Kentucky University this summer, please visit www.i9sports.com. This opportunity to engage with the community is highly valued by our staff and our campus.

NKU Campus Rec will no longer be accepting cash for any transactions starting on May 10, 2021. They will be taking the following payment options: checks, major credit cards, and NKU AllCards. For questions or concerns, please email crcmembershipservices@nku.edu

SAYING GOODBYE
A fond farewell to staff departing Student Affairs

NKU Fraternity & Sorority Life will say farewell to Colin Blouin, Assistant Director for Fraternity & Sorority Life, as his last day with NKU is May 31. Colin will be starting a new adventure in Georgia. We wish him health, happiness, and success in his new role! There will be a farewell Zoom on May 26, 2021 at 1:00p.

The office of African American Student Initiatives would like to wish our AmeriCorps Vista, Jennifer Toyo, much success in her future endeavors as she departs NKU. Jennifer joined NKU as an International student from Ivory Coast, West Africa. She found a home in the NKU R.O.C.K.S. (Responsibility, Opportunity, Community, Knowledge, Success) program as a scholar. Jennifer served two years as an NKU ROCKS mentor while earning her degree in Biological Sciences with a Chemistry minor. We wish Jennifer all the best as she transitions to the University of Cincinnati as a PREP scholar, a post-baccalaureate fellowship training program in biomedical research.

It is with mixed emotions that I share Eden Fischer will leave the Office of LGBTQ Programs and Services in July. Eden has been incredibly involved in numerous efforts over the years to create inclusive spaces for LGBTQA+ folx on NKU’s campus. In July 2020, she joined LGBTQ P&S as a VISTA. Over the course of the last year, Eden improved the Office’s social media presence, helped plan and facilitate numerous events, and was a constant source of grace through a very difficult year. Eden is a talented photographer and creative, and will no doubt continue to use her skills to promote diverse, inclusive communities. Eden, thank you for all you’ve done for LGBTQA+ students, the Office of LGBTQ Programs and Students, and me. We will miss you greatly!
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Upcoming opportunities to grow with Student Affairs

The Student Affairs Professional Development series is off to a resounding start. With exceptional presentations by Dr. Amelia Parnell (Foundations of Student Affairs) and Joetta Browning (Navigate, Introduction and Intermediate skills), the bar has been set high for future presentations.

Student Affairs has additional professional development opportunities scheduled through the end of July 2021. These sessions include:

- **Undergraduate Admissions and Recruitment**, featuring Melissa Gorbandt, Director of Admissions (May 17, 1:00p)
- **Principles of Assessment**, featuring Dr. Jihiye Kwon, Analyst for Co-Curricular Assessment and Research, and Dr. Shawn Rainey, Executive Director of Institutional Research (Jun 2, 1:00p)
- **Registration and Student Schedules**, featuring the NKU Advising Leads (Jun 14, 1:00p)
- **Financial Aid and Student Accounts**, featuring Leah Stewart, Assistant Vice President for Enrollment and Degree Management, and Ashley Jackson, Associate Director for Student Account Services (Jun 28, 1:00p)
- **Web Development and Website Updates**, featuring a panel discussion with Stacey Stith, Director of Web and Digital Strategy, Tim Rieskamp, Manager of Training & Ancillary Products, and Chris Rankin, Training Developer (Jul 12, 1:00p)
- **Social Media Success and Data Analytics**, featuring Lizzie Kibler, Digital and Social Media Specialist (Jul 26, 1:00p)

To join or register for a session, please contact Jamie Field at fieldj1@nku.edu. For additional information, please visit the Student Affairs Professional Development webpage.

Dr. Parnell explored theories specifically related to Student Affairs and helped to draw connections between the co-curricular educational work done in Student Affairs with the curricular work done in Academic Affairs. She further explored the use of data and analytics to track student progress and success, reminding everyone that one of the most important sources of data is conversations with students, maintaining and leveraging the personal connections we make in the course of our work.

A recording of Dr. Parnell’s presentation, along with her slides, can be found on the Student Affairs webpage.
Student Affairs Updates and Events

**Upward Bound**
The Upward Bound summer component will be online from June 14 through June 18. Summer participants will move into University Suites on June 20 and will be on campus through July 16, departing on weekends. They will take five challenging, college preparatory courses, present a research paper publicly, and enjoy some exciting weekly field trips.

**Campus Recreation**
Congratulations to the Norse Bowling Club women's team. The women's team finished third in the country at the National Collegiate Club Championships and ranked 28th in the country. The women's team also won two tournaments this year, including being named the Ohio Bowling Conference Champions.

**Norse Violence Prevention**
The NVP Peer Ambassador application is currently open on the Norse Violence Prevention Presence page. Please visit [this link](#) to apply to be an NVP Peer Ambassador.

**Health, Counseling and Student Wellness**

Are **YOU** ready for Summer 2021?
The semester is coming to an end! Make your summer enjoyable by having a plan to stay safe using these simple recommendations:

- Obtain the **COVID-19 Vaccine**. Use [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) and state or local recommendations for groups, gathering size, social distancing, masking, and travel advice.
- Get **tested for COVID-19** - after any known exposure or if you are having symptoms. Contact NKU’s HCSW office. COVID-19 tests are performed by appointment, Monday through Friday. Call (859) 572-5650 to schedule an appointment.
- If traveling, check the **destination site or the airline** for any COVID-19 restrictions, required testing, or need to show proof of vaccination.
- Wear **Sun Screen** with SPF 15+ or higher. DON'T miss a spot! Apply and reapply after 2 hours. It will allow you to have healthy skin now and for years to come. Top your summer look with a hat and sunglasses to protect your face and eyes from the sun's damaging rays.
- Drink water throughout the day to avoid dehydration. Play it safe and pace yourself with alcohol consumption.
- Wear your seat belt when traveling in a car. Wear a helmet if riding a bicycle or motorcycle.
- Let friends and family know your whereabouts by **checking in** frequently while traveling.

This newsletter was created by David Berland on behalf of NKU Student Affairs. Please direct questions, comments, or updates to berlandd1@nku.edu.