We are excited to welcome our students back to campus this week! The Victorfest committee has been working hard to plan a lot of activities to engage all our students this Fall. All the events can be found on the Victorfest website through this link: https://inside.nku.edu/victorfest.html. If you have questions about events, or if you would like to volunteer, please contact Sarah Aikman (aikmans1@nku.edu) or Britta Gibson (gibsonb9@nku.edu), Victorfest Co-Chairs.
Student Conduct, Rights & Advocacy (SCRA), in partnership and collaboration with University Connect & Persist (UCAP), has developed a series of programs for faculty and staff across the University to help reduce barriers for student services and promote collaboration in support of challenging student circumstances. Led by Dr. Bob Alston, LaNighta Reid, and Toni Perkins, Care.Consult.Connect is a series of conversations to initiate discussions about how student care is coordinated among service aligned offices across the institution, help answer questions, and connect with other faculty and staff to reduce barriers for student support and services.

The series is currently three sessions, each focused on the issues students may be facing at that point in the semester. Each will be offered both live and via Zoom (simulcast), and may shift fully online depending on public health restrictions at the time. More information will be published closer to each session. These sessions are intended to be a collaborative learning experience for all interested faculty and staff.

**Session #1 - Friday, September 10, 2021; 9:00am-10:00am; SU 302**
Re-introducing the 'Gold Folder' and working through how it might be used to support students who demonstrate a care need

**Session #2 - Friday, October 22, 2021; 9:00am-10:00am; UC 135**
Post-midterm conversations with students, mental health support, and supporting student decisions around withdrawal and university processes.

**Session #3 - Friday, November 19, 2021; 9:00am-10:00am; UC 135**
Focus on circumstances for which a student might request an incomplete grade, retroactive late withdrawal, and other associated processes.

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**An Upward Bound Update**

Junior and Senior students from five area high schools spent four weeks in June and July living in University Suites on NKU’s campus and learning about college life. These students will be part of the Upward Bound program until they graduate from high school. After attending classes during the day, evenings gave them an opportunity to be creative in activities planned by our summer RA staff. Thursdays were spent going off campus and seeing historical sites such as Shaker Village and visiting several college campuses to help them make college choices.

At the end of the four weeks, all students participated in a symposium where they gave informative presentations based on a topic they chose and researched. Even those who were intimidated by the thought of public speaking were able to accomplish this goal. At the end of the program, students and their parents or guests attended a banquet and students received awards to honor their accomplishments. We will be continuing our work with these students and with new recruits as schools begin this fall.
FALL HOURS OF OPERATION

Updated Hours for Student Affairs Departments
Student Affairs departments will begin operating on their Fall schedules no later than the first day of classes for the Fall term. To find summer hours, please review updated hours below or on individual department websites. Most offices are open from 8:15am - 4:30pm, Monday through Friday. To view individual departments, please visit the Student Affairs website.

Student Union
- Sunday: 1:00pm - 11:00pm
- Monday - Thursday: 7:30am - 11:00pm
- Friday: 7:30am - 9:00pm
- Saturday: 9:00am - 4:00pm

Student Union website

Campus Recreation Center
- Monday - Thursday: 6:30am - 11:00pm
- Friday: 6:30am - 9:00pm
- Saturday: 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Sunday: 12:00pm - 9:00pm

Campus Recreation website

Health, Counseling, and Student Wellness
- Monday - Friday: 8:30am - 4:30pm
  (last appointment at 4:00pm)
- Saturday: Closed
- Sunday: Closed

HCSW website

Vaccine Clinics
Northern Kentucky University is sponsoring vaccine clinics over the next month to help the community get to 80% vaccination!

Thursday, Aug 19
Norse Commons 140
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Come get your vaccination while you get settled in your residence hall room!

Monday, Aug 23
University Center 204
(across from the bookstore)
11:00am - 1:00pm
Get involved at Victorfest and get your vaccine to protect your new community!

Thursday, Aug 26
Thursday, Sept 2
Thursday, Sept 9
Thursday, Sept 16
Thursday, Sept 23
Thursday, Sept 30
Student Union 323
(in the Center for Student Inclusiveness)
11:30am - 1:00pm
Engage with the staff in CSI and get your vaccine at the same time!

Monday, Aug 30
Student Union Ballroom
11:00am - 2:00pm
Vaccines will be available to all faculty, staff, dependents, and students!

Monday, Sept 20
Student Union Ballroom
10:00am - 1:00pm
Second doses of the vaccine will be available to those who received it during the Aug 30 vaccine event!

Don’t forget to upload your vaccine information into myNKU. You could be eligible to win cash and other prizes. Refer to President Vaidya’s email on August 10 for more information.
Student Affairs at NKU is pleased to welcome a number of new staff to the division. These staff have started over the past month and we are excited for their contributions and support of students.

**African American Student Initiatives**

- Bilal Clemons
  Coordinator of African American Student Initiatives

- Amara Marrero
  AmeriCorps VISTA, LAMP Coordinator

**Campus Recreation Center**

- Ashley Kroell
  Membership Coordinator

**Latino Student Initiatives**

- Scott Patton
  Director of University Housing

- Brittany Jackson
  Associate Director of Residence Life

**University Housing**

- Alex Collins
  Residence Life Coordinator

- Bernadette Sharpe
  Residence Life Coordinator

- Clem Thomas
  Residence Life Coordinator

- Colin Stephein
  Assistant Residence Life Coordinator

- Haley Jacobs
  Assistant Residence Life Coordinator

- Kennedy Drayton
  Assistant Residence Life Coordinator

- Patrick Warf
  Assistant Residence Life Coordinator

- Lauren Goodwin
  Graduate Assistant for Housing Operations

- Webster Ruiter
  Graduate Assistant for Housing Operations
GETTING INVOLVED WITH STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

Promoting two initiatives to increase student engagement

Leader’s Link is back! If departments have anything that you would like for our students to know, make sure to submit it to Leader’s Link no later than Thursday at 12:00 PM each week. Submissions received after that time are not guaranteed to be in that week’s issue. Submissions can be emailed to Emily Sagraves at sagravese1@nku.edu. Please be sure to include any graphic you would like to be displayed, a brief description of what you are promoting, and any contact information you want to include. Let Emily know if you have any questions!

The Center for Student Engagement has developed a new student involvement incentive program: Victor E. Coins! Students will earn Coins by going to events, getting involved, and building community at NKU. They can then cash those coins in for prizes and experiences! CSE needs YOUR help promoting this program and encouraging student participation by making sure that any events that your department is hosting are on the Presence Calendar. If you have questions about Victor E. Coins, Presence, or programming, please contact Emily Sagraves at sagravese1@nku.edu.

UCAP Textbook Lending at Steely Library

As we return to a Reimagined U this fall semester, we wanted to share some exciting news regarding our reimagined UCAP Lending Library.

The UCAP Lending Library is now permanently housed at Steely Library and will be referred to as:

**UCAP Textbook Lending at Steely Library**

Students will have access to a wide range of textbooks during Steely Library’s regular business hours.

NEW this year-- there is no limit on the number of texts a student may borrow. First come, first served. As always, students are invited to meet with UCAP staff for an academic and financial wellness check at any time. UCAP staff will be available in Steely Library for several hours a day the first two weeks of the semester.

To see if a textbook is in circulation, [click here](#)
To make an appointment with UCAP staff, [click here](#)
New Year, New You, New University Housing

This summer University Housing has been hustling to create an amazing experience where you belong! With 11 new professional staff and over 40 new student staff members we have hit the ground running to bring fresh and innovative ideas to the community. Our returning staff have been undertaking a few monumental projects this summer including seeing the completion of a brand new residence hall, overseeing renovations to Norse Hall, and making plans to say goodbye to the Woodcrest community.

With all of the changes, our team is excited to meet you, hear about your experiences, and invest in your future. Look for Scott Patton, the new Director of University Housing, as he will be seeking opportunities to listen to your feedback and find ways to help enhance your experience at NKU.

Vax Up!

The University strongly encourages all faculty, staff, and students to be vaccinated. On move-in day, Thursday, August 19 there will be a vaccination clinic in Boothe Residential Village from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM. Face coverings are required in all Northern Kentucky University facilities. University Housing will provide reusable masks and a personal bottle of hand sanitizer for all resident students in their rooms; while also providing disposable masks for anyone who needs one at the time of check in or at the front desks of each community.

Now Hiring Desk and Mail Assistants for Fall!

University Housing is one of the largest employers of students on campus, with over 100 student staff members during the academic year. Desk and mail assistants work in the residence hall and are responsible for providing customer service to residents and guests at our communities’ desks. In addition, students in this position assist professional staff members with administrative tasks and serve as a resource of information for residents and guests. This student position is also responsible for distributing mail and packages for the community, as well as managing keys in accordance with University Housing policies and procedures. Shifts work around your schedule, and desk and mail assistants gain valuable customer service skills. Apply now!

 Volunteer for Move-in!

Move in is an annual event featuring more than 100 volunteers who help to welcome students to Northern Kentucky University. Each volunteer has a particular role: working in the parking lots, directing students and their families to the right locations for check-in and move in, helping with sustainability efforts, handing out water, and other duties that help to make the move-in process as smooth as possible.

Volunteers are the largest part of the move-in process, other than the new students and their families! For participating, volunteers can move in early, receive a free t-shirt, and enjoy a free lunch on the day they volunteer. For more information, reach out to Brittany Jackson, Associate Director for Residence Life at jacksonb14@nku.edu.

Contact University Housing

(859) 572-5676
housing@nku.edu
https://housing.nku.edu/
Welcome Ashley
Ashley Kroell is the new Membership Coordinator for the Department of Campus Recreation. She received her Bachelors’ degree from Northern Kentucky University in 2020 with a degree in Exercise Science. Ashley is no stranger to Campus Recreation at NKU, as she worked there as a student for two years. In her spare time, Ashley is a volleyball coach for Norwood High School and a club volleyball coach for Greater Cincinnati Volleyball Club. Ashley has a passion for student development and is very excited to be starting her professional career at NKU!

Intramural Sports are Back!
We’ve all had our share of stress, so make sure to take time to have fun and get involved! Grab some colleagues and sign up for Intramural Sports!

Upcoming Sports Deadlines
Flag Football Preseason Tournament (Aug. 31)
Sand Volleyball (Sept. 1)
Flag Football (Sept. 7)
3v3 Soccer (Sept. 7)
3v3 Basketball (Sept. 7)
Casual Game Night (Sept. 14)
Register your team or yourself as a Free Agent on IMLeagues.

Personal Training Sale
Ready to Build a Better You?
Now is the time! Get 10% off all personal training packages from August 23 - September 30 with the promo code BUILDABETTERYOU#PT. Purchase your package online or at the Membership Services Desk in the Campus Rec Center.

FUEL NKU
Save the Date!
FUEL NKU has set the date for their FUEL NKU Thanksgiving event on Monday, November 22, 2021 from 5:00p-9:00p in the SU Ballroom. Look for more information soon!

African American Student Initiatives
African American Student Initiatives is excited for the Fall term. They have spent the summer planning and preparing for the R.O.C.K.S. cohort arrival.

Led by Greg Moore, new Interim Assistant Director for African American Student Initiatives, the office is excited to engage with students who want to stop by the office, connect with us on social media, and who reach out via email.

African American Student Initiatives will be partnering with the Center for Student Inclusiveness to plan a CSI Day Party on Wednesday, August 25, 2021 at 3:00pm in the Amphitheater. We hope that you will join us for games, prizes, music, and a showcase of various performances.

African American Student Initiatives is also excited to welcome Bilal Clemons to the office. Bilal has previously worked for Thomas More University, Chatfield College, and (most recently) Gateway Community and Technical College. We are excited for everything he will bring to our students on campus.

Norse Violence Prevention
Open Houses
Norse Violence Prevention will be having two open houses during the first two weeks of classes. Come to the Albright Health Center, Room 246 to meet the NVP team and student ambassadors and enjoy free cookies!

Open House Dates
Wednesday, August 25, 2021
12:00pm - 3:00pm
Tuesday, August 31, 2021
12:00pm - 3:00pm

For more information about Norse Violence Prevention, please visit their website (https://inside.nku.edu/nvp.html)