

COMMUNITY LEARNING

NKU embraces its role as a home for community learning, whether that involves P-12 students or adults seeking lifelong learning. The Office of Community Connections supports this programming.

Continuing Education: Non-credit courses are offered for personal enrichment, professional development, and continuing education. The classes are offered in NKU classrooms, onsite at area businesses, and in online formats. Fifty such classes are offered in a typical year, with 330 enrollees (youth and adults).

Areas covered include test preparation, world languages, youth academic enrichment, professional workforce training, business certificates, and completion of CEUs. A sample of the specific classes includes: accounting fundamentals; business software; Spanish; sign language; Adobe; and cybersecurity.

P-12 Programming: Annually, over 10,000 area elementary and middle school students are introduced to NKU and college life through Community Connections programs, including:

- **NorseExplore:** This tailored campus visitation program consists of interactive presentations on preparing for college, a campus tour, and an NKU classroom experience with faculty, staff, and student leaders.
- **ArtReach:** Presented in partnership with the School of the Arts, these performances draw about 500 students who are provided with arts education at each performance. ArtReach is offered several times each spring and fall semester.
- **Other:** Spirit Day (for elementary and middle school students in the six southern-lying counties of Northern Kentucky) and Scout Days (for Boys Scouts and Girls Scouts) also bring P-12 students to the NKU campus.



DREAMFEST

DreamFest, as the photo above illustrates, is a high-energy daylong program on campus with classes for gifted, middle-school children. It attracts about 800 students from Northern Kentucky's public and private schools. The idea is to intellectually challenge the region's best and brightest, and to introduce them to NKU.

GOVERNOR'S SCHOLARS

The Governor's Scholars Program started in 1983 to help create the next generation of civic and economic leaders. NKU welcomed this important state program to campus last summer. The five-week, residential program brought 360 high-achieving Kentucky high school students to campus. They attended classes and seminars and also visited community museums and institutions. NKU will host the program through 2018.

DUAL CREDIT

NKU's School-Based Scholar Program allows high school students to take courses and receive both high school and college credit. Some of the classes are taught at local high schools, others are offered on the NKU home campus, the NKU Grant County Center, or online. This is a rapidly expanding program with 1,100 students participating this academic year and 25 Northern Kentucky high schools involved. NKU's Mayerson Student Philanthropy Program is integrated into some dual credit courses.

