



Retro Revival

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Welcome Back Norse Nation!

Welcome/welcome back! We are so excited to see all your new and returning faces - we hope to see more of you over the course of the year at all of our exciting events! We have so much fun in store this semester, so make sure to keep up with us on our Instagram page!

Important Dates & Reminders

August 25: Last day to drop with a 100% tuition reimbursement, Last day to add a course - must register for the Installment Plan by this date to avoid being dropped.

Come see us!

We're so excited to welcome you into the Fall 2025 semester! Whether you're a returning student or brand new to NKU, the Care Closet is here to support you with all your clothing needs.

This summer, our team worked hard to restock and refresh our space. You'll find updated clothing sections, new signage, as well as new jewelry, accessories, and shoes.

🕒 **Fall Hours:** We are generally open 10am-4pm; however, while our student leaders get settled into the new semester, we may have some unexpected closures. If the CC is not open, you can stop by UC 120 and ask for Rys or Caitlin.

No appointments needed—just drop in! We're here to help you feel confident, comfortable, and ready to succeed.

Upcoming Care Closet @ NKU Events

Calling all FIRST YEAR STUDENTS!!!

Join us at RSOs on the Plaza and show your Norse Pride! Grab one FREE item of NKU Swag from our table and #NorseUp with some gold and black!

August 21 | 11-1 | Student Union Plaza



Join Our Team! But First, Meet Our Returning Students Specialists and Professional Staff

The Care Closet @ NKU is hiring student specialists! To apply, go to the NKU jobs page! Now, meet our returning staff to see the friendly faces ready to help you tackle all your style needs this year!

Caitlin Drouillard Ahlrichs (they/she)

Program Coordinator

Caitlin Drouillard-Ahlrichs (she/they) is a Program Coordinator with University Connect and Persist & the [Care Closet @ NKU](#). They are also pursuing their second master's degree in Social Work, graduating Spring of 2026!

In their downtime, Caitlin loves to visit local shops, read thrillers and murder mysteries, attend art and craft fairs, host game nights with chosen family, and listen to Tegan & Sara, boygenius, or Chappell Roan on repeat. They enjoy discussing dinosaurs and weird facts with their daughter, Rory, bingeing their favorite tv shows with their sibling, Rae, & sibling-in-law, Rys, caring for their many (many) plants & cat, Ood, getting lost in the My Favorite Murder podcast, and finding as much time as possible to hang out with her bestie/wife, Joelle.



Rys Grace (they/them)

Assistant Coordinator, Kentucky College Coach

Rys is the Assistant Coordinator at the Care Closet @ NKU, in their second year with AmeriCorps as a Kentucky College Coach!

In their downtime they enjoy game nights with their family and friends, reading, and listening to Lizzy McAlpine, Sasha Allen, Chappell Roan, and boygenius.

Amrutha Rao (she/her)

Front of House Lead

Amrutha Rao (she/her) is the Front of House Lead at the [Care Closet @ NKU](#). She is pursuing her bachelor's degree in Data Science, graduating Spring of 2026!

In her free time, Amrutha loves getting lost in a good book, diving into the next binge-worthy TV show, or unwinding in the kitchen with a new baking project. Her playlists are on constant rotation with Ariana Grande, Jessie Reyez, and Joy Crookes. Whether she's curled up with a new novel or rewatching a favorite series, she's drawn to stories that leave a lasting impression.



Natelie Smith (it/she)

Back of House Lead

Natelie is the Back of House Lead at the Care Closet @NKU. She is a Social Work major with a minor in Religious Studies and is an active executive board member of The Gender Initiative, Common Ground, and QPLUS, all RSOs which support the queer community on and around campus.

Natelie is a dedicated student interested in supporting those around her, and when not busy with class, work, or student orgs, is likely playing video games, spending too much money on figurines and snacks, or doing graphic design projects.

Caprice Mellinger (she/her)

Front of House Specialist

Caprice is a Front of House Specialist at the Care Closet @ NKU. She is a second year communications major working towards a BA with a minor in Theater set to graduate in the spring of 2028!

In her down time, Caprice loves listening to music by artist such as Noah Kahan, Alec Benjamin, Sabrina Carpenter, and many more. She also enjoys going to the Cincinnati art museum and the Newport Aquarium, hanging out with friends and her sister, Adriana, who also works at the care closet, sewing, and photography!



Marrisa Watson (she/her)

Front of House Specialist

Marrisa is a sophomore psychology student with a minor in criminology and honors. She is also a part of the National Leadership Society and a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.

In her downtime, she loves to watch anime and forensic files with her two cats and try new things! She's also a big fan of Pokémon, Red Redemption, and Red Bull.

Adriana Mellinger (she/her)

Back of House Specialist

Adriana Mellinger is a current sophomore pursuing her BFA degree at NKU's SOTA!

She's the oldest of five siblings and grew up moving around a lot, but a couple years ago her family settled in Kentucky. Some of her favorite things to do are watch movies with family and friends, listen to music, and draw whenever she can! In the Care Closet, she specializes in back-of-house, which means she handles a lot of checking in new inventory, prepping pieces to go on the floor, and preparing for events. The back room is where she spends most of her time, but when needed, she's also up front organizing racks and checking visitors out at the front desk!



Back-to-Class Style on a Budget

Look good. Feel good. Spend nothing.

The new school year is here, and whether you're walking into your first college class, joining a student org, or landing your first campus job, your look should match your style. At the Care Closet @ NKU, we're here to help you show up with confidence, without breaking your budget.

We believe fashion should be accessible, expressive, and empowering. Everything in the Care Closet is free for students, and fit to meet your academic, professional, and personal style needs.

What You'll Find This Fall:

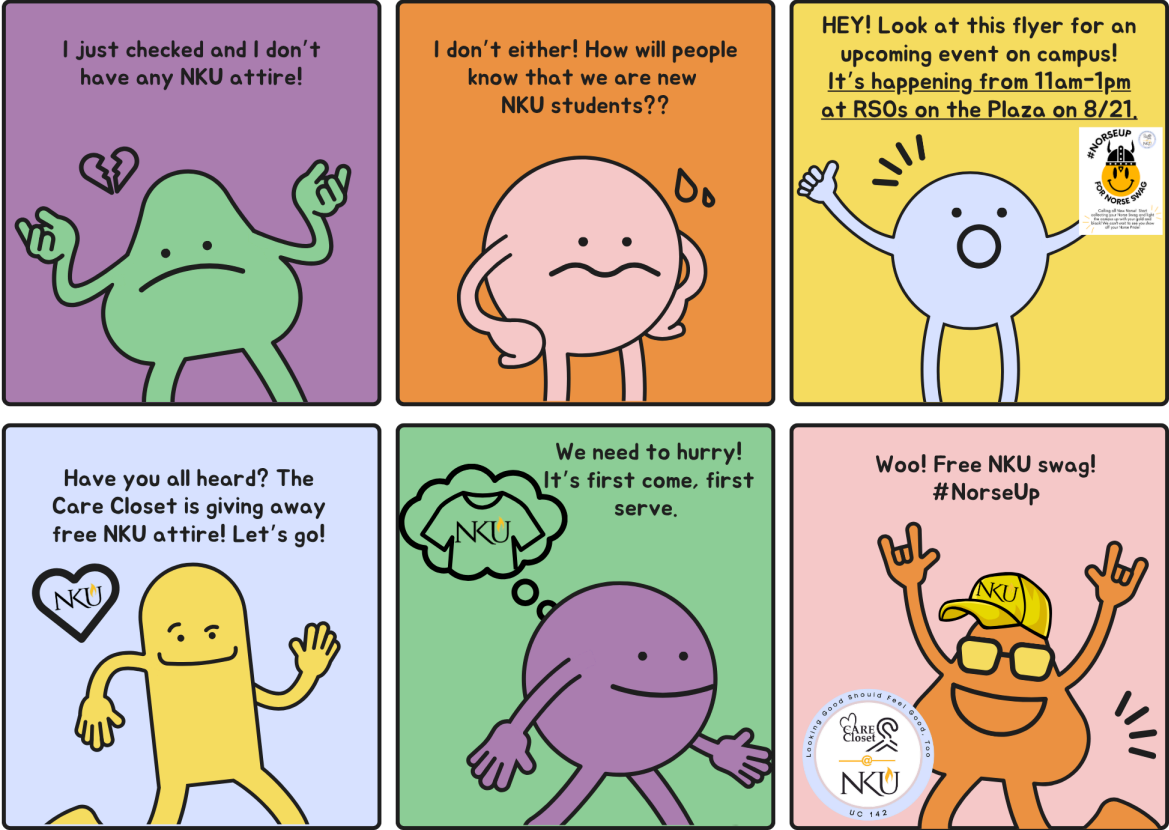
- **Light layers** that can handle chilly lecture halls and warm walks across campus
- **Shoes** that are stylish and sensible—great for a day packed with classes, events, and coffee runs
- **Professional staples** perfect for internships, class presentations, networking events, or career fairs
- **Backpacks, bags, and more** to complete your look and keep you organized

Style Help? We've Got You.

Not sure how to style a blazer or pick a first-day fit? No worries. Our student team leads are fashion-friendly and love helping you put together outfits that make you feel powerful, professional, and uniquely you. Whether you're exploring a new aesthetic or building a capsule wardrobe on a budget, we're here for it.

Stop by, try on, mix & match. Let's find the look that moves *with* —not against— your wallet.

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