Breaking Boundaries

WINTER SATURDAY MEETINGS

Our winter Saturday meetings will be January 16 and February 13. We will probably need to again zoom online for January, but we hope to meet on campus for the February 13 meeting.

**We'll send out the Zoom meeting information around January 11 for the January 16, but we'll plan for 9:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. for everyone.

**We'll keep students updated about February 13.

RESULTS OF THE DECEMBER 5 MEETING

Those that attended the December 5 meeting were very enthusiastic. We had a number of competitions and here are the winners: **Josh Brummett** for most spirited Holiday Outfit; **Landen Tomlin** for the Holiday Trivia Bowl; **Aubrey Bram** for the Christmas Fun. Thanks to Savannah for putting together the Kahoot graphics for the 41 question Trivia contest, Judy for adapting various brainteaser activities for the Fun activity, and to Levi for judging the Outfits. We ended with a couple of group singalongs.

FOR THE NEW YEAR

None of us like New Year's Resolutions, so let's think of the following as Considerations:

*COVID has made 2020 a year unlike any other. However, that is an explanation, not an excuse for habits many may have formed, but need to break;

*Buy a Planner or use your Phone for writing down Classes and Meetings;

*Attend your Classes and Meetings On Time—College faculty and employers won't give you tardies, they drop you or fire you;

*We know many families are facing tough financial times and many students are working to help out. That's courageous and admirable. However, Education goes further in the long run for more money than a part-time+ job now;

*Stay Connected—students may not be able to see friends and teachers right now, but they can Text, Call, or meet Online.

Upward Bound Staff

- Eric Brose, Director

  859.448-8931

  brosee@nku.edu

- Judy Welsh

  Academic Adviser

  859.448-8932

  welsh@nku.edu

- Brenda Rigg

  Admin. Secretary

  859.448-8930

  riggb@nku.edu

SANTAS, SANTAS, SANTAS

During our Christmas Trivia Zoom meeting, one question dealt with Black Peter who is part of the Christmas tradition in the Netherlands. But did you know that there are other Santas as part of the U.S. tradition and that not all "Santas" look like our traditional jolly old elf.

Nast Santa: This is the way we picture Santa. This depiction is the creation of Thomas Nast who was a political cartoonist during the Civil War. This image first appeared on January 3, 1863 and was used as propaganda during the war. For more than thirty years, Nast drew various versions of Santa.

Coca Cola Santa: This version was created in 1931. It was drawn for the Coca Cola company's Christmas advertisements. Until that time Coke had been thought of as a summer drink and the ads wanted people to see that it could be a good winter drink.

Russian: Ded Moroz (Old Man Frost or Grandfather Frost) brings presents on New Year's Eve. He carries a staff and has a long white beard and wears a blue coat. He travels with his granddaughter who is called the Snow Maiden.

Pictured Santas are a few of Judy's collection.

SENIOR TO DO LIST

It's break time! While you're free from classes, use some of this time to be sure you've done what needs to be done for college admission.

1. I'm sure you've checked email for your FAFSA Student Aid Report but in case you haven't, please do that now.

2. Apply to NKU and any other college to which you intend to apply. If you've chosen a college and have been accepted, set up your email account at that school. Any information sent to you by that college will come to your student account.

3. Request a tax transcript if you haven't done so. You'll need one for your parents and you (if you filed) and you can't use your tax form or the printout from a tax preparer. You can call and request this at 1-800-908-9946.

4. Check scholarship, housing, and any other deadlines. Also, check to see if applications for scholarships need to be submitted separately from your initial application.