

Breaking Boundaries

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SUMMER ORIENTATION – MEET EVERYONE MAY 15

Summer participants (10th graders and some 11th graders) and their parents or guardians will meet May 15 in Landrum 110 at 9:30 a.m. The meeting will end at 11:30 a.m. Please complete and bring the summer forms that were sent out in April. Students who didn't receive them need to call us. This will be a chance to find out more about the summer and meet the summer faculty and the summer residential staff. We are looking forward to some wonderful field trips as well as living on campus.

SUMMER STAFF:

Faculty

Many of our faculty members are returning this summer and many students and alumni have remarked in the past about how much they learned in six weeks that more fully prepared them for college:

Sra. Ana Carr will teach Spanish examining different cultures and backgrounds.

Mrs. Tracey O'Keefe will teach Science focusing on Physics and Chemistry.

Miss Nicole Jones will teach Math at a variety of levels examining Trigonometry as well as preparing students for the ACT.

Dr. Michele Peers will teach both Research Writing and Presentation Techniques as well as Literature with an emphasis on character and mythology.

Summer Residential Staff: *Our residential staff members this summer are NKU students and they bring residential, education, retail, and Upward Bound experience with them:*

*Levi Pertuset returns for his third summer. He will be the Residence Hall Coordinator. Levi has volunteered with high school youth and worked in the NKU Library and as a substitute teacher. He graduates NKU in May;

*Savannah Corwin returns for her third summer. She has been very involved in campus activities while at NKU as a Victor Guide and on the Bowling team. Savannah graduated from Simon Kenton and was an Upward Bound Bridge Scholar. She graduates NKU in May;

*Aniya Arnold joins Upward Bound this summer. She has been active at NKU with the Center for Student Inclusiveness as well As Student Support Services. She is a senior at NKU.

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APRIL 17 WAS AN EYE-OPENER

April 17 was a special day with the Cincinnati Circus visiting. Students were treated to a magic show with a lesson in balancing everything in their lives. They then learned to juggle.



Great job, Jayden.



Landen and Diana keep them going.



Lacey and Caroline bond over juggling.



Balancing a chair was thrilling for us to watch.



We've been following Senior Sarah Lawrence's art career this year. She recently won a Silver Award in the National Scholastic art contest. She also won best in show at the Cincinnati Art Institute. Congratulations!

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



William Stickley, a junior at Gallatin County High School, would like to be thought of as calm, kind, and friendly. We hope to see more of him and these qualities in all our students when we are able to meet in person during the next school year. William says:

If I had an extra \$50 I'd . . . buy some food.

I can often be seen wearing . . . jeans and a plain black t-shirt.

I've often been known to consume large quantities of . . . Sprite.

My friends enjoy me because of . . . my dry sense of humor.

Once people get to know me they're probably surprised to find I'm . . . not afraid to talk.

I'd rather be . . . tired than . . . asleep.

I'm disappointed when . . . people talk badly about others behind their back.

I feel I've really accomplished something when . . . I can see the outcome of it later down the line.



SENIORS—Return Information to Colleges

Seniors, please remember that if the college or university you plan to attend has asked for "Income Verification" forms, you need to complete them, sign them, and send them back as soon as possible to secure your Financial Aid package. Also, Housing forms and deposits need to be returned as soon as possible if you plan to live on campus.

JUNIORS—Thinking about a top 50 College?

If you're a junior considering a top 50 College (Harvard, Stanford, New York University, etc.) then check out Questbridge.org online. Students apply this summer and if selected, their names will be forwarded to top colleges and universities. It's competitive because it's a full scholarship. One of our alumni is attending Columbia and one is attending Vassar because of it.



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THINKING ABOUT COLLEGE CHOICE

Juniors, sophomores (and some seniors) are thinking about the right college for their future. Choosing the right college for you can mean the difference between completing your degree in a timely manner, transferring to another institution, or stopping/dropping out. Take time to consider what you really want and ask for advice if you're uncertain. First be honest about what you want and what you're looking for in a school:

*Are your career goals better served by a 2 year or 4 year institution? You can always do the 2+2 Program by finishing at Gateway and going onto NKU. Make certain your 2 year college credits will transfer to your 4 year institution by contacting Academic Advising at the 4 year.

*How much does it cost? Education is an investment for yourself and for society. A good college is one where you can get the best education without going deeply into debt. UK, U of L, NKU, and other schools are offering scholarships for qualified Pell recipients to make up the difference between what a family can afford and is expected to pay. As a senior, read your Financial Aid Package carefully because some schools will offer you more money than you might assume.

*Do you want to stay close to home or go far away? Students get homesick and miss boy or girlfriends. That's a given. Going away can open up a world of opportunities and new friendships. It can also be more expensive because of transportation and room and board costs and you may want to keep working the job you already have.

What is the size of the school? Can you get the classes you want when you need to take them? What is the retention rate (the percentage of students who graduate in four years) at the school? If you decide on a big school, make sure to join a club or live on campus the first year so that you make a group of friends.

*Will you be accepted? Have a choice of 3–5 schools so that if you aren't accepted to your top choice, or don't like how much money they offer you, there is a back-up. If your test scores and grades are not in the range of your dream school, look around at others.