**OCTOBER 2: PLEASE READ CAREFULLY AS THERE ARE DIFFERENT INSTRUCTIONS BY GRADE IN SCHOOL**

**SENIORS:** We meet at 9:30 a.m. in Founders Hall*, room 284 to explain financial aid and to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid for the 2022-2023 Academic Year (Freshman year) and also for Summer 2022 if you want to take a class. Please bring a parent or guardian with you. If you or your parent filed 2020 taxes or 2019 taxes, please bring a copy. It’s fine if you don’t file taxes. Seniors and their parents will leave after they’ve completed the FAFSA,

*Founders Hall is a concrete building to the right of Landrum. We will have Upward Bound signs and staff to direct seniors.

**10th & 11th Graders:** You’ll meet at noon at the lounge next to Norse Commons, where we usually eat lunch. Look for Emily & Jalyn, our Saturday assistants, whom many of you met at the September 11th meeting. We will complete a number of fun activities in the afternoon. The meeting will end at 3 p.m. Please confirm that your parents will pick you up at 3 p.m. because Judy and Eric wait until the last student gets a ride.

Students who are driving and parking: Ask for a Parking Pass if you didn’t attend on September 11 and place on your dashboard. Parking and pick-up are in Lot E (the lot between Norse Commons and The Baptist Student Center).

**SEPTEMBER 11—IT WAS QUITE A DAY!**

It was a day of sunshine marking the 20th anniversary of the 9/11 terrorist attacks. The staff was glad to see the number of students who attended. It was good to reconnect with the seniors and juniors who attended the summer component as well as seniors who’ve been active the past two years. We were fortunate that all of the sophomores attended the meeting as well.

Students met Jalyn Collier and Emily Ferry, our Saturday assistants this year, who both participated in Upward Bound and graduated high school in 2018. They are currently seniors at NKU. Students learned a little more about each other during the day. They went to the Museum Center, saw the Omnimax movie “The Spirit Bear,” and were enthralled by the Natural History Museum’s many attractions.
We found out the following about the students in September . . .

The majority sends over 100 texts daily.
One-third of them have a part-time job.
Most have visited three to six states.
They’re most interested in joining a school sport and volleyball was most popular.
Their favorite subject is math and their favorite snack is fruit.
In each month’s newsletter, we have an opportunity to learn more about one of our students. We'll vary the grade level and the high school. Perhaps you'll discover someone from another high school has interests similar to yours and you can talk about your common interest at the next Saturday meeting. For example, this month we “spotlight” Ruby Napier, who is a sophomore at Lloyd Memorial High School, and we find that one thing we might be surprised to learn is that Ruby is a bird owner who has 5 parrots. Maybe some of you share this interest and you can learn if Ruby’s parrots talk and what they might say. Other information Ruby shared is:

I wish I could . . . go to college for free.
I’m disappointed when . . . I get a bad grade on a test.
A quality that I admire in others is . . . kindness, and if they are funny.
A career you are considering . . . pediatric nurse.

At this point which college or university would you like to attend . . . 2 years at Gateway and 2 years at NKU.
What do you expect to be your most enjoyable class this year . . . anatomy.
What do you expect to be your most difficult class this year . . . anatomy.

Other information Ruby shared is:

NKU BLACK & GOLD DAYS—FIND OUT MORE
There are some college fairs coming up for seniors and interested juniors. NKU will host Black & Gold Day Open House events on Saturday, October 9, Saturday, November 6, and Monday, December 6.
The event begins at 9 a.m. in the Student Union Ballroom (next to the Game Room and where we had the banquet this summer), followed by a campus tour, and Academic and Student Services Browsing Fair. It ends at 12:45 p.m.
To attend, go to visit.nku.edu, then the picture that reads open house visits.
THINKING CORNER

We hope you’ll be inspired to spend a few minutes thinking hard to solve a mystery riddle. When you’ve determined the answer, call our office at 859-448-8930 and leave a message with your name, the answer that you believe is correct, and the date and time of your call. Hope you have great detecting skills. We’ll do a different mystery each month.

An unidentified man in a local town kidnaps people and demands that they take one of two pills that he offers. The pills look identical but the killer claims that only one is poisonous. When the victim chooses a pill, the killer takes the remaining one. The victims always die after swallowing the tablet with water. How does the killer manage to get the safe pill every time?