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I hope that you find the information provided within the newsletter useful. If you have a question, please feel free to email me at [smarino@ku.edu](mailto:smarino@ku.edu) or by phone at 785-864-0178.

## KU Tuition and fee bill date change By Karen Bailey, Assistant Comptroller

Effective with the fall 2013 semester, the tuition and fee bill due date will move from August 15 to September 15. For spring, the due date will move from January 15 to February 15. These changes in the due date have been made to accommodate changes to the start date of the academic semester. This change also allows more time to complete financial aid steps and change course load as needed.

To avoid late payment fees, please have your KU bill paid by September 15. You can pay online by eCheck - it's FREE and convenient. You can also pay by credit card with MasterCard, Discover or American Express. A 2.25% technology fee will apply to all credit card transactions.

No other dates are changing. Financial aid will transfer to student accounts prior to the start of classes so that any excess aid will be available to students for book purchases or other needs. All students are REQUIRED by University policy to setup direct deposit for any refunds. Information regarding the setup of direct deposit can be found at: [http://www.bursar.ku.edu/refunds/direct\\_deposit.aspx](http://www.bursar.ku.edu/refunds/direct_deposit.aspx)

## Academic Advising at KU

### UAC Professional development By Randall Brumfield, Director, Undergraduate Advising Center

One defining hallmark of a leading organization is the ability of its team to share innovative ideas and best practices with 'industry' peers. At the Kansas Academic Advising Network annual meeting held September 6th in McPherson (KS), the Undergraduate Advising Center led the way in conference presentations with four sessions conducted by UAC staff. Subjects ranged from the facilitation of effective student-parent relationships in academic advising, to providing meaningful feedback strategies for students struggling in academic coursework. In addition, sessions were shared involving the creation of effective goal-setting strategies for students, as well as an overview presented on the theoretical applications associated non-cognitive student learning such as time management. Dr. Greta Perel, Jamie Kratky, Patti Wakolee, and Carsten Holm are among a team of dedicated staff members in the UAC who not only advise students, but who also contribute to leadership efforts in the practice of academic advising through professional development. It is commitment such as this the UAC draws on to not only offer exceptional service to students at the University of Kansas, but to help shape the hallmarks of academic advising with our partners in higher education.

## Announcements:

### For your student:

Have you decided on a major yet? Have you officially declared it? If not, join us for the Undergraduate Advising Center annual KU Majors Fair!

KU MAJORS FAIR

*KU's GOT YOUR MAJOR even if you don't know what it is yet.*

Monday, September 16th

11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> floor, Kansas Union

*Find a Major*

*Change Your Major*

*Add a Minor*

*Discover what you can do with your major*

The Majors Fair is a campus-wide program designed to encourage undergraduates, especially freshmen and sophomores, to explore and choose appropriate academic majors. It features faculty, staff, and students from all majors and schools who will share information about their departments with students in a fair-like setting.

We hope to see you at the KU Majors Fair!

### KU Pre-Nursing Club Info

The KU Pre-Nursing Club is holding a Nursing School Fair on Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1-5 in the Jayhawk Room, Kansas Union.

## Academic Achievement and Access Center

### By Mary Ann Ransak, Director

Greetings, Parents and Families! We hope that we were able to meet you during Orientation and share information about the Academic Achievement and Access Center (AAAC). We are a “one stop shop” for academic success services for all students. As the director of our office, I am very excited about new programs and services that we are offering this fall, and proud of continuing successful initiatives that have been on our “menu” of services for almost 15 years. New this year -- Supplemental Instruction, a course-specific support program targeting larger lecture classes. Peer leaders attend lectures and then conduct two SI sessions weekly and are also available to students for individual consultations during their “office hours.” All sessions are free to students, providing a non-threatening environment during which the leaders and participants cover both what to learn and how to learn the subject matter. SI is offered in Psychology 104, Geology 101 and 171, Classics 148, Chemistry 150, and Physics 114.

Also new this year are expanded services and supports for students on the autism spectrum or with learning, attention, and other “non obvious” disabilities. Students may work with their specialists to access individual tutoring in their most challenging courses and regular personalized consultations on study strategies, time management, and other academic success skills. We are very pleased to introduce new assistant director Jaclyn Anderson, who sees students with learning and attention disabilities. She also supervises the coordination of our test center and e-text production.

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services...”

## Academic Achievement and Access Center

Our tutoring services continue to grow. Last year we served almost 1700 students in small group tutoring. All this information and more may be found on our website:

[www.achievement.ku.edu](http://www.achievement.ku.edu). There your student can select a tutor group, download academic success guides, or just find out more about our services. You and they are invited to e-mail us at [achieve@ku.edu](mailto:achieve@ku.edu), and join us on Twitter or Facebook for the latest updates. We'd love to see you in person in 22 Strong, or talk on the phone at 785 864 4064. Best wishes for an exciting and successful fall semester to you and your student!

## School of Nursing

### **KU School of Nursing garners Center of Excellence designation**

The University of Kansas School of Nursing has been designated a Center of Excellence (COE) in Nursing Education by the National League for Nursing.

The KU School of Nursing is the only school in the region and among only 26 schools in the country to receive the designation since the Washington, D.C.-based National League for Nursing (NLN) began the excellence award nine years ago.

The KU School of Nursing garnered its designation for demonstrating sustained, evidence-based and substantive innovation in the category of "Creating Environments That Enhance Student Learning and Professional Development."

The designation, which extends through 2017, also acknowledges the School's ongoing research to document the effectiveness of its innovations, for setting high standards and showing commitment to quality improvement.

The KU School of Nursing and the other COEs will formally receive their awards at the NLN's national Education Summit, Sept. 18-21, in Washington, D.C.

## University Career Center

### **Fall 2013 Kick-Off**

#### **By Katrina Zaremba, Outreach Coordinator**

As the summer draws to a close, we are gearing up for another great year at the University Career Center (UCC)! We have an exciting lineup of events planned for 2013-2014, and we are looking forward to helping new and returning Jayhawks find career success at KU and beyond. Please share the information below with your students to help them kick-off the school year with us:

#### **Visit our New Website**

The University Career Center has transitioned its main website from KUCareerHawk.com to [career.ku.edu](http://career.ku.edu). The new website will still have the same comprehensive resources for career development and job search tools, but it will also include:

- Online student appointment scheduling
- Job and internship widgets tailored to specific majors and industries
- A new online newspaper, KUCareerHawk.com Weekly, which will arrive in September

“...thousands of  
internships...”

## University Career Center continued

### Register for KU Career Connections

Every year, thousands of internships, part-time, and full-time jobs are posted on [KU Career Connections](#), an online job system available exclusively to KU students. Once your student has registered, your student can apply for internships and jobs, post a resume for employers to view and sign up for on-campus interviews.

### Take a Career Assessment

The UCC offers three career assessments designed to help students learn about their interests, personality type, and strengths. If your student needs help picking a major or exploring occupations, taking a career assessment can be a great way to get started. To learn more about the different assessments we offer, your student can visit our [assessment website](#).

### Follow the UCC on Social Media

The University Career Center has recently been recognized as the sixth Most Popular College Career Services Department on Social Media in 2013. For career news, event updates, career advice and much more, visit the UCC on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Pinterest](#)!

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The University Career Center provides comprehensive career services to KU students. We are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and are located in the Burge Union, room 110. Students may schedule individual appointments with UCC career coaches by calling 785-864-3624. To learn more about the UCC's services, events, and resources please visit our website: [career.ku.edu](http://career.ku.edu).

## KU Study Abroad

By Angela Perryman, Director

Study Abroad: *An experience* for all KU students

[www.studyabroad.ku.edu](http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu)

KU has a storied study abroad program, and one that has figured prominently in KU's national reputation. Here are a few fun facts about KU's Study Abroad program:

- KU ranks among the top 9 public universities in the country for “stellar” high quality, low cost study abroad programs (U.S. News and World Report);

- Initiated in 1958, KU and the University of Costa Rica boast the longest-running exchange agreement in the Western Hemisphere;

- KU ranks *17th in the nation* for undergraduate participation in study abroad. Nearly 25% of KU undergraduate students participate in a study abroad program prior to graduation;

- In 2011-12, a total of 1357 KU students participated in international study, internship, and research programs.

This Fall, KU launched its new core curriculum. One of the distinctive features of the new KU Core curriculum is that approved educational experiences may be used to meet core goals. Experiences such as study abroad, undergraduate research, internships, and service learning can be applied toward core completion while providing unique, non classroom-based learning through which students increase knowledge, develop skills and clarify values. By incorporating experiential learning into the core, KU aims to further increase student participation in these valuable learning opportunities.

## KU Study Abroad continued

### Benefits of Study Abroad

*"It was a challenge to have my daughter so far from home, but one that was well worth it. I am so proud of all that she accomplished, and she gained an incredible amount of confidence, independence and maturity along the way. In one semester she saw more of the world than most people get to see in a lifetime, and the memories will stay with her forever."* Rebecca M. - Mother of Abby, Class of 2012

*"My son had a tremendous experience in Germany . He has used what he learned to continue on with a possible PhD in German and has thrived from his experiences. I wholeheartedly recommend that if a student has the time, they participate in Study Abroad."* Karla W. - Mother of Shane, Class of 2012

With over 130 programs in 75 countries, the Office of Study Abroad offers programs for all students and all disciplines at KU. Programs include international study, internships, and research opportunities and vary in duration from 10 days to a full academic year. Students participating in Study Abroad complete coursework and earn credits that apply toward their major, minor, core and elective requirements at KU.

Study abroad provides tremendous academic, professional, and personal benefits to students. Here are just a few of the possible benefits to student participants:

- Gain comparative perspectives on a discipline;
- Improve foreign language competency;
- Learn or refine decision-making and problem-solving skills;
- Develop soft skills valued by graduate schools and employers;
- Make connections and build networks for future employment;
- Build independence, adaptability, and self-confidence;
- See the world and one's own culture through a different lens.

### Explore Study Abroad at KU

Parents can be highly influential as a student considers studying abroad as part of their overall curriculum path toward graduation. Parents play a vital role in encouraging students to study abroad and in helping them to prepare for the experience. Encourage your son or daughter to

Visit the Office of Study Abroad, 105 Lippincott Hall, to explore the opportunities available to them. Walk-in advising is available daily, Monday – Friday, from 9:00am – 5:00pm; Check out our website at [www.studyabroad.ku.edu](http://www.studyabroad.ku.edu) to search program options around the world;

*"I had so many first time experiences on this journey . . . I learned to push myself more than I ever thought I could. Putting myself in a situation I believed would be scary and uncomfortable made me grow so much as a person. I realize that so many things I thought were fears are really just opportunities waiting to be discovered."* Student, Business in Panama study abroad program, Winter Break 2013

## Academic Calendar

### Fall 2013 Academic Calendar (by Date)

Date	
Monday, August 26, 2013	First day of classes
Monday, August 26, 2013	\$150 late enrollment fee begins
Monday, August 26, 2013	First day of Late Enrollment
Monday, August 26, 2013	90% refund begins (full and Reactivations semester classes)
Friday, August 30, 2013	Last day to add and change sections on-line
Friday, August 30, 2013	Last day to add/change sections without written permission
Friday, August 30, 2013	Last day to enroll online
Friday, August 30, 2013	\$75 reactivation fee ends
Friday, August 30, 2013	90% refund - last day (full semester classes)
Saturday, August 31, 2013	\$150 reactivation fee begins
Saturday, August 31, 2013	First day 50% refund (full semester classes)
Monday, September 02, 2013	Labor Day
Tuesday, September 03, 2013	Add/change of section with written permission begins (off-line)
Tuesday, September 03, 2013	Petition late enrollment begins (off-line), form available at student's school
Monday, September 16, 2013	First Period Drop ends (full semester classes)
Monday, September 16, 2013	Last day to cancel (full semester classes)
Monday, September 16, 2013	Last day to request a Petition to Late Enroll form (non TBA, full semester classes)
Tuesday, September 17, 2013	Second Period Drop begins (full semester classes)
Monday, September 23, 2013	20th Day
Monday, September 23, 2013	Last day to add or swap a class
Monday, September 23, 2013	Last day petition late enrollment (non TBA, full semester classes)
Monday, September 23, 2013	Last day 50% refund (full semester classes)
Tuesday, September 24, 2013	Start Credit/No Credit (full semester classes)
Tuesday, September 24, 2013	0% refund begins (full semester classes)
Wednesday, September 25, 2013	Tuition Adjustment & Residency Application deadlines
Monday, October 07, 2013	Deadline Credit/No Credit (full semester classes)
Saturday, October 12, 2013	Fall Break Begins
Tuesday, October 15, 2013	Fall Break Ends
Friday, November 01, 2013	Undergraduate Application for Graduation deadline
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Last day to drop (full semester classes, excluding Law)
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Last day to drop a class on-line
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Last day to withdraw from all classes (full semester classes, excluding Law)
Wednesday, November 20, 2013	Second Period Drop Ends (full semester classes)
Wednesday, November 27, 2013	Thanksgiving Break Begins
Sunday, December 01, 2013	Thanksgiving Break Ends
Thursday, December 12, 2013	Last day of classes
Friday, December 13, 2013	Stop Day
Monday, December 16, 2013	First day of Finals
Friday, December 20, 2013	Last day of Finals

## KU News - Headlines:

**KU school of nursing earns center of excellence designation**

<http://www.kumc.edu/news-listing-page/ku-school-of-nursing-earns-center-of-excellence-designation-.html>.

**KUMC students participate in community volunteer days**

<http://www.kumc.edu/news-listing-page/kumc-students-participate-in-community-volunteer-days.html>

**The mitochondria genome might cause susceptibility in some complex diseases**

<http://www.kumc.edu/news-listing-page/the-mitochondria-genome-might-cause-susceptibility-in-some-complex-diseases.html>

**More News**

## Other Useful KU Websites:

**Academic Achievement and Access Center:** <http://www.achievement.ku.edu>

**Admissions:** <http://www.admissions.ku.edu/>

**Billing Information (Bursar):** <http://www.bursar.ku.edu/>

**College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Services:** [www.collegesas.ku.edu](http://www.collegesas.ku.edu)

**Counseling and Psychological Services:** <http://www.caps.ku.edu>

**Enrollment questions:** [www.registrar.ku.edu/](http://www.registrar.ku.edu/)

**Financial Aid & Scholarships:** <http://www.financialaid.ku.edu>

**First-Year Experience:** [www.orientation.ku.edu](http://www.orientation.ku.edu)

**KU Continuing Education:** [www.continuinged.ku.edu](http://www.continuinged.ku.edu)

**KU Online Courses:** [www.online.ku.edu](http://www.online.ku.edu)

**KU Parent/Family Assistance:** <http://www.vpss.ku.edu/pal.shtml>

**Multicultural Affairs:** <http://www.oma.ku.edu/>

**Parking Department:** <http://www.parking.ku.edu>

**Sexual Harassment:** <http://www.sexualharassment.ku.edu>

**Student Affairs:** <http://studentaffairs.ku.edu/>

**Student Involvement and Leadership Center:** <http://www.silc.ku.edu>

**Student Housing:** [www.housing.ku.edu/](http://www.housing.ku.edu/)

**Supportive Educational Services:** <http://www.apex.ku.edu/>

**Testing Prep Link:** [www.Continuinged.ku.edu/programs/testprep/index2.php](http://www.Continuinged.ku.edu/programs/testprep/index2.php)

**Timetable of Classes online:** <http://www.classes.ku.edu>

**Undergraduate Advising Center:** [www.advising.ku.edu](http://www.advising.ku.edu)

**University Career Center:** [www.kucareerhawk.com](http://www.kucareerhawk.com)

**Watkins Health Center:** [www.ku.edu/~shs](http://www.ku.edu/~shs)

**Writer's Roost/Writing Center:** <http://www.writing.ku.edu>

(For specific School phone numbers, call KU Directory at [785-864-2700](tel:785-864-2700).)