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-Sabrina Mariño

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Academic Advising at KU

Making Connections at KU: From Small Town Story to Big School Success
By Jennifer Meidl, Academic Advisor, University Advising Center

Flashback to October of 2001: A Chevy Malibu driving west on I-70 back to Rush Center, Kansas, carrying a mom and her high school senior. An hour after pulling out of Lawrence from a KU Senior Day the mom finally utters the question on an otherwise silent drive, “so, what do you think?” The student just gives her mom an overwhelmed look and says, “I think I liked it!”

That high school senior was me, and this was the beginning of my higher education journey at the University of Kansas. Coming from a small town, the initial shock of the big university environment was overwhelming. However, throughout the course of the following months, it seemed more and more like KU was calling my name. Now, almost ten years later, sitting in my office at the University Advising Center, I know more than ever that my coursework at KU paired with my experiences outside of the classroom opened many doors for my professional aspirations.

During the spring semester here at the University Advising Center, we find ourselves encouraging students to find their niche at KU, whether through an internship, Student Senate, a research opportunity, or a student club. Multiple resources exist for students to get connected, and it’s important to encourage your student to get involved on campus. Research shows us that the experiences students gain outside the college classroom will enhance their academic performance, leading to better grades and an overall academic satisfaction. I know that the greatest memories I have from college come from extra-curricular activities; I met lifelong friends in student clubs, research labs, and internships. Whether students originate from small town western Kansas like me, or if they come from a larger high school setting, the importance of connections remains the same. I came to the University undecided and disconnected, but left with myriad mentors and experiences that enriched my undergraduate career and have enabled me to successfully navigate an increasingly competitive job market.

As the semester winds to a close here at KU and we begin preparing for the start of a fresh new year, I find myself sitting in my office encouraging students over and over again to “get involved, get connected!!” So over the winter break, I encourage you to chat with your students about what they’ve experienced thus far at the University of Kansas. Encourage them to check out one of the five hundred registered student organizations (http://www.silc.ku.edu/), or have them meet with an academic advisor to discuss the opportunities that exist within the classroom and beyond. Making that first connection is what’s most important; the rest will fall into place as
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they journey through KU.

Ten years later, if my Mom were to pose to me the question, “so, what do you think?” about the University of Kansas, a smile would light up my face, and the answer that follows would be at least an hour long, filled with stories that make up some of the greatest memories of my life. I hope that your students experience the many amazing opportunities that exist at KU, as this place truly is amazing! Rock Chalk!

Academic Achievement and Access Center

Finals Preparation
By Kristin Scott, Associate Director

As finals approach, students may be excited about the upcoming holidays, but exams (and the preparation required) are front and center.

Students are encouraged to stop and set goals regarding what they want to accomplish between now and the end of finals week. Last week, when I asked a group of students to list a few goals, one student responded, “I want to survive!” That is indeed an important goal, but we encourage students to list goals that may be even more specific (all in an effort to survive and maintain a healthy perspective!):

- I want to get enough sleep to be at my best.
- I want to study well in advance of each final (not waiting until the night before each final).
- I want to divide up the material I need to review into smaller, more manageable sections.
- I want to eat balanced meals and exercise to stay healthy.
- I want to keep a positive attitude.

Support is key during finals week. Students need to talk to family and friends and, essentially, step away from the books (take a brief break!) from time to time. If your student chooses to return home over the long weekend, it is important that he or she return to campus in plenty of time to rest before the first final. Weather changes and/or traffic jams may occur and affect a student’s return.

Once finals come to a close, my colleagues and I in the Academic Achievement and Access Center wish you and your student(s) a most enjoyable winter break.

--The Academic Achievement and Access Center provides a number of services including Disability Resources, Tutoring Services, and Academic Success Workshops and Consultations. Students should feel free to stop by the office in 22 Strong Hall, phone (785) 864-4064 to set up an appointment, or visit the website at www.achievement.ku.edu for more information.
New Student Orientation

Orientation Assistant Search
By Rachel Gibson, Graduate Intern

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As your student wraps up his or her first semester as a Jayhawk, New Student Orientation is looking for students interested in helping others transition to the KU community. As part of the Orientation Assistant (OA) Team, your student would not only provide support for incoming students and their parents, but also develop professional and personal skills.

New Student Orientation is looking for team players who are interested in welcoming new students and their parents to life at KU by serving as a resource for incoming students, parents, and guests at Orientation and assisting these groups in making their academic, social, and personal transition to the KU community.

The OA position offers outstanding students an opportunity to get involved, develop leadership ability, and strengthen communication skills. As part of the team, OAs will strengthen their ability to multi-task, problem-solve, and adapt to diverse situations while bringing their own unique experiences and abilities to help new students start their own Jayhawk journey. This is a full-time, paid, summer leadership position (May 23-August 1, 2011) with some required academic year responsibilities (Hawk Week, Hawk Days, Rock Chalk Chow Downs, Spring Orientation, Transfer Orientation & Enrollment, Destination KU, other new student gatherings).

University Career Center

From the UCC: Looking Ahead to Spring 2011
By Sara Clayton, Assistant Director

Mark Your Calendar: University Career Fair

With the spring 2011 semester quickly approaching, the University Career Center (UCC) is busy preparing for its largest career fair of the year, the University Career Fair, to be held on Wednesday, February 9, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the Kansas Union Ballroom. Every February, employers representing a wide variety of industries attend the University Career Fair to recruit KU students of all majors and levels for full-time, part-time, and internship positions.

Students can prepare for the event by attending UCC workshops in the weeks leading up to the career fair or by scheduling individual appointments with UCC career coaches. Please encourage your student to visit KUCareerHawk.com for a list of attending employers and a schedule of career fair preparation workshops. The list of participating employers will be updated daily as organizations register, so students should check the list for updates frequently.

Jumpstart the Job Search Process: KU Career Connections

Students can get a jump on their spring internship or job search by accessing KU Career Connections, a free online job and internship database through which KU students can apply for positions, post their resumes for employers to view, sign up for on-campus interviews, set up email alerts, and much more. Only KU students and alumni can access this database; employers posting to KU Career Connections are specifically looking to recruit Jayhawks for their positions!
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To access KU Career Connections, your student can complete the required registration form online using his or her KU Online ID and password. KU alumni who graduated more than six months ago can also register online and pay a non-refundable $40 fee for an annual subscription to the database. To learn more about KU Career Connections, please visit KUCareerHawk.com/CareerConnections.

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 110 Burge Union. 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: KUCareerHawk.com.

University Registrar

Fall 2010
By Joan Hahn, Assistant University Registrar

As the semester comes to a close many students find they need documentation regarding enrollment status or grades from the University for a variety of reasons. Students may print a copy of their grades from their student center in Enroll & Pay. Student’s grades post once daily around 7:00 a.m. Grades will post as instructors complete and submit the grade rosters for their classes. All grades are due from instructors by December 27, 2010 (excluding Law).

Students may request verification of enrollment for any semester for which they were (or are currently) enrolled. The form can be obtained in 151 Strong Hall or on the Registrar’s website: http://www.registrar.ku.edu/pdf/certification_of_enrollment.pdf. Processing time for a regular request is generally two to three business days. Priority requests, if ordered prior to 1:00 p.m. are done the same day. There is no fee for regular processing for an enrolled student, there is fee charged for priority processing.

The Office of the University Registrar does not produce unofficial transcripts. Transcripts are ordered online. Complete ordering instructions and charges are available at: http://www.registrar.ku.edu/transcript/index.shtml
Fall 2010 Academic Calendar

10/14/2010 Academic Calendar Fall Break Begins
10/17/2010 Academic Calendar Fall Break Ends
11/1/2010 Graduation Undergraduate Application for Degrees due
11/15/2010 Add/Drop
Last day to withdraw from all classes (full semester classes, excluding Law)
11/15/2010 Add/Drop Last day to drop (full semester classes, excluding Law)
11/15/2010 Add/Drop Second Period Drop Ends (full semester classes)
11/24/2010 Academic Calendar Thanksgiving Break Begins
11/28/2010 Academic Calendar Thanksgiving Break Ends
12/9/2010 Academic Calendar Last day class
12/10/2010 Academic Calendar Stop Day
12/13/2010 Academic Calendar First day of Finals
12/17/2010 Academic Calendar Last day of finals
12/17/2010 Graduation Graduate students application for degree due to Registrar's Office
12/27/2010 Academic Calendar Grade Submission deadline -- midnight (excludes Law)
12/28/2010 Post semester Collection of non-posted grades begins for all careers
KU News - Headlines:

Differential tuition report cites expanded academic offerings, technology upgrade

With cell phones and laptops, students research diversity through social media

KU researchers track Antarctic glacier

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Other Useful KU Websites:

Academic Achievement and Access Center: http://www.achievement.ku.edu
Admissions & Scholarships: http://www.admissions.ku.edu/
Billing Information (Bursar): http://www.bursar.ku.edu/
College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Undergraduate Services: www.collegesas.ku.edu
Counseling and Psychological Services: http://www.caps.ku.edu
Enrollment questions: www.registrar.ku.edu/
KU Online Courses: www.continuinged.ku.edu
KU Parent/Family Assistance: http://www.vpss.ku.edu/pal.shtml
Multicultural Affairs: http://www.oma.ku.edu/
New Student Orientation: www.orientation.ku.edu
Office of Student Financial Aid: http://www.financialaid.ku.edu
Parking Department: http://www.parking.ku.edu
Student Involvement and Leadership Center: http://www.silc.ku.edu
Student Housing: www.housing.ku.edu/
Supportive Educational Services: http://www.apex.ku.edu/
Timetable of Classes online: http://www.classes.ku.edu
University Advising Center: www.advising.ku.edu
University Career Center: www.kucareerhawk.com
Vice Provost for Student Success: www.vpss.ku.edu/
Watkins Health Center: 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.)

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