College success through engagement

By Abby Coffin, Interim Director

Success in college can be defined in many ways. To your student, success might be described as an A or B in a challenging class last semester or a professor that challenges your student’s thoughts and ideas. Or success might mean choosing the major that feels perfect. To those of us who work in higher education, success is often defined by involvement and engagement in the academic experience.

Involvement and engagement are two of the key hallmarks to our understanding that your student is finding success at the University of Kansas. This concept has been researched heavily, but Pascarella and Terenzini summarized their findings...
College success continued.

In summary, the more involved or engaged a student is in academic work or the academic experience, the more your student learns and develops. While we can all agree this is a good thing, sometimes figuring out what resources, programs and opportunities your students might want to plug into is a little bit harder.

Study groups are a great way for students to connect with others and work together on course material. Despite the belief of many, the best way to ensure success is to work throughout the semester a little bit at a time rather than studying in large chunks right before exams. Study groups can provide accountability and structure to facilitate this. The Learning Studio is a partnership of KU Libraries, Undergraduate Studies and KU Information Technology to create student-centered space on the 3rd and 4th floor of Anschutz Library. The Studio offers technology, a variety of study spaces, librarians, IT professionals and academic achievement staff to support students. The Learning Studio is a great place to connect with your study group.

The Undergraduate Advising Center is making changes to our Peer Success Coach program this spring semester. This exciting program offers a way for first-year students to connect with a peer success coach and academic advisor to better understand the resources available at KU, to understand from a peer perspective how to best navigate and make sense of the institution, and have the opportunity to attend social events and workshops geared for first-year students. Refer your student to the Peer Success Coach Program!

The Undergraduate Advising Center is committed to helping your son or daughter find success through involvement and engagement at the University of Kansas this semester. If he or she doesn’t know where to turn, please refer them to our office first!

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Student Account Services (formerly Bursar’s Office)

Does your student have a tuition bill?

By Karen Bailey, Assistant Comptroller

Due dates for spring 2016 tuition and fees: For those students that enrolled for the spring 2016 semester prior to January 21st, the tuition bill was created on January 21st and is due February 15th.

Each month students are sent an email notification that bills are ready and may be viewed in Enroll and Pay. If students have set up a delegate and included an email address, those delegates will receive the same notification. Instructions for students to establish a delegate may be found at http://registrar.ku.edu/delegate

For students enrolling January 21st and later, tuition and fee bills will be due March 15th.

Failure to pay the bill by the due date may result in late payment fees.

1098-T: The 1098-T fax form is available electronically in Enroll and Pay. If students did not give permission to receive this form electronically, the form will be mailed before the end of January.

KU reports the amount billed during the calendar year. Student Account Services cannot provide tax advice. Please contact a professional tax preparer for assistance.
The University Career Center is pleased to present the 2016 University Career Fair on Wednesday, February 10, 2016 from 1:00-5:00 p.m. This event provides an excellent opportunity for students to learn more about various career fields, companies and organizations, internships, volunteer opportunities, and options available at graduate or professional schools. Students from all majors and academic levels are encouraged to attend. View the list of attending employers. Please encourage your student to attend this event.

ONE STOP PREP SHOP

This is an opportunity to get the following questions answered by a UCC Staff member to fully prepare for the University Career Fair:

What should I wear to the event?
What do I bring?
Who should I talk to?
What do I say?

Students can meet with UCC staff members at the One Stop Prep Shop on Tuesday February 9th from 11:00 am – 2:00 pm in the Traditions Area in the Kansas Union.

KU UNIVERSITY CAREER FAIR APP

Download the event app today! Students can start researching employers that will be at the career fair, browse through organizations by industry, view a map of where they will be located in the Union, and much more!

CONTACT US

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 320 Anschutz Library. Students may schedule individual appointments with UCC career coaches by calling 785-864-3624 or by requesting an appointment online.

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Spring Schedule

Academic Calendar

Tuesday, January 26, 2016
First day 50% refund *

Monday, February 8, 2016
Last day to withdraw/drop without a "W" *

Monday, February 8, 2016
First Period Drop ends *

Monday, February 8, 2016
Last day to request a Petition to Late Enroll form (non TBA, full semester classes)

Tuesday, February 9, 2016
Second Period Drop begins *

Monday, February 15, 2016
Census Day - 20th Day of classes

Monday, February 8, 2016
Last day to request a Petition to Late Enroll form (non TBA, full semester classes)

Monday, February 15, 2016
Last day to add or swap a class *

Monday, February 15, 2016
Last day petition late enrollment (non TBA, full semester classes)

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
Start Credit/No Credit *

Tuesday, February 16, 2016
0% refund begins *

Thursday, February 18, 2016
Tuition Adjustment & Residency Application deadlines

Monday, February 29, 2016
Deadline Credit/No Credit *

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Undergraduate Application for Graduation deadline

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Law Application for Graduation deadline

Tuesday, March 1, 2016
Last day to submit Application for Graduation and assure inclusion in the Commencement Program and July diploma delivery

Monday, March 14, 2016
First day of Spring Break

Sunday, March 20, 2016
Last Day of Spring Break

Monday, April 18, 2016
Second Period Drop Ends *

Monday, April 18, 2016
Last day to withdraw from a class or the University (full semester classes, excluding Law)

Friday, April 22, 2016
Law Grade Roster creation

Thursday, May 5, 2016
Last day of classes

Thursday, May 5, 2016
Grade Roster creation (excludes Law)

Friday, May 6, 2016
Stop Day

Monday, May 9, 2016
First day of Finals

Friday, May 13, 2016
Last day of Finals

Friday, May 13, 2016
Graduate Application for Graduation deadline

Sunday, May 15, 2016
Commencement

Friday, May 20, 2016
Grade Submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m. (excludes Law)

Saturday, May 21, 2016
Collection of non-posted grades begins for all careers

Friday, May 27, 2016
Law grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m.

Friday, May 27, 2016
Law grade roster entry access shut off

Friday, May 27, 2016
Grade roster entry access shut off (excludes LAW)

Friday, June 10, 2016
Course Completion Deadline

Friday, June 10, 2016
Official Degree list due

Monday, June 20, 2016
Degrees post to transcripts
KU News - Headlines:

Sertoma Hearing Aid Project coming to Department of Hearing and Speech

Diabetes self-management, support improve health outcomes in underserved communities

More News
Looking for more news from KU? Sign up for Inside KU, a daily newsletter from the KU News Service.

Other Useful KU Websites:

Academic Achievement and Access Center: http://www.achievement.ku.edu
Admissions: http://www.admissions.ku.edu/
Billing Information (Bursar): http://student-account-services.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/
Financial Aid & Scholarships: http://www.financialaid.ku.edu
First-Year Experience: http://firstyear.ku.edu/orientation
KU Continuing Education: http://kuce.ku.edu/
KU Online Courses: www.online.ku.edu
KU Parent/Family Assistance: http://www.vpss.ku.edu/pal.shtml
KU Writing Center: http://www.writing.ku.edu
Multicultural Affairs: http://www.oma.ku.edu/
Parking Department: http://www.parking.ku.edu
Sexual Harassment: http://wwwsexualharassment.ku.edu
Student Account Services: http://student-account-services.ku.edu
Student Affairs: http://studentaffairs.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
Undergraduate Advising Center: www.advising.ku.edu
University Career Center: www.kucareerhawk.com
Watkins Health Services: http://studenthealth.ku.edu/
(For specific School phone numbers, call KU Directory at 785-864-2700.)

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