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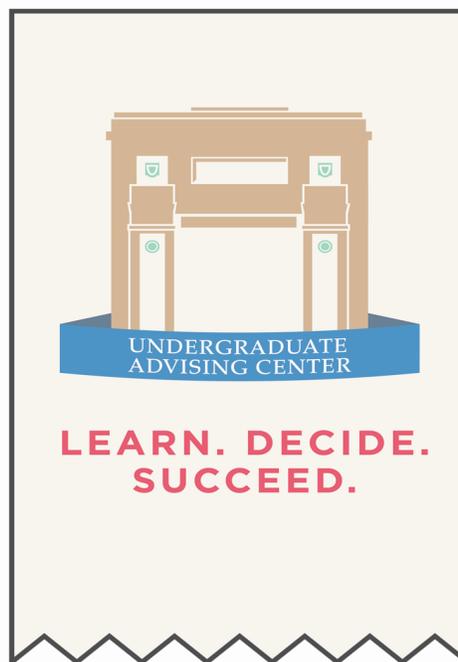
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I hope that you find the information provided within the newsletter useful. If you have a question, please feel free to contact me by email at smarino@ku.edu or by phone at 785-864-0178.

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Academic Advising at KU



Undergraduate Advising

Greetings,

I want to welcome the new parents to The KU Nest. I hope that your student is experiencing a great start to the fall semester.

This past May I sent out a survey along with The KU Nest. Thank you to the parents who responded. I would like to share some of the results with you. Parents also left comments on subjects they would like to see in the newsletter. I hope to incorporate some of those ideas in the coming months.

Please rate how informative the articles are.

Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ Informative	59.92%	151
▼ Mostly informative	30.95%	78
▼ Somewhat informative	9.13%	23
▼ Not informative	0.00%	0
Total		252

Number of articles read

Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ I read all of them	24.11%	61
▼ I read most of them	48.22%	122
▼ I read some of them	25.69%	65
▼ I don't read any of them	1.98%	5
Total		253

Level of student in 2014-15 academic year

Answer Choices	Responses	
▼ Freshman	29.92%	76
▼ Sophomore	25.20%	64
▼ Junior	26.77%	68
▼ Senior	16.54%	42
▼ Other	1.57%	4
Total		254

Undergraduate Advising

In which areas do you think your student struggles or has/had concerns?

Answer Choices	Responses
Study Skills	25.00% 51
Communication with instructors	34.80% 71
Financial means	28.43% 58
Time Management	29.90% 61
Feeling a part of the KU Community	13.24% 27
Access to/willingness to use resources	39.22% 80
Advising	32.84% 67
Enrollment	4.90% 10
Medical	7.84% 16

How often does your student talk to you about KU-related issues?

Answer Choices	Responses
At least once a day	9.80% 25
At least once a week	47.45% 121
At least once a month	35.29% 90
At least once a semester	7.06% 18
At least once a year	0.39% 1
Never	0.00% 0
Total	255

Academic	14.57%	37
Non-academic	3.15%	8
Both	82.28%	209

I invite you to contact me if you have questions or concerns for your student. You are your child’s advocate and I am happy to help.

Links to great resources are located on the last page of this newsletter. If you have not yet signed up for E-News from the KU Parent Association and would like to do so, please click on this link to subscribe. Click on the word, Subscribe.

<https://parassociation.drupal.ku.edu/e-newsletter>

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Undergraduate Advising

Early Semester Check-Up

By Carsten Holm, Academic Advisor, Liaison for CLAS

The fall semester is into its second week, and most students have their schedules settled by now and are starting to get into the routine of going to class and studying. As things start to calm down, it is a good time to take stock of what lies ahead and look at how your student can most successfully navigate those challenges. Here are some things to consider:

Is your student aware of the admission requirements for his or her intended major?

If your student is not certain what major to pursue, is she actively engaged in exploring options?

Is your student aware of the resources that KU makes available to her?

Does your student know how to schedule an advising appointment?

Does your student have an idea about where to go and whom to turn to, if something doesn't go according to plan?

The first semester in college can be a challenging transition. If your student is in her first semester, it's a good idea for her to become aware of the people on campus who can help her. A good place to start is the Undergraduate Advising Center, but there are also resources on campus that can help with academic issues and mental health concerns. For many students, it takes time to get used to the new expectations and for some the first tests and exams can be an unpleasant surprise. Making use of the on-campus resources can help.

An example:

Jessica is in her first semester at KU. She had excellent grades in high school and expects to do well in college, but she also feels that her high school didn't challenge her enough. She is used to getting straight A's, but her first chemistry exam is a bit of a shock. For the first time ever, she has failed a test. With the help of her advisor, she devises a plan to improve her study skills and strategies. She also schedules individual consultations with the Academic Achievement and Access Center to create a good schedule that gives her time for all her coursework and activities and to work on her study skills and time management. Despite a difficult start to the course, this pays off, and she finishes the class with an A.

To learn more about some of KU's on-campus resources, check these websites:

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

Tutoring Services: <http://tutoring.ku.edu/>

The Writing Center: <http://writing.ku.edu/>

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

The Undergraduate Advising Center: <http://advising.ku.edu/>

The first semester at KU is an exciting time, but it can also be a challenging time. If your student is going through a rough patch, you can remind her that she is not alone and there are people on campus waiting to help.

Student Account Services (formerly Bursar's Office)

By Karen Bailey, Assistant Comptroller

Payment
Plans!

In case you missed it, we changed our name back in March to more accurately describe our role here at the University. As always, we're still here to provide the same great customer assistance! More information about the services we provide can be found at our website: <http://student-account-services.ku.edu/>

For students that enrolled for fall 2015 prior to August 21, tuition and fee bills are due September 15.

KU sends an e-bill notification to students at the email addresses that a student provides. The notification indicates an invoice for tuition, fees and other charges is available to be viewed online through Enroll and Pay. No paper bill is mailed home. Bills are available online at <https://sa.ku.edu> on or about the 21st of the month and are due on the 15th of the following month. If payment is not received by the due date a non-refundable \$100 late payment fee is assessed. If a second invoice is not paid by the due date, another non-refundable \$100 late payment fee will be assessed to the student's account. Thereafter, a 1.5% default fee will be assessed on all unpaid tuition and fees. Students are encouraged to actively view their account to monitor charges and manage payments to prevent late fees and the student account from ultimately becoming eligible for outside collections due to non-payment.

Students may print a bill by going to <https://sa.ku.edu> then selecting Campus Finances > Print/View a Bill. Students may give parents or others access to their financial information by establishing delegates. If a delegate is established and an email address is provided, the delegate will also receive an email notification and be able to view the bill online. More information regarding delegates may be found here <http://registrar.ku.edu/delegate>

The University of Kansas policy REQUIRES all Lawrence and Edwards Campus students to sign up for Direct Deposit so that refunds can be electronically deposited into the checking or savings account of their choice. This applies to any refund processed through the student account for financial aid, dropped hours, residency changes, and charge reductions. Direct Deposit expedites refunds and failure to comply may result in a delay of a week or more in receiving refunds.

Students have two options to set up direct deposit: Online through Enroll & Pay > Campus Finances > Direct Deposit for Refunds OR by completing the Direct Deposit Authorization form found at http://student-account-services.ku.edu/sites/bursar.drupal.ku.edu/files/docs/Direct_Deposit_Auth.pdf

Hope you and your student have a great semester!

Office of the University Registrar

DELEGATE ACCESS

Students can grant online access to specific areas of their student account to their delegate (s). Delegates can have view access to academic records, financial information and financial aid, can view and print bills, and can make payments online. For more information and instructions on setting up and using Delegate Access, visit registrar.ku.edu/delegate.

Tutor group requests begin today, August 31st!

Academic Achievement and Access Center

Tips for Success

By Kristin Scott, Associate Director

The **Academic Achievement and Access Center (AAAC)** is an important resource for academic success! If your student needs help with his or her coursework and needs guidance regarding effective study strategies, there are two opportunities, listed below, that are available through the Academic Achievement and Access Center in addition to the professors' office hours.

Supplemental Instruction (SI) – Students who are enrolled in specific classes may attend SI Sessions and Office Hours throughout the semester. SI activities are led by a student who successfully completed the course and is currently attending the class with the students. Your student will receive information about SI in class; however, the course list and more information is available at si.ku.edu.

Tutoring Services – Students may request tutoring through Tutoring Services until **Friday, October 30**. It is small group and course specific; up to four students meet with the same tutor at the same time on the same days in the same location through the last week of classes. Students will be able to request a tutor group beginning Monday, August 31. The groups fill up fast so students should not delay! More information is available at tutoring.ku.edu.

Academic Calendar

Date	Descriptor
Sun Aug 23, 2015	New Student Enrollment ends (11:59 p.m.)
Sun Aug 23, 2015	Last day 100% refund *
Mon Aug 24, 2015	First day of classes
Mon Aug 24, 2015	First day of Late Enrollment *
Mon Aug 24, 2015	\$150 late enrollment fee begins *
Mon Aug 24, 2015	First day 90% refund *
Fri Aug 28, 2015	Last day to add and change sections on-line *
Fri Aug 28, 2015	Last day to add/change sections without written permission *
Fri Aug 28, 2015	Last day to enroll online *
Fri Aug 28, 2015	Last day 90% refund *
Sat Aug 29, 2015	First day 50% refund *
Mon Aug 31, 2015	Add/change of section with written permission begins (off-line) *
Mon Aug 31, 2015	Petition late enrollment begins (off-line), form available at student's school *
Mon Sep 07, 2015	Labor Day Holiday - No classes
Mon Sep 14, 2015	Last day to withdraw/drop without a "W" *
Mon Sep 14, 2015	First Period Drop ends *
Mon Sep 14, 2015	Last day to request a Petition to Late Enroll form (non TBA, full semester classes)
Tue Sep 15, 2015	Second Period Drop begins *
Mon Sep 21, 2015	Census Day - 20th Day of classes
Mon Sep 21, 2015	Last day to add or swap a class *
Mon Sep 21, 2015	Last day petition late enrollment (non TBA, full semester classes)
Mon Sep 21, 2015	Last day 50% refund *

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Academic Calendar

Fall Schedule

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Tue Sep 22, 2015	Start Credit/No Credit *
Tue Sep 22, 2015	0% refund begins *
Wed Sep 23, 2015	Tuition Adjustment & Residency Application deadlines
Mon Oct 05, 2015	Deadline Credit/No Credit *
Sat Oct 10, 2015	First Day of Fall Break
Tue Oct 13, 2015	Last Day of Fall Break
Mon Nov 02, 2015	Law Application for Graduation deadline
Mon Nov 02, 2015	Undergraduate Application for Graduation deadline
Wed Nov 18, 2015	Last day to withdraw from a class or the University (full semester classes, excluding Law)
Wed Nov 18, 2015	Second Period Drop Ends *
Wed Nov 25, 2015	Thanksgiving Break First Day
Sun Nov 29, 2015	Thanksgiving Break Last Day
Thu Dec 10, 2015	Last day of classes
Fri Dec 11, 2015	Stop Day
Mon Dec 14, 2015	First day of Finals
Fri Dec 18, 2015	Last day of Finals
Fri Dec 18, 2015	Graduate Application for Graduation deadline
Tue Dec 29, 2015	Grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m. (excludes Law)
Wed Dec 30, 2015	Collection of non-posted grades begins for all careers
Wed Jan 06, 2016	Grade roster entry access shut off (excludes Law)
Fri Jan 08, 2016	Law grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m.
Fri Jan 08, 2016	Law grade roster entry access shut off
Fri Jan 15, 2016	Course Completion Deadline
Fri Jan 15, 2016	Official Degree list due
Mon Jan 25, 2016	Degrees post to transcripts
Mon Feb 08, 2016	Diplomas available

KU News - Headlines:

Research shows millennials need experience, not just education, in finance

<http://news.ku.edu/2015/05/19/research-shows-financial-education-alone-not-enough-millennials-also-need-experience>

Time for revolution in higher education funding has come, professors say

<http://news.ku.edu/2015/07/07/new-book-argues-time-revolution-higher-education-funding-has-come>

More News

Looking for more news from KU? [Sign up](#) for Inside KU, a daily newsletter from the KU News Service.

Other Useful KU

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://www.sexualharassment.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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