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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.
Undergraduate Advising

The KU Nest has a goal.

Please take a moment to take the short survey. The link is provided again below.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C73N9K9

DOES YOUR STUDENT NEED A JOB?

Undergraduate Advising Center
Job Notice—Peer Success Coach

Peer Success Coaches (PSCs) serve as peer mentors, within the Undergraduate Advising Center (UAC). This dynamic role promotes and enhances the academic success of students. PSCs support students’ academic and social development by connecting students with resources and programs to enhance student learning. This allows students to combine the tutelage from both Academic Advisors and PSCs in order to establish a foundation for a successful college career.

**Mission**: PSCs are a part of an integrated effort to create an outstanding university experience for all First Year students at KU with a focus on academic success. PSCs will aid in providing new students with a transition to college life and college-level learning in four important ways:

- Raise academic expectations with engagement and compassion through programming
- Serve as a resource to connect students with programs and initiatives that enhance learning and success
- Partner with UAC Academic Advisors to foster campus community and feelings of inclusion at KU
- Offer opportunities for academic and personal development

If you have a student interested in becoming a Peer Success Coach or would like to receive coaching, please have them contact LaTisha Davis at latishad@ku.edu. Students interested in becoming a Peer Success Coach are encouraged to apply at http://employment.ku.edu/student/3290BR.
NEW JOB: PEER SUCCESS COACH THROUGH THE UNDERGRADUATE ADVISING CENTER APPLY TODAY

PAY
$9+ minimum $9/hour
Refer to job description (HR website below) for more information

RESPONSIBILITIES
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TIME
5+ hours per week
5 - 10 hours per week
PSC’s will meet bi-weekly for training and staff meetings, selected times in July/August for training, approximately 5-10 hours per week during the 2015-2016 school year.

QUALIFICATIONS
• Full-time student
• In good standing
• Sophomore standing or above
• Maintain 2.5 cumulative GPA
• Ability to communicate well (verbally and non-verbally)

OTHER INFORMATION: For more information check out: http://employment.ku.edu/student/3290BR

APPLY ONLINE NOW!
Taking Stock at the End of a Semester
By Carsten Holm, Academic Advisor, Liaison for CLAS

The spring semester is almost over, finals week is coming up, and within a few weeks the grades for your student’s classes will be posted. Once the grades are in, it’s a good idea for both students and parents to conduct a little end-of-semester review to take stock of the student’s progress. Here are some questions for you to consider:

- Does your student’s intended major have a GPA requirement and/or competitive admission?
- Does your student have a competitive GPA?
- Is your student successful in the classes that are critical to success in her intended major?
- Is the GPA trend positive or negative?
- After seeing the grades at the end of the semester, should your student review his enrollment for next semester with an advisor?
- Would it be a good idea for your student to consider an alternate or parallel plan?

The first year in college is not easy, and for many students it’s a bit of a reality check. If your student had a challenging freshman year at KU, we strongly encourage her to talk to an advisor to determine whether it would be a good idea to make adjustments to her schedule. If a student is at risk for not meeting the admission GPA for her intended major, it is often very helpful to have a parallel plan in place that would allow her to pivot to a new major if necessary, without losing momentum on her path towards graduation.

An example:
Sara is a pre-nursing student. She has good grades, but she knows that admission to nursing school is very competitive, so if she does not get in, she wants to have an alternate option. Working with her advisor, she decides to work on psychology as a parallel plan. She creates a schedule that includes the admission coursework for psychology next to her remaining pre-nursing courses. When Sara doesn’t get into a nursing program at the first attempt, she declares a psychology major instead. She will try again next year, but even if her second application is also unsuccessful, she is on track to graduate on time with a degree in psychology. Once Sara has her bachelor’s degree, she can apply for an accelerated nursing program or she is free to pursue other opportunities.

Taking stock at the end of the semester to ensure that a student is making good progress towards his major can present the kind of trouble that could delay graduation later. Advisors are available all through the summer and winter breaks to talk to any student who would like to discuss his progress or his schedule for next semester.
Peer Advisor Training
By Brad Whitsell, Assistant Director

Our 2015-2106 peer advisor team, recently selected, consists of 18 awesome student leaders. Three of the peer advisors were selected as Residential Peer Advisors. More to come about that new position in a future article.

With the selection behind us, we are working on our May 18-June 1 training program. Peer advisors will join Orientation Assistants from First Year Experience and Hawk Link Guides from Office of Multicultural Affairs for the student leaders' joint training to gain information and knowledge for summer orientation. The training sessions consist of:

- Learning about all academic areas and their majors and what classes a student would take for those majors
- Academic and non-academic campus resources that would be helpful for new students
- Ways for students to get involved on campus
- Customer service skills
- Team building activities
- Social justice issues
- How to create the best experience for students and guests during new student orientation.

Beyond what is learned through the joint training with other student leaders, the peer advisors have additional UAC training to learn more specific duties that they perform during orientation and in the office during the academic year. They are trained on:

- how to help students change their major
- how to evaluate and explain transfer credit
- proper techniques to advise students as they advise students with professional advisors and to help students navigate our enrollment system.
- extensive violence in the work place training with KU public safety
- how to use and navigate the online advising system that professional advisors use, including a thorough training in FERPA due to student data access
- office policies and front desk operations and additional social justice training with a focus on advising and social justice issues.
- And they will complete an online course that has training topics for review and supplements what was learned throughout the summer.

We are excited about our new team and are looking forward to starting their training and working with them in the new academic year.
Student Account Services
(formerly Bursar's Office)

By Karen Bailey, Assistant Comptroller

As this academic year comes to a close, students are already preparing for the fall semester. Many have enrolled in classes for the fall so now is the time to plan ahead.

If your family is interested in making payments on fall tuition charges, please consider using Tuition Management Services (TMS). The plan opens on June 1 and plans may be established at any time at ku.afford.com or by calling 888-222-2914. To finalize the payment plan, the TMS enrollment fee ($36) and the first monthly payment will need to be paid. Payments will be due on the 1\textsuperscript{st} of each month while on the plan. The final installment is due October 1.

Tuition/fees, housing and optional campus fees will be billed on August 21, due September 15.

As a reminder, KU REQUIRES all students establish direct deposit for refunds. Refunds can be associated with financial aid, dropped classes and other adjustments to the student account. Direct deposit is safe and refunds are received much quicker than traditional methods. Setup can be completed in Enroll and Pay – it’s quick and easy!

See you in the fall!
Financial Aid and Scholarships

Upcoming Financial Aid Information
By Benjamin Howard-Williams, Financial Aid Program Coordinator

SUMMER FINANCIAL AID
If your student is planning to take classes at KU this summer, he or she may be eligible to get financial aid! Summer 2015 is part of the 2014-15 academic year, so to be eligible students must have filed the 2014-15 FAFSA and submit a Summer Request for Financial Aid, affordability.ku.edu/document/206.

SUMMER TUITION AND FEE PAYMENT DEADLINE JUNE 15TH
Avoid late payment fees by checking in with your student now to be sure all of his or her financial aid has disbursed and there are no outstanding steps that need to be taken. Any remaining To-Do List items will be visible online in the student’s Enroll & Pay account, https://sa.ku.edu > Student Center.

SUMMER FEDERAL WORK-STUDY
New this year, students must be enrolled in 3+ KU credit hours to be eligible to receive summer Federal Work-Study. For more details on summer Federal Work-Study, check out affordability.ku.edu/document/211.

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In working with college students over the years, we know everyone is unique and has his own approach to learning. There are as many ways to succeed as there are students. Students continue to develop their skills as scholars over their years at KU. Graduating students indicate they didn’t know the following “Big Five” tips when they first arrived on campus as freshman, but upon reflection note they have learned how vital these five tips were to their success.

The Big Five Tips

1. Successful students develop realistic plans for managing academic and social learning.
2. They attend class and know they will do better for engaging with the materials and classmates.
3. The most successful students plan for 2-3 hours of study time per credit hour. For example, if a student enrolls in 17 hours, they need to plan to study 34-51 HOURS per week, in addition to class attendance. College is a full time job!
4. Plan for healthy behaviors, focusing on time for studying, eating, sleeping and exercising.
5. Seek out all learning opportunities available, including tutors, help rooms, supplemental instruction groups, study buddies, and professors’ office hours.

The Academic Achievement and Access Center (AAAC) is a student support center offering academic consulting, tutoring, supplemental instruction, and assisting students with disabilities to plan for equal access. They may be contacted at achieve@ku.edu.
Academic Calendar

Spring Semester
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Undergraduate Orientation and Enrollment
Thursday, January 15, 2015
Enrollment for new non-degree seeking students
UGDL career), community members and special student populations
Wednesday, January 14, 2015
Open enrollment for students who have not attended orientation.

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Monday, January 19, 2015
Martin Luther King Holiday
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Continuing Student Enrollment ends (11:59 p.m.) -- all careers
Monday, January 19, 2015
New Student Enrollment ends (11:59 p.m.) -- all careers
Monday, January 19, 2015
Last day 100% refund *

Tuesday, January 20, 2015
First day of classes
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
First day of Late Enrollment *
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
$150 late enrollment fee begins *
Tuesday, January 20, 2015
First day 90% refund *

Monday, January 26, 2015
Last day to add/change sections without written permission *
Monday, January 26, 2015
Last day to add and change sections on-line
Monday, January 26, 2015
Last day to enroll online *
Monday, January 26, 2015
Last day 90% refund *

Tuesday, January 27, 2015
Add/change of section with written permission begins (off-line) *
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
Petition late enrollment begins (off-line) form available at student’s school *
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
First day 50% refund *

Monday, February 09, 2015
Last day 100% refund *
Monday, February 09, 2015
Last day 90% refund *

Tuesday, February 10, 2015
Start Credit/No Credit *
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
0% refund begins *

Thursday, February 19, 2015
Tuition Adjustment & Residency Application deadlines
Monday, March 02, 2015
Deadline Credit/No Credit *
Monday, March 02, 2015
Law Application for Graduation deadline
Monday, March 02, 2015
Last day to submit Application for Graduation and assure inclusion in the Commencement Program and July diploma delivery
Monday, March 02, 2015
Undergraduate Application for Graduation deadline
Monday, March 02, 2015
First day of Spring Break
Sunday, March 22, 2015
Last Day of Spring Break
Monday, April 20, 2015
Second Period Drop Ends *
Monday, April 20, 2015
Last day to withdraw from a class or the University (full semester classes, excluding Law)
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Monday, April 20, 2015
Last day to withdraw from a class or the University (full semester classes, excluding Law)
Thursday, May 07, 2015
Last day of classes
Friday, May 08, 2015
Stop Day
Friday, May 11, 2015
First day of Finals
Friday, May 15, 2015
Last day of Finals
Friday, May 15, 2015
Graduate Application for Graduation deadline
Sunday, May 17, 2015
Commencement
Friday, May 22, 2015
Grade Submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m. (excludes Law)
Saturday, May 23, 2015
Collection of non-posted grades begins for all careers
Monday, June 01, 2015
Grade roster entry access shut off (excludes LAW)
Friday, June 05, 2015
Law grade submission deadline -- 11:59 p.m.
Friday, June 05, 2015
Law grade roster entry access shut off
Friday, June 12, 2015
Official Degree list due
Friday, June 12, 2015
Course Completion Deadline
Monday, June 22, 2015
Degrees post to transcripts
Monday, July 06, 2015
Diplomas available
KU News - Headlines:

Book details benefits of teacher fieldwork with at-risk youths

KU introduces online program for degree completion
https://news.ku.edu/ku-introduces-online-program-degree-completion

School of Business launching online MBA program for fall 2015
https://news.ku.edu/school-business-launches-online-mba-program-fall-2015

Images of Aging Photo Contest

More News
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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 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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