

KU Parent E-News

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The information in this newsletter is meant to inform you of selected current and upcoming events at the University of Kansas as well as information that parents can discuss with their students. Your feedback is important and you are encouraged to send your comments to parents@ku.edu.

KU Parent Assistance telephone number is 785-864-5872.

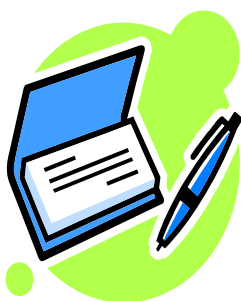
Summer School at KU

Students have a variety of options for taking classes during the summer at KU. Classes are taught in four and eight week blocks with some even shorter time frames at both the Lawrence and Edwards Campus.

For information about the classes taught on the Lawrence campus, visit: www.opensections.ku.edu/TT/4066/index.html.

For information about the classes taught on the Edwards campus, visit: <http://edwardscampus.ku.edu/summer/>

The official calendar may be found at: www.registrar.ku.edu/calendar/066event.shtml



Financial Aid Information **Important Direct Loan Consolidation Information**

Interest rates on variable rate student loans have been at historically low levels during the last five years. Due to recent changes in legislation, interest rates for loans disbursed on or after July 1, 2006, will be fixed at 6.8%. In addition, new legislation also eliminates the option for in-school loan consolidations effective July 1.

Though paying off students loans may seem light years away, we encourage students to explore their options concerning in-school consolidation now. Consolidation enables a student to convert variable rate student loans into one single loan with a fixed interest rate. By considering consolidation now, a student has the opportunity to lock-in a low fixed rate before the interest rate increases, potentially saving hundreds of dollars in the future.

Students may view their current federal loan indebtedness at <https://www.nslds.ed.gov>. Additional consolidation information and application instructions are available at

www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov or by contacting the Direct Loan Servicing Center at 1-800-848-0979.

Chancellor's Student Awards

The Chancellor's Student Awards are the highest recognition given to undergraduate students at KU. The awards recognize ten students for their academic, volunteer and leadership accomplishments during their undergraduate years at the university.

The Chancellor's Student Awards Committee selected the winners from university-wide nominations submitted by KU students, faculty and staff. The 15-member selection committee includes students, faculty and staff. The 10 honorees will sit on a platform with the chancellor during commencement activities May 21 in KU's Memorial Stadium, and their portraits will be in the commencement program. To learn more about this year's Chancellor's Student Award winners, visit: www.news.ku.edu/2006/april/11/studentawards.shtml



Grades Posted to KU Enroll and Pay

Grades are due by May 26th. Grades post once a day between 12:00 a.m., and 7:00 a.m. A missing grade report is run on May 30th to notify faculty of outstanding grades. Student may find their grades via Enroll and Pay and select "View My Grades." Students can print a copy of their grades from this screen. KU does not mail grades to students.

Commencement Information

KU's 2006 Commencement is 2:30 p.m., Sunday, May 21st at Memorial Stadium. Graduates from summer 2005, fall 2005 and spring 2006 will be honored at that time as well as during various open houses and recognition ceremonies May 19-21.

Information about KU's 2006 Commencement is online at www.commencement.ku.edu.



KU Student Housing Information

In addition to studying for final exams, students who live in the residence halls, scholarship halls, or Jayhawker Towers are beginning to make preparations to move out for the summer.

The residence halls will close at 11:00 p.m. on Friday, May 19, 2006. The scholarship halls remain open until 12:00 noon on Saturday, May 20, 2006, for those students who need to complete hall cleaning responsibilities. Jayhawker Towers closes at 9:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, 2006.

Students are asked to sign up for a check out appointment with hall staff members. There are a few things students need to do to prepare and be ready for that appointment. The appointment should occur when the student has moved all of his or her belongings from the room, when the

room is clean, and when the student is ready to leave the hall. The appointment itself should last no longer than fifteen minutes. Cleaning supplies and extra trash bags are available at the hall front desks and special drop-off sites have been identified at each hall for large trash items. Each residence hall and scholarship hall resident will receive a copy of the *Check-Out Gazette* that provides an overview of the process.

Summer housing is available in Oliver residence hall and Jayhawker Towers for students taking summer classes. For questions about summer housing, please call the Department of Student Housing at 785-864-4560.

Selected Important KU Dates

May 12	Stop Day - no classes and University offices are open
May 12	KU Bookstore Textbook Buy-Back begins
May 15	Finals begin
May 19	Finals end
May 21	Commencement
June 6	First day of summer term
July 28	Last day of summer term
August 13	University housing opens and Hawk Week begins
August 17	First day of fall term
September 8-9	Family Weekend at KU
September 9	Band Day
Fall Break	October 12 – 15 (No classes, University offices are open)

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Address your questions or comments to parents@ku.edu . Please do not use your Reply key to send e-mail messages.

To be removed from this list, visit: www.vpss.ku.edu/KUPA/listserv_remove.shtml
To change your e-mail address, send your old and new e-mail address to parents@ku.edu.
To subscribe to the list, visit www.vpss.ku.edu/KUPA/listserv.shtml.

Helpful Links:

KU Parent Association <http://www.parentassociation.ku.edu/>
KU Alumni Association <http://www.kualumni.org/>
KU Endowment Association <http://www.kuendowment.org/>
KU News: KU news releases and announcements are available on line at <http://www.ku.edu/~kunews/>