



PARENTS ASSOCIATION

Parents Association Meeting February 6, 2010

The first meeting of 2010 will be held on **February 6, 2010** prior to the Homecoming basketball game **1:30 - 3:00pm in Conference Room B of the Bank of Kentucky Center (BOK)**.

Any parent of an NKU student is welcome to attend this meeting. However, it is required that persons who wish to attend **RSVP by noon on Friday, February 5, 2010**. **RSVP to Hannah Centers at centersh1@nku.edu or (859) 572-7625**.

The agenda for this meeting is to discuss the formation of a Parent Advisory Council, Parents Association bylaws and mission statement, volunteer opportunities, feedback from the parents in attendance regarding Family Weekend and Parent Orientation, and to plan a social activity.

NKU's Parents Association was formed to give parents of NKU students a voice in programming and to provide an appropriate outlet for parent concerns and feedback. I hope you will be able to join us during NKU's annual Homecoming for this meeting.

Parents who attend the meeting will receive a free ticket to the men's and women's Homecoming basketball games (Limited to the first 30 people who RSVP) as well an invitation to the Parent and Royal Reception between the games to enjoy appetizers and beverages on the Lightning Party Deck.



TIP OF THE MONTH

Remind your student to apply for Financial Aid:

- Encourage your student to visit the (FAFSA) Free Application for Federal Student Aid website at www.fafsa.ed.gov to fill out an application. NKU's school code is 009275.
- For NKU specific information, visit <http://financialaid.nku.edu> for additional information, forms, and deadlines.

Dates & Events:

February 1-6

NKU Homecoming Week

February 5

7:00 p.m.

Elvis Extravaganza to Benefit NKU Benevolent Fund

Otto Budig Theatre

\$5 donation at the door

February 6

1:30-3:00 p.m.

Parents Association Meeting

Conference Room B, BOK

RSVP Required

(Note the location and time change from the Parent Calendar)

February 6

4:30 p.m.

Parent and Royal Reception

Lightning Party Deck, BOK

RSVP Required

February 15

Washington's Birthday
(President's Day)

NKU Open/Classes Held

February 18-21, 23-28

Colored Museum

NKU's Corbett Theatre

(All show times are 8:00 pm, except Sundays at 3:00 pm)

February is Black History Month, visit <http://aasa.nku.edu> for a list of events.

For athletic events, visit <http://nkunorse.com>

HOMECOMING SPOTLIGHT:**Interview with NKU's New Athletic Director (AD), Dr. Scott Eaton**

Dr. Scott Eaton was promoted to Athletic Director in July 2009. Learn more about Dr. Eaton and the NKU Athletics program in his sit down interview below.

**What is the best part about your job?**

The people at NKU both in athletics and the people who work at the university. It is wonderful to see people working together towards the betterment of the university and the betterment of the student experience here at NKU. I feel blessed to be in this position in athletics because we have such an outstanding staff both our administrative staff and our coaching staff. The quality of the people at NKU who do everything they can to put the best teams together with the right type of student-athletes to represent this institution.

NKU's athletic program has had a tremendous amount of success from the women's basketball team winning national championships to coaches winning coach of the year recognition. What do you think makes NKU so successful?

What makes us successful is that, again, we have great people. Our coaches are winning championships, not only because they are great coaches but they are also great people that can attract great talent. We can have the best coaches in the world, but if we don't have the right talent on the court or playing field then we are not going to be successful. Their role is to go ahead and entice the proper student-athletes that we are looking for and bring them here. That being said, what are they bringing them to? They are bringing them to an outstanding university. If you look at the growth of this institution and the academic programs, in the buildings (The student union and the Bank of Kentucky Center) and different things we have to offer

we are a very tough institution to compare anyone with because we are growing and it is getting better every day.

Coming into your new role as the AD, what are your top goals for NKU's athletics program?

Not to stop. We have the program at a very high level right now. Jane [Meier] has done a great job for the last 21 years leading this program. While it is a great point to be at, we cannot be satisfied. We want to be the best Division II institution in the country and preparing ourselves for possible or potential reclassification to Division I. We need to take everything we are doing now and do more and make it better.

When you were promoted to Athletic Director, your previous position was split into two positions, Associate Athletic Director for Internal Operations held by Jerome Rodgers, and Assistant Athletic Director for Administration held by Kathy Steffen.

How did this change come about?

It came about when I was going through the interview process, and I mentioned that we do need some help. The expectations of the Athletics Director were much different than they were when Jane [Meier] was in the position. There were more duties I would be assuming and more duties someone else would need to assume. While it was a sell, it wasn't a hard sell for them to realize that we needed additional help in order to be able to function at a level we need to function.

How has the change improved the Athletics office?

It's been wonderful. We have Jerome Rodgers who brings an incredible amount of athletic experience from his work at Boston College and the Big East. He brings in a lot of Division I perspective on the way things operate. Kathy Steffen knows the inner workings of NKU extremely well and brings that perspective. They really complement each other and they also offset each other. While Jerome is learning NKU, Kathy is learning more athletics. Kathy is able to add all the NKU stuff to Jerome, and Jerome is able to add all the athletic stuff to Kathy. It has worked out very well.

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NKU recently opened the Bank of Kentucky Center, how has the facility improved school spirit and the athletic program?

As far as increasing school spirit, it is hard not to drive by this building [BOK] on a daily basis and not get excited that this [BOK] is part of our institution. Just the look of it and knowing it is a 70 million dollar facility with 9,400 seats with the talent of concerts, shows, programs and the NKU basketball games. That being said, we would love to have more students at our games. We are a unique institution in that we don't have a lot of students living on campus. A lot of students work and don't have the time to fit the games into their schedule. In the game against Bellarmine this past Saturday, it was great to see about 1,000 students in the student section all in gold hyping it up. So, it was wonderful to see that.

For athletics, this is a great functional area for us to be in, but it is a huge recruiting tool for us, compared to some of the institutions that we are trying to compete against. Our coaches are out there recruiting Division I talent. To bring the students into a facility like this showing them the weight room, the academic center, the film study room, and anything we have to offer their eyes just open up and they say "Just look at this place."

There is a new soccer stadium being built on NKU's campus behind the Bank of Kentucky Center. When will the stadium be ready for game play?

We played one game on the field on October 25, 2009. We didn't have the seating or anything like that ready. So, people had to bring their own chairs and sit on the sidelines, but we wanted to create an opportunity for this year's seniors to at least play one game in the facility. We are hoping to have the facility ready in the middle of March, in time for the teams to go ahead and play some exhibition games in the pre-season. We will have a grand opening/dedication in the fall to open the facility in the right way.

What are some opportunities for students interested in intercollegiate athletics to get involved at NKU and in your programs?

We are always looking for help. We have a lot of opportunities at our contests and in marketing, promotions and work study jobs. There are a lot of people who are interested in athletics and don't know how to go about making that happen. Send them our way, and if they are interested in helping out in any way we will see how we can help them help us. We

will help out anyone we can if they are willing to work and help us out as well. Most of our positions are paid and we have marketing, management, game day help, sports information and score table opportunities that we would love to have students more involved. If anyone is interested, they should see Chris [Hafling].

You have been at NKU for 12 years. What accomplishment (s) are you most proud of?

November 8, 2008 is a historic day. That is the day we opened up this arena [BOK] against the University of Louisville. That was years of planning to get this building [BOK] ready. We were able to open it up with a prestigious institution like [University of] Louisville. I did a great deal of work getting that contract taken care, and we were able to make it work without a hitch. That was the first basketball game at that level that any of us had anything to do with, including all the SMG staff. That is something I am very proud of.

What I am also proud of is the day to day interaction that we have with the student-athletes and the success that they have. We have a great reputation through-out the country because we do things right, we do things within the rules, we recruit student-athletes that are students first.

When you aren't attending the athletic events or in the office, what do you like to do for fun?

I spend time with my family. I have four children. They are involved in many activities, some sporting and some not sporting. I like to spend time with them whether it is doing homework with them or attending their events. I still try to coach their sports teams. I have two sons at the University of Louisville and two daughters in elementary school. I just try to spend as much time as I can with them.

The Office of New Student Orientation and Parent Programs would like to thank Dr. Eaton for taking time to share his experiences and thoughts with the NKU parents. To see the complete interview, visit <http://orientation.nku.edu/parent/archives.php>.

If you have a student interested in college athletics, they can contact Chris Hafling at haflingc1@nku.edu or (859) 572-7665 to learn about opportunities available in the NKU athletics office. To learn more about NKU athletics visit <http://www.nkunorse.com>.

Celebrate NKU's Homecoming: Norse Fever!

The first week of February is NKU's Annual Homecoming! Traditionally, the week is packed full of activities for students and their families to celebrate NKU and this year is no exception.

This year's celebration starts with the Annual Homecoming Talent Show. Every spring semester the Activities Programming Board gives NKU students a chance to share their talents with their peers in the Homecoming Talent Show. **The Talent Show will be held on February 1st at 7pm in the Student Union Ballroom.**

The show will be hosted by comedian Michael Kent and will feature 8 acts from current NKU students. This year we are proud to announce that the talent show will feature a panel of local celebrities, Tim and My mom calls me George from Kiss Mornings on Kiss107 and Seg Dennison from 700WLW!

NKU's Homecoming week continues on Wednesday, **February 3rd at 7:00 pm with the Homecoming Gala.** The Gala is semi-formal and keeping with this year's theme, students are encouraged to dress to impress in their best '70s attire. The Gala is also when the 2010 Duke and Duchess will be crowned and the Prince/Princess court will be presented. Tickets to the Gala are \$5.00 a person.

On **Thursday, February 4th at 4:00 pm**, the festivities continue with the campus wide pep rally, **"Yell Like Hell."** The NKU basketball teams, cheerleaders, dance team, and mascot will all be in the Albright Health Center to show their school pride. This event will also feature a helmet decoration contest and the coronation of the Prince and Princess.

Homecoming weekend concludes on **Saturday, February 6th with the men's and women's basketball games against Missouri S&T** at the Bank of Kentucky Center. All Homecoming contest winners will be announced during half-time of the women's basketball game. **The Coronation of the Homecoming King and Queen** will take place during half-time of the men's basketball game.

Come out and help us cheer on our Norse basketball teams and meet the 2010 Homecoming Royalty. For a complete list of nominees for the Homecoming Royal Court or for more information about the week's events, visit <http://studentlife.nku.edu/homecoming/index.php>.



Pictured: Brian Budai, 2009 Homecoming King and Ashley Hall Boyce, 2009 Homecoming Queen

February is National Black History Month

NKU's Office of African American Student Affairs in partnership with several student organizations and offices has planned several events throughout the month of February to celebrate National Black History Month.

Students will have opportunities to dialogue with other students, faculty and staff through several discussion programs and presentations.

Other events planned for the month include the following: Apollo at NKU, an adaptation from the

famed Apollo Theatre in Harlem, New York, the African Market Place, HIV/AIDS Awareness Day, NKU's Theatre and Dance production *Colored*, Without Sanctuary: Lynching Photography in America at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center, Wiffleball League all-star game, and worship services.

To learn more about any of these events visit, http://nku.edu/~aasa/docs/0910_AASA_Sched.pdf

Educating Latinos for Kentucky's Future (ELKF) Conference to be held at NKU

Educating Latinos for Kentucky's Future (ELKF) will be hosting its first statewide annual conference, *Opportunities and Challenges Facing Latino Students in the Commonwealth*, on **February 11th and 12th, 2010, at Northern Kentucky University.**

ELKF welcomes high school students, parents and Kentucky educators to its College Fair, where students will have the opportunity to familiarize themselves with Kentucky higher education institutions.

Students and educators can also take advantage of a variety of workshops; those targeted students will tackle the different aspects of preparing and applying for college, getting financial assistance, staying in college, and career opportunities, while those targeted educators, mentors, parents and community gatekeepers will offer information and resources to help insure Latino student success in middle school, high school and college.

The ELKF conference has invited keynote speakers with insights on current issues faced by Latino students

in Kentucky and ways to change them. College and high school students will have an array of leadership and informative workshops tackling on effective leadership, diversity in Kentucky education and Latino students' place in it.

The conference will be a great opportunity to learn more about current Kentucky laws that affect Latino students such as the revised Kentucky Plan (now the Diversity Plan), residency regulation 13 KAR 2:045 which affects tuition options for immigrants with unknown status, and much more. For more information visit www.ELKF.net



Does the Winter Weather Concern You? How Do You and Your Student Know if NKU is Open or Delayed?

Sign up for NORSE A!ERT to be notified if NKU is closed. NORSE A!ERT will be activated when the University determines a serious threat exists and the campus community must take immediate action to remain safe and secure. The system will also be used to announce an unscheduled University closing or cancellation of classes due to severe weather.

In order to receive voice messages, you must provide your telephone and/or cell phone number to the University by signing up at norsealert.nku.edu.

Students can select up to three telephone numbers including landline telephone numbers that will receive the Norse A!ert in the event of an emergency on campus. If you and your students are not already receiving this free service, sign up today!



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