

The Norse Parent

NKU Parents Association Newsletter

Leaving a Legacy

Minera, Papin Receive Norse Legacy Award

May is a time of mixed emotions on a college campus. It's a time of reflection, and looking forward. It is a time to celebrate our graduates and recognize them for their achievements. On April 23rd, at Gold and White Gratitude, an event established to recognize outstanding achievements obtained by organizations and student leaders, President Geoffrey Mearns recognized this year's Norse Legacy Award winners, Arturo Minera and Loren Papin.

When recognizing the winners, Mearns said, "While being a leader is one word that can describe our winners, arguably the more important part of being a leader is also being a contributor. The Norse Legacy Award goes beyond what you have done and speaks to who you are or who you have become while at NKU. The words used to describe our winners are the same. Selfless, motivator, encourager, positive, inspiring, committed. They both have a lengthy list of involvement and accomplishments. But here is what really matters – the impact they have had on their peers."

NKU will miss Minera and Papin, but their legacies will continue long after graduation. Congratulations!

From L to R: President Geoffrey Mearns, Mrs. Jennifer Mearns, Loren Papin, Arturo Minera, and Dr. Peter Gitau



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Important Dates:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

May 10th
Spring Commencement

August 8
PAB Meeting

October 3-5
Family Weekend

Have a great summer!



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NKU Implements New Policies for Fall 2014

HAVEN Sexual Assault Online Learning Platform

With data from the National Institute of Justice showing that one in five college women (and one in 16 men) will experience some form of nonconsensual sexual activity by graduation, the widespread impact of sexual violence on students presents an urgent and pressing challenge for colleges around the United States, including NKU.

Haven—Understanding Sexual Assault is an online learning platform addressing the critical issues of sexual assault, relationship violence, and stalking, which impact countless college students across the country. Built in collaboration with leading researchers and practitioners, *Haven* is an interactive module designed to engage and empower NKU students to create a safe, healthy campus environment.

All incoming students are required to go through the Haven module prior to mid-terms in the fall semester. The Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) requires that institutions provide all incoming students will education on these critical issues. First year and transfer students will each receive an email with instructions on how to login and when they need to have completed it. If a student does not complete the module and the follow up survey by the deadline in the email, a “Code of Conduct” hold will be placed on their account in MyNKU. Questions or concerns about Haven should be directed to the Dean of Students Office at 859-572-5147.

First Day Attendance Policy

When your students begin their Fall 2014 classes, they will need to be aware of a new policy. Students not attending a class on the first day of that class will be dropped from that class. If your student knows in advance they will not be able to attend a class on its first day, he or she needs to make arrangements with the professor prior to the start of classes!

**SHOW YOUR FACE
OR LOSE YOUR SPACE.**

Beginning fall 2014, NKU students are expected to attend the first scheduled class session of each course for which they are enrolled. If a student does not attend the first day of class, the instructor may drop the student for non-attendance.

Students who know they will be absent must contact their instructor(s) prior to the first class meeting to explain their absence and request to remain enrolled in the course.

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2014 *Gold & White* *Gratitude* Recipients

Outstanding Freshman:

Elizabeth Akinade
Rick Seal

Outstanding Sophomore:

Nathan Garbig
Natalia Weekly

Outstanding Junior:

Elizabeth Ruwe
Clay Tyler

Outstanding Senior:

Katie Cox
Matt Werner

Congratulations!

Healthy Life, Happy Life

Health, Counseling & Student Wellness

The traditional academic year is winding down and our students are making their summer plans. While summer can be a time for relaxation and refueling, it also provides an opportunity for getting a jump on the next school year. Our services are available all year. Even students who aren't taking summer classes are eligible if they are enrolled for the fall semester. Encourage your student to be proactive about health and wellness. Provide your son or daughter with an insurance card and information on how to use their benefits.

Are there health requirements/needs that could be addressed before Fall semester? Does her program require a physical exam, TB test, or vaccinations? Will he want to have our health staff administer his allergy shots in the fall? Will she be living in the dorms and need a meningitis vaccine? Take advantage of our summer hours to reduce the number things on that to-do-list.

Mental health is as important as physical health. Does your student experience increased anxiety or other issues with a full class schedule? Is he worried about adjusting to campus life? Would she be interested in participating in a group therapy program in the fall? Consider counseling services over the summer to help manage issues before they begin.

Appointments are available Monday through Friday. Call us at (859) 572-5650.

Parent Advisory Board Year in Review

The 2013-2014 school year has been a time for growth and change for the Parent Advisory Board. We have welcomed new members and will be saying goodbye to others as their students graduate.

This year, PAB members:

- *Served on a parent panel at 12 orientation sessions
- *Hosted 9 parent receptions at Northern Exposure
- *Held a fundraiser for the PAB Scholarship
- *Hosted Family Weekend
- *Hosted the Parent and Royal Reception
- *Attended a luncheon with Mrs. Mearns
- *Provided vital feedback and suggestions for the betterment of the campus
- *And so much more!

Thanks to all of the PAB members for their service! Not a member of the Parent Advisory Board but want to get involved? Contact [Britta Gibson](#) for more information!

Spring 2014 Commencement

Commencement for Spring 2014 is scheduled for Saturday, May 10th at the Bank of Kentucky Center.

9 a.m.—11:30 a.m.

College of Arts and Sciences
College of Informatics

2 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

College of Education and
Human Services

College of Health Profes-
sions

Haile/US Bank College of
Business

6 p.m.—7:30 p.m.

Chase College of Law

Need additional information or want to live stream the event? Find it [here!](#)

*Congratulations
to all of our May
2014 graduates!*

Check the Lost and Found!

Has your student lost something on campus over the course of the school year? Misplaced a set of car keys? Can't find that missing phone charger? Have them check the Lost and Found. The Lost and Found is located in Griffin Hall, Room 400.

Veterans Resource Station

The Veterans Resource Station is located in the University Center, room 131. The center serves as the primary contact to serve all student veterans, military service members, dependents, ROTC cadets, and family members.

They provide individual computer and internet access and study space.

Students can also connect with a peer mentor who can provide support and help them navigate NKU.

The Veterans Resource Station is a resource library, guide, and connection for a broad range of services and benefits provided by the Kentucky and U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs.

If your student is receiving veteran's educational benefits, have them check out the Veterans Resource Station!

Featured Resource

Contact Us:

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Next Parent Advisory Board Meeting

Friday, August 8th
6:30-8:30 pm

Tip of the month:

Get a jump start on the 2014-2015 school year! Is your student looking for an on-campus job? Did you know all on-campus jobs are listed [here!](#) Encourage your student to spend some time this summer updating his or her resume to reflect any activities, awards, or job experiences from this past school year. Then have your student check out the job listings. The listings change daily, so viewing them now can help them get a lead on employment opportunities for the future!

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