

Thanksgiving 2009 Checkout

Thanksgiving break is just around the corner. Information on checkout from the residence halls, suites and Golden Bear apartments will be sent to residents' on-campus mailboxes in early November. Residents need to be checked out by 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 25.

Health & Wellness Center Relocates

Health & Wellness Services will relocate to Beck Hall in spring 2010. The new Health & Wellness Center will provide a more comprehensive approach to health care with this central location for counseling services, student health services, health promotion, alcohol-and-other-drug programs, and administrative health services.

Experience the Best (cont.)

superior student vocal, dance and instrumental performances. And view an incredible display of student artwork.

Please join Kutztown University's "On the Boulevard" for an evening to remember. Proceeds from the event support the KU Foundation Scholarship Program. Cost is \$100/ticket. For ticket purchase or sponsorship opportunities, call 610-683-1394.

The KU student handbook "The Key" is available online to students, parents and all members of the university community at:

thekey.kutztown.edu



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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, Oct. 17	Homecoming
Sunday, Nov. 1	Last day to contractually cancel housing for the spring 2010 semester without loss of deposit. Students must cancel in person by 4:30 p.m. at the Housing & Residential Services office in 106 Old Main.
Monday, Nov. 2 – Wednesday, Nov. 4	Housing renewal for Online Student Services
Wednesday, Nov. 25	Residence halls close at 11 a.m. for Thanksgiving recess.
Sunday, Nov. 29	Residence halls open at 1 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 7 – Thursday, Dec. 10	Open room change through Online Student Services. Students should check their student e-mail account for specific instructions.
Saturday, Dec. 12	Last day of regular classes.
Friday, Dec. 18	Residence halls close at 6 p.m. for winter recess.
Saturday, Dec. 19	Commencement – 9 a.m. for undergraduate students and 11 a.m. for graduate students. (Please note these new times for ceremonies.)
Sunday, Jan. 17	Residence halls open at 1 p.m.
Monday, Jan. 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day observed. UNIVERSITY CLOSED, residence halls will remain open.
Tuesday, Jan. 19	Spring semester classes begin at 8 a.m.



LinKU: Leaders in Kutztown University Connect – Learn – Lead

Landing that dream job after college requires skills that set students apart from the competition. While there is no guarantee, this success requires development beyond classroom instruction. Successful students find time for personal development. Leaders in Kutztown University (LinKU) is a multi-track program designed to provide a wide portfolio of training programs to enhance students' skills and abilities to connect, learn and lead in the workplace.

The foundation of LinKU is developed using experiential learning techniques designed to enhance the academic excellence of Kutztown University students. Experiential education is the core of the program and provides students with true-to-life learning experiences in a non-threatening format.

This year, LinKU is offering two tracks. Track A highlights resilient leadership in action with an emphasis on change management, while track B highlights service learning. Both tracks offer 10 sessions throughout the year, and each culminates with a respective capstone activity and a recognition ceremony at the close of year.

This program is free to those who submit a completed application by Dec. 4 for participation in the spring 2010 program. For more information or to submit an electronic application go to: <http://involvement.kutztown.edu> or call the Student Union and Involvement Services Office at 610-683-4087 or 610-683-1383.

Plans for further expansion of the LinKU program are underway. If you are interested in supporting this program, contributions may be made through the KU Foundation, P.O. Box 151, Kutztown, PA 19530. Or, go to www.give2KU.org. Please designate LinKU with your contribution. Your consideration and support is greatly appreciated.

What past participants have said about LinKU:

"LinKU allowed me to gain a better understanding of the leadership skills I currently have and the skills I would like to have."

Tristin B.

"I was able to network with other campus leaders and I began to view myself more as a leader."

Torry R.

"LinKU improved my leadership by helping me look at certain situations differently."

Lena Z.

Students and Parents Can Receive KU Alert

By signing up for KU Alert, students and their parents can be warned by cell phone and/or e-mail of any immediate safety situations that may occur on campus.

The KU Alert warning system is an opt-in program and is open to all students. This state-of-the-art mass notification system is available simply by signing up online. All that is needed is a mobile telephone number and/or e-mail address, and a KU Network login and password. Students may list up to two mobile phone numbers and two e-mail addresses to receive the text message alert, and may change these at any time.

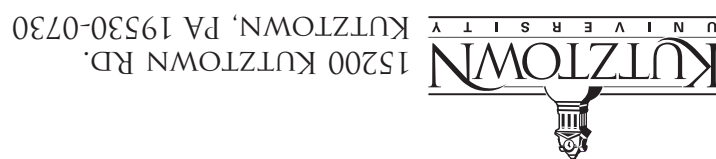
All KU students are encouraged to create their own KU Alert account at: www.kutztown.edu/kualert.

If students enter a parent's cell phone and/or e-mail address as their second point of contact, students and their parents will be informed simultaneously of life-threatening events occurring on campus.

The system delivers emergency text message alerts to all registered mobile phones, Blackberry units, wireless PDAs, pagers, Smart or Satellite phones, KU e-mail users and the university Web site. By choosing two contact points, students easily can include parents in the alert system.

No advertising or non-emergency content is ever sent via the alert system. The information entered will not be shared with outside vendors, nor will it be retained by the university beyond the opt-out date.

The KU Alert program is just one component of the university's emergency notification system. During events that trigger a text message alert, the university will also send alerts via campus building speaker systems and other methods.



Flu Updates from the KU Health & Wellness Center

Although the H1N1 (Swine Flu) virus appears to have been mild in severity, public health officials have found that individuals between the ages of 5 and 25 are more likely to contract H1N1. Because the age range encompasses university students, the KU Health & Wellness Center anticipates a high number of cases.

The H1N1 virus is a different strain of influenza than the seasonal flu, and it is possible to contract both the seasonal flu and the Swine Flu.

H1N1 is a highly contagious disease occurring widely, and recommendations will be aimed at mitigation rather than containment. The most effective strategies for disease mitigation are personal prevention measures such as hand washing, cough/cold etiquette, obtaining the seasonal flu shot, and other non-pharmacological interventions. The most important non-pharmacological intervention is the exclusion of ill individuals from public, school and group activities.

In compliance with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Pennsylvania Department of Health recommendations, KU will strongly encourage those with influenza-like illness to follow the CDC self-isolation guidelines found at: www.cdc.gov.

Students should not attend class or any public gatherings while ill. Students who live in residence halls should leave campus and return home to recover. It is imperative that infected individuals safeguard the health of others by following the non-attendance CDC self-isolation guidelines.

Based upon the anticipated cases, it is unlikely that health care providers will be able to provide verification of the illness. H1N1 vaccine is currently under production and may be available by late October. The health center will contact students upon notification of its availability. The vaccine will most likely be administered in two separate doses at no cost to the students. The Health & Wellness Center staff at KU will not issue any medical excuses for missed classes.

For the most up-to-date information about seasonal and H1N1, visit www.flu.gov or www.kutztown.edu/flu.

Remember to File Your FAFSA Early

KU's priority filing deadline for scholarships and campus-based aid is **March 1, 2010**. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed to be considered for university-based scholarships and various aid programs including the Stafford loan, Perkins loan, SEOG grant, and Work Study.

If students meet the filing deadline, they will be evaluated for Pell grants, campus-based aid, scholarships and Stafford loans. May 1, 2010 marks the deadline for the PHEAA state grant program for Pennsylvania residents.

First-time aid applicants must file the original FAFSA while most former applicants may file the renewal FAFSA.

The FAFSA is used to apply for all forms of federal, state and institutional aid offered at the university. KU need-based scholarships and student employment are also determined by FAFSA. A student can file the FAFSA electronically by completing and submitting the application online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

The U.S. Department of Education requires students to sign their FAFSA either on paper or by a Personal Identification Number (PIN), which serves as an electronic signature. If a student does not have a PIN, one can be applied for at: www.pin.ed.gov.

If a student is required to provide parent information, the parent's signature is also required. Parents can apply for a PIN on the same Web site. Printing and mailing a paper signature page is not necessary.

Students who wish to apply for a Stafford loan for the 2010-11 academic year need to choose the option "Loans" or "Loans/Work Study" on the FAFSA. This will initiate the processing of the Stafford loan; therefore, it is no longer necessary to pick up the application from the lender.

Parents interested in applying for PLUS loans may do so by logging onto www.elmselect.com.

Loan processing for incumbents will begin after spring 2010 grades are posted to determine eligibility.

Students should remember that eligibility for financial aid is determined by the results of the

FAFSA, and continuing students must meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements. Federal regulations require a university to establish an academic progress policy as part of eligibility requirements for all federal financial aid programs.

Please note that PHEAA grants are state aid with different eligibility requirements.

The Financial Aid Office staff is available to answer any questions by phone at 610-683-4077 or in person at 209 Stratton Administration Center. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, with extended hours on Tuesdays to 6:30 p.m.

For students seeking employment, visit KU's student employment Web site: www.kutztown.edu/admin/finaid/employment/home.html.

Take a Digital Tour of the Student Rec Center



The Student Recreation Center now offers Podcasts that provide an orientation to the facilities and equipment, and address many important areas of health fitness. Currently, four podcasts focusing on cardio respiratory function, muscular strength and endurance, flexibility and safe fitness practices are available to students and guests as free downloads.

Simply logon to the Rec Center's homepage at recreation.kutztown.edu. Scroll down to "Student Recreation Center Podcasts" and follow the links.

Parents also may view these free podcasts by registering as a guest. Please note that some computer users may need to download a free version of iTunes to view these Podcasts.



Much to Do on Move-In Day 2009

KU welcomed first-year students moving onto campus on Saturday, Aug. 29 during the official Move-In Day activities. This year more than 2,000 first-year students and 700 transfer students began the 2009-2010 academic year. Emanuel Torres '13, a freshman from Allentown, Pa., is moved into Dixon Hall (the largest residence hall on campus) with a little help from Housing & Residential Services student volunteers Liz Martin '11 and Alexandra Halbom '11 (left to right).

Online Housing Renewal

Housing renewal will be held Nov. 2-4 through Online Student Services. During this program, current on-campus students can rollover their \$125 housing deposit from spring 2010 to spring 2011. Students who rollover their deposit will be able to participate in room selection in the spring for a fall assignment. To view next year's housing contract go to: www.kutztown.edu/admin/harlo/headlines.

To participate in housing renewal:

- Go to: www.kutztown.edu/currentstudents.asp
- Online Student Services is located under the "Student Tools" section
- Select Online Student Services
- Enter Social Security and PIN number*
- Under Administrative, select "Housing"
- Follow the instructions to rollover your housing deposit. If you do not remember your pin number, please contact the Registrar's Office in 115 Stratton Administration Center, 610-683-4485.

*Do not share your pin number – keep your information confidential.

Experience the Best of Kutztown University – Our Students

"On the Boulevard – A Celebration of Student Excellence," formerly the President's Scholarship Ball, is our newest showcase of student success.

Stroll "The Boulevard" of student talent on display in the McFarland Student Union on Saturday, Nov. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. Sample creative fare from around the world. Listen to the big band sounds of the KU Jazz Ensemble I.

Experience a musical review by KU theatre students. Enjoy a selection of

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A Word About Confidentiality of Student Records

Kutztown University, like all other colleges and universities across the country, collects and maintains a considerable amount of information about students. While some of this information is directory in nature, records are built regarding student academic performance, co-curricular involvement, and behavior, to name a few. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, commonly known as FERPA, governs the manner in which those records are defined, who may have access to the records, and the process by which certain records may be challenged or amended.

FERPA defines a student record as any file, document or other material that contains information directly related to a student and maintained by Kutztown University. It also defines the student as owner and manager of the record upon enrollment and gives them the control over most disclosures. This status exists regardless of the age of the student at the time of enrollment. Some records are defined as directory in nature and would not be considered harmful or an invasion of privacy if disclosed without prior consent of the student. Kutztown University considers the student name, address (local and home), telephone numbers (local, home and cell), date and place of birth, e-mail address, enrollment status, and major course of study, among others, to be directory information. Students have the opportunity through Online Student Services to request that any portion of directory information be held confidential and not be disclosed without prior consent.

Other records, such as grades or student discipline, are not directory information. Therefore, they are held confidential and only may be disclosed under strict conditions – mainly with the written consent of the student. This consent must contain not only the specific record to be disclosed, but also the person to whom it is to be disclosed. Parents have certain rights to inspect their student's record without consent if they claim the student as a dependent for federal tax purposes as defined by the Internal Revenue Service Code of 1954. The Parental Affidavit for Educational Records Information, found at <http://conduct.dept.kutztown.edu/pdfs/FERPAPackage.pdf>, may be submitted to the Registrar's Office. Prior to submitting this form, parents are encouraged to discuss access to records with their student. Students must learn to take responsibility for the management of records information. Parents certainly should have access to information but more appropriately through their student. Kutztown University recognizes and respects each student's privacy rights and the responsibility for the management of the disclosure of that record. Students are reminded each year of their rights and the process by which their records may be inspected and/or amended. Kutztown University's policy on the confidentiality of student records can be found at www.kutztown.edu/registrar/ferpa.shtml.