

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Spring Break 2007 Check-Out Process from Residence Halls/ Apartments

Spring Break begins at the close of classes on Friday, March 9 and ends at 8 a.m. on Monday, March 19. Information on check out from on-campus assignments will be sent to residents' on-campus mailboxes in February.

All on-campus residents, including Golden Bear Village and Sacony Phase II Apartments, must be checked out by 6 p.m. on Friday, March 9.

### The Key to Success at KU

The Kutztown University Student Handbook "The Key" is available to all members of the university community at: [thekey.kutztown.edu](http://thekey.kutztown.edu).

Contact the Dean for Student Services and Campus Life's office, 262 McFarland Student Union, for an alternative media format of this document.

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February	Room selection for Golden Bear Village apartments for 2007-2008 academic year.
March	Room selection for suite-style and traditional residence halls for 2007-2008 academic year.
Monday, Feb. 19	No classes in observance of President's Day. Administrative offices open.
Monday, Feb. 19	Fall 2007 residence hall staff process day
Tuesday, Feb. 20	Follow Monday class schedule
Friday, March 9	Residence halls close at 6 p.m. for spring break
Sunday, March 18	Residence halls open at 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 4	Spring recess begins at end of classes. Residence halls remain open.
Tuesday, April 10	Spring recess ends, classes resume at 8 a.m.
April 25 – April 28	Bearfest
Tuesday, May 1	Last day to cancel housing for 2007-2008 without loss of \$125 housing deposit
May 7 – May 11	Final exams
Friday, May 11	Residence halls close at 6 p.m.
Saturday, May 12	Commencement
Wednesday, May 30	Residence halls open at 3 p.m. for Summer Session I

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**[www.kutztown.edu/familyties](http://www.kutztown.edu/familyties)**



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## New Website for Student Services and Campus Life Debuts

Parents and students looking for information on everything from activities in the McFarland Student Union, to recreational services, public safety and other campus departments, will find the new website for the Division of Student Services and Campus Life easy to use and just a click away.

By logging onto [www.kutztown.edu/divisions/studentservices](http://www.kutztown.edu/divisions/studentservices), families will find a world of news and information.

"This was a nine-month project that was designed to be the ultimate in user-friendliness," said Julie Nolan, coordinator for Special Programs and Services.

The website is organized with the busy student and parent in mind. For all non-academic questions or concerns, the site provides families with a comprehensive staff directory that takes users to departments and services by name and organization.

Quick Clicks eliminate long searches and are organized in common terms. The staff directory features both contact information and a picture of the contact person for those users who are better with faces than names.

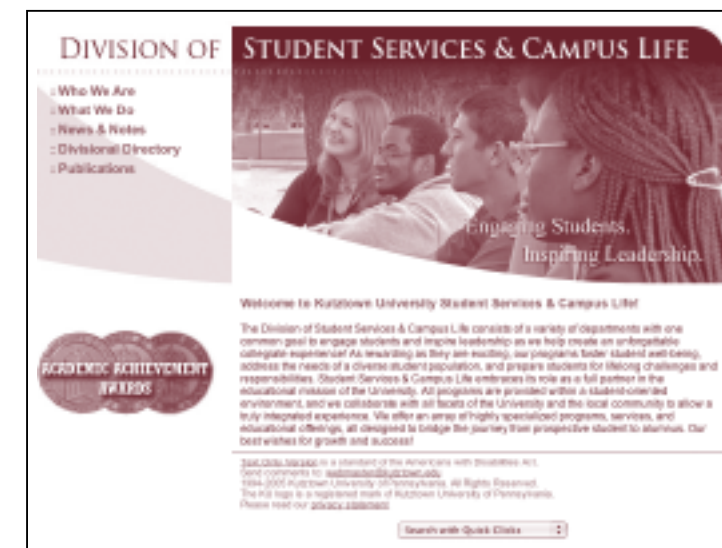
In addition, there is an organizational flow chart that provides a peek into all the divisions serving KU students. Everything on the website is cross-referenced, so finding additional information is as easy as clicking on a link.

Other features include downloadable publications important to student success including "The Key," the student handbook.

"In the near future, parents will be able to easily find students listed in the Who's Who of student leadership on our new website. Plus the page on scholarship information is an invaluable resource for important scholarship and leadership applications," Nolan said.

Updated regularly, the website offers a main campus calendar; news on significant daily activities, programs and campus events.

With the new Student Services and Campus Life website, families can stay connected, informed, and in touch.



## Q&A for Spring 2007 On-Campus Residents

**How do I select an assignment for Fall 2007?** Room selection for Fall 2007 takes place from February through March for students that participated in housing renewal last November or are new residents this semester.

**When will I receive a Golden Bear Apartment Application?** The room selection process begins with the Honors Building in January. Next, apartment applications are mailed around February 1, with Golden Bear room selection throughout the month of February. That is followed by University Place and traditional building room selection during the month of March. Students should check their on-campus mailboxes for more information during these time periods.

**What happens if I am eligible to participate in room selection, but fail to do so?** You have until May 1, 2007 to cancel your 2007/2008 housing contract without loss of deposit; and until July 1, 2007 to cancel before being locked into your contract for the next academic year. You must cancel in writing by the deadline dates at our Old Main, Room 106 office. If you have not cancelled by July 1, an assignment will be made for you, and you will be billed for both Fall 2007 and Spring 2008 semesters.

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## Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements

Federal regulations require a university to establish an academic progress policy as part of eligibility requirements for all federal financial aid programs. Federal programs, known as Title IV aid, include Pell grants, SEOG grants, Perkins loans, Work-Study, Stafford and PLUS loans. PHEAA grants are state aid with different eligibility requirements and will be discussed later.

All students who apply for financial aid, including loans, must satisfy the academic progress requirement, which has two parts:

### 1. Earned New Credits Requirement

Progress is measured for the academic year based on the student's prior two semesters of enrollment. The total number of new credits the student is required to earn is determined by the student's enrollment on the last day of drop/add. A typical full-time undergraduate student must earn a minimum of 24 new credits per academic year. Withdrawing from a class after drop/add may mean that a student will be short the number of credits needed for satisfactory academic progress.

Note: Repeats of courses for which a student received a passing grade do not count as new credits.

### 2. Grade Point Average Requirement

Upon entering the fifth semester, an additional requirement goes into effect. The student must have an overall grade point average [GPA] of at least 2.0 and not be on academic warning or probation. The GPA is measured annually at the end of the academic year for the upcoming year.

### INSUFFICIENT PROGRESS FOR FINANCIAL AID

A student may make up credits during the summer at Kutztown or at another institution but will have to pay for summer courses on his or her own. Courses taken elsewhere will not affect the GPA and will count toward the credit needed only if they are accepted by Kutztown University. The student is responsible to submit an official academic transcript to the Registrar's Office.

### PHEAA STATE GRANT ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY

PHEAA state grant progress is based on the last academic year [summer, fall, spring] a state grant was received. For every term a full-time grant was received, 12 new credits must be earned during or after the term. A part-time grant recipient taking six credits must earn six new credits during or after the term.

Please note that repeats of courses for which a student received a passing grade do not count as new credits. Also, some state grant recipients, who were enrolled in developmental classes, may need to earn more than 24 credits in an academic year.

Please be advised that a student's academic advisor has no responsibility to monitor progress requirements for financial aid eligibility. As an aid recipient, a student must ensure he/she will have earned enough credits and have the minimum overall GPA to continue to qualify for financial aid. Please direct any questions regarding academic progress to Financial Aid Services at 610-683-4077.

## ACG and SMART Grants

Starting with the 2006-07 academic year, Pell Grant recipients may also be eligible for one of two new federal grants: the National SMART Grant or the Academic Competitiveness Grant. It is estimated that approximately 600,000 students may qualify for the additional funds which are earmarked to continue through the 2010-2011 school year. For this academic year, \$790 million has been set aside.

The ACG grant is designated for first and second year students who graduated from high school after January 2006 or 2005. The awards for the first and second years are \$750 and \$1,300 respectively.

### First-year students:

- Must be a U.S. citizen;
- Must qualify for a Pell Grant;
- Must be registered fulltime in a degree-seeking program;
- Must have completed a rigorous secondary school program.

### Second-year students:

- Must be a U.S. citizen;
- Must qualify for a Pell Grant;
- Must have earned a 3.0 GPA at the end of the freshman year;
- Must have completed a rigorous secondary school program.

The National Science and Mathematics to Retain Talent [SMART] Grant is available to third and fourth year college students. The total award is \$4000.

### Qualifying students must:

- Be a U.S. citizen;
- Be eligible for a Pell Grant;
- Choose a specific major: physical, life or computer sciences; math; technology; engineering; or a foreign language that is considered critical to national security.
- Be a fulltime student with at least a 3.0 grade point average.
- The grant money will be allocated to the school and included with the financial aid package if a student is declared eligible.
- To find out more about these two grants go to: [www.pdehighered.state.pa.us](http://www.pdehighered.state.pa.us)

## Paw Pass Gift Card Makes Giving Easy

Parents, grandparents, alumni, visitors, and others looking for an easy way to give a gift can purchase the new Paw Pass gift card from KU's One Card office.

Paw Passes work at the same locations as the KU Bear Bucks flexible spending account including vending machines, the KU Bookstore, campus food kiosks, and independent merchants throughout the community.

To pick up a Paw Pass, stop in the One Card Office, 228 McFarland Student Union, during business hours.



## Rec Center Open to Families

Parents, did you know you can join the new state-of-the-art Student Recreation Center? You can have the same fun that your son or daughter is by signing up for one of the memberships for the Spring Semester.

If you're visiting for a day or a weekend, your son or daughter can purchase for you a guest pass for \$5 which will allow you access to the recreation center and Keystone Hall Pool for that day.

The center includes two racquetball courts, a lounge with two table tennis and pool tables, a climbing wall, two gyms, an indoor track, a juice bar, and a fitness center containing cardio equipment, selectorized circuit, free weight area, and power lift stations.

If you want more information please contact the Student Recreation Center at 484-646-4200 or visit Recreational Services' website at [recreation.kutztown.edu](http://recreation.kutztown.edu).



Membership Group	Spring 2007 Membership <sup>1</sup>	30-Day Trial Membership <sup>1</sup>	Pool Only (6 months)	Pool Only (annual)
Alumni	\$99.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
Parent	\$99.00	\$25.00	\$50.00	\$90.00
Family Membership <sup>2</sup>	\$396.00	\$100.00	\$200.00	\$360.00

<sup>1</sup>Membership includes the Student Recreation Center and Keystone Hall Pool.

<sup>2</sup>Includes a member, a spouse or partner, and two dependents 16-years or older.

## May 2007 to Be Held in Three Ceremonies

As KU's student body continues to grow, the May Commencement Ceremonies have been expanded to accommodate families and friends. Traditionally held in University Field in one unified ceremony, this year for the first time, graduating seniors and graduate students will participate in Commencement Ceremonies specific to their college.

Scheduled for May 12, Commencement activities will be as follows:

Ceremonies for the College of Graduate Studies will held in Schaeffer Auditorium beginning at 8:30 a.m.

Ceremonies for students enrolled in the College of Education or the College of Visual and Performing Arts will be held in the Keystone Field House beginning at 11 a.m.

Ceremonies for students enrolled in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences or the College of Business will be held in the Keystone Field House beginning at 4 p.m.

Parents, students, family, and friends are asked to limit their on-campus parking to Commencement-related activities.

For more information call 610-683-4143 or go to [www.kutztown.edu](http://www.kutztown.edu).

