We are thrilled that your family has chosen to become a part of the Colonel family. The EKU community welcomes you with open arms.

EKU is committed to the success of your student. The next phase of your student’s life is critical and our community will provide the high quality academic programs, support services and student life experiences that will permit your student to thrive. The EKU experience will prepare your student for the challenges inherent in today’s demanding workplace and global society.

EKU offers something for every student. Student Government, Greek Life, Student Leadership opportunities, Study Abroad and Co-Op programs are a few of the offerings available to expand your student’s horizons. Faculty and staff are readily available to answer questions, mentor and nurture your student’s growth. This guide is designed to assist you as you support your student in this new phase of life’s journey. Please do not hesitate to contact us for additional information should you require it.

We hope that you will encourage your student to embrace all that EKU has to offer so that we can partner with your family to help your student achieve success at EKU and beyond.

It’s a Great Time to Be a Colonel!

Sincerely,
Laurie A. Carter
Executive Vice President for Student Success
UNIVERSITY HISTORY

The Kentucky General Assembly of 1906 enacted legislation establishing the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School. Governor J.C. Beckham signed the bill into law on March 21, 1906. On May 7 of that year, the Normal School Commission selected the campus of the old Central University, founded in 1874 in Richmond, as the site of the new school. On June 2, 1906, Ruric Nevel Roark was chosen president of the Normal School and teacher training began.

In 1922, Eastern became a four-year institution known as the Eastern Kentucky State Normal School and Teachers College. The first degrees were awarded by this institution in 1925. In 1928, the College was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. In 1930, the General Assembly renamed the school the Eastern Kentucky State Teachers College.

In 1935, a graduate program was approved at Eastern, leading to the Master of Arts degree in Education. In 1948, the General Assembly removed the word “Teachers” from the name of the College and granted the College the right to award nonprofessional degrees.

The most significant day since its founding came for Eastern on February 26, 1966, when Governor Edward T. Breathitt signed into law a bill renaming the institution Eastern Kentucky University and sanctioning the awarding of graduate degrees in academic fields other than education.

The University today serves thousands of Kentuckians, hundreds of students throughout the United States and many international students. The curriculum leads to associate degrees, baccalaureate degrees, and an expanding graduate program that currently offers degrees at the master’s level in many other fields, as well as various fifth-and sixth-year leadership programs in education, psychology, and technology. Eastern also offers three doctoral degrees: in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, in Nursing Practice and in Occupational Therapy. The programs offered enable Eastern to serve the Commonwealth and beyond as a leading regional comprehensive university.

EKU PARENT AND FAMILY GUIDE

This guide was designed to answer common questions, educate parents and families on campus services, and provide information about EKU events and activities. An academic calendar, campus phone numbers, and tips for parents are also included.

First Year Programs
Whitlock Building
Room 372
(859) 622-2285
www.firstyear.eku.edu

The mission of the Office of First Year Programs is to aid in the transition to college for first year students and their families by providing useful and timely information in a professional manner. The department also encourages first year students to grow socially and academically and to respect themselves and all others in the EKU community. This office coordinates the following: Orientation, Colonel Camp, New Student Days, EKU Reads, and Family Programs.

Family Network
Whitlock Building
Room 372
(859) 622-2285
www.firstyear.eku.edu/Family-programs

The Eastern Family Network was established in 2000 as an effort to actively involve parents and families in EKU. There are currently more than 7,400 families in the Eastern Family Network! By informing families about campus happenings, we hope they will be better equipped to provide support and understanding as their students experience the joys and challenges of college life. The Eastern Family Network sponsors several projects and events throughout the year, including the EKU Family Guide, Campus Link Newsletter, and Family Weekend. For an application, visit our website.

September 25–27, 2015
(859) 622-2285
familyweekend.eku.edu

The Division of Student Success invites you to be a part of Family Weekend 2015! There will be events of interest to all, including sporting events, novelty family activities, a picnic with the University president, golf at Arlington Country Club, and more.

Experience the EKU community, and enjoy the events with the entire family. Join us for Family Weekend 2015, September 25–27. Additional information about Family Weekend will be sent to the permanent address of all EKU students this summer.

FAMILY WEEKEND

Order The College Laundry Bag Today!

Available Now @ Amazon.com

HELP CONQUER CLOTHES

Welcome to the EKU Family Guide
The Student Outreach and Transition Office (SOTO) serves as a one-stop shop for the transitional needs of adult, transfer and other non-traditional students by providing comprehensive support to students from initial inquiry to first semester registration and beyond.

SOTO provides individualized consulting for prospective first-time and returning adult students in areas such as admissions, degree audits, the transfer credit process, major selection, academic bankruptcy, and degree completion. We are home to the roadway Scholars diversity scholarship program and house the Latino Student Success Center.

The office strives to provide answers to basic questions regarding filing for financial aid, financial aid appeals, and maximizing previously earned credits.

Center for Career and Co-op
Whitlock Building Room 468
(859) 622-1296
www.career-coop.eku.edu

Through this office, students explore career options, test their major through internships and co-op experiences and develop a professional image to be competitive in the job market. The staff provides career counseling support and utilizes career assessment tools to assist students with identifying majors that match with their interests, personality, skills and values. The Center staff works to connect students with part-time jobs, co-ops, internships, and full-time positions. Students also receive comprehensive help with creating resumes and cover letters, developing professional interviewing skills, and learning how to network with employers through on-campus career fairs and other special events.

Campus Recreation
Student Recreation Center Room 105
(859) 622-6751
www.campusrec.eku.edu

The mission of Campus Recreation is to provide quality facilities, programs, educational opportunities, and customer service in order to promote the dimensions of wellness to a diverse university community.

Campus Recreation offers fitness and recreation programs including a wide variety of group fitness classes, intramural sports, outdoor adventure trips, health and wellness programs, and special events. Strength and cardiovascular equipment is available for student use in the Fitness and Wellness Center and the Burke Wellness Center.

Counseling Center
Whitlock Building Room 571
(859) 622-1303
www.counseling.eku.edu

The Counseling Center provides services designed to enhance the emotional, social, and intellectual development of EKU students. The Counseling Center mission is to assist students in successfully achieving their academic and personal goals. Services include personal counseling, career counseling, substance abuse counseling, a Career Counseling Seminar (GCC 199, career decision-making course), and group counseling (anxiety, men’s group, general counseling, substance abuse counseling, non-traditional student group, adult children of alcoholics group, mindfulness group). The counselor/student relationship is confidential as delineated by the American Psychological Association and Kentucky State Law.

Students desiring personal or career counseling can drop by the center. Parents who wish to refer a student or have questions regarding services can call and speak with one of the counselors. Students who have graduated from high school and are currently enrolled at EKU during the time they are seeking counseling are eligible for services. In cases where the student’s needs are beyond the role and scope of the center, referral information will be provided so that the student may pursue services elsewhere. Since the services provided by the Counseling Center are short-term in nature, referrals to outside agencies will be provided if longer-term therapy is indicated.

EKU Cultural Center
Powell Student Center Room 110
(859) 622-4373
www.culturalcenter.eku.edu

The EKU Cultural Center brings issues of cultural diversity to the foreground of campus conversation through educational programs and services. The Center exists to serve all students as they question personal and collective notions of race, ethnicity, sexuality, ability, and culture. The Center is engaged in collaborative efforts with other departments and academic areas on campus, provides co-curricular learning experiences, and encourages tolerance, inclusiveness, and the understanding and respecting of cultural differences. The center promotes life-long learning and global citizenship by providing programs, workshops, trainings, study groups, panel discussions, and events on cultural awareness, sensitivity, and competence.

Academic Advising
Whitlock Building Room 347
(859) 622-2276
www.advising.eku.edu

Once accepted to EKU, each student is assigned an academic advisor. Students who have not yet declared an academic major will be assigned a staff advisor in the University Advising Office. Students who enter with a declared major will be assigned an advisor within their program or college advising center. Students may talk with their advisor regarding any issues relating to student success throughout the semester. Students will also schedule to meet with their advisor during the advising and registration period to create a semester-by-semester graduation plan.

EKU Office of Financial Assistance
Whitlock Building Room 251
(859) 622-2361
www.finaid.eku.edu

Go to www.studentaid.ed.gov to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or contact the EKU Office of Financial Assistance. Financial aid experts are available during office hours for questions or concerns.

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Credit Union Student Choice Loan
- no origination fee
- deferment of principle & interest while in school
- flexible repayment options

To learn more call 866.289.3883, 24/7, or visit www.ukfcu.studentchoice.org to apply online.
Students can find current on-campus job opportunities at jobs.eku.edu. Students must apply online and after being selected for a position, can go to Jones 203 to submit required documentation to work on campus. There are two categories of employment: Federal Work Study and Institutional Employment. Federal Work Study may be available to eligible students who have made an application for financial aid and are enrolled for a minimum of six hours for the semester. Institutional Employment is available to any student who has not applied for financial aid or does not have eligibility for Federal Work Study. Institutional student employees must be enrolled a minimum of 12 hours per semester. Positions vary and are updated frequently so students should check back often. Most pay minimum wage.

Students who are interested in gaining employment off campus in local and surrounding counties can receive assistance through the Part-Time Job Placement Program. To enroll, students may contact the Center for Career and Co-op.

**Human Resources**

**Jones Building**

Room 203

(859) 622-5094

hr@eku.edu/student-employment-services

Students with disabilities are strongly encouraged to self-identify and request OSID/ DHHS services prior to the start of the semester. OSID serves students with diagnosed learning disabilities, Attention Deficit Disorder/ADD, Asperger’s, physical impairments, visual impairments, blindness, traumatic brain injuries, mental health diagnosis, and other health impairments. DHHS serves students who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired. Students who are Deaf or Hearing Impaired should contact the DHHS Interpreter Coordinator.

To request an Interpreter for an on-campus visit, Spotlight Day, Orientation or other University events, go to: asli.eku.edu/request and fill out the online request form. All interpreting requests must be submitted no later than 48 hours before the event.

Services are determined on an individual basis. It is the sole responsibility of the student with the disability to self-identify and provide the OSID/DHHS with appropriate documentation concerning a disability to be eligible for services. Visit the OSID website for documentation guidelines and other related information, www.disabilities.eku.edu. To schedule an appointment with the staff at the EKU Disabilities Office call (859) 622-2933. Please visit our website for a video tour of our office www.disabilities.eku.edu/insidelook/osid-office-tour.

**University Housing**

Whitlock Building

Room 552

(859) 622-1515

www.housing.eku.edu

The residence halls provide convenience within a unique living-learning environment. The many living-learning options have been designed to meet the needs and interests of EKU’s diverse student populations. The residence hall staff within each hall is committed to students’ education and development, and work with students to create an atmosphere where learning is fostered, community standards are developed, and where opportunities for educational and social growth exist.

Each hall has a front desk staffed 24 hours a day, laundry facilities, community kitchen, computer mini lab, vending machines, and fully furnished lobbies. Each room is furnished with two twin beds, two chairs, two desks, two chests, window blinds, one mini refrigerator, in-room cable and Internet access. Students must furnish their own coastal TV cable.

The contract terms are for the academic year and students living in a residence hall are required to be enrolled in a minimum of 12 hours; however, students registered for fewer may be granted permission. All students returning to a residence hall after a semester break must be registered for classes to move in (or return) to their assigned residence hall.

Please visit the Housing website for information regarding amenities provided.

**Regional Campuses**

www.regional.campuses.eku.edu

EKU Regional Campuses can help you find an educational path that meets your needs.

**Parking**

Mattox Hall

Suite A

(859) 622-PARK (7275)

www.parking.eku.edu

Students bringing vehicles to campus must understand and follow the Vehicle Parking Regulations. Parking permits are required to park in all campus parking areas. Specific parking areas are designated for employees, commuting students, or students living in the residence halls. Signs located at the entrance of parking lots and streets where parking is allowed designate all parking areas. The parking zones are also shown on the map located on the outside of the University’s Parking Rules and Regulations brochure. There is a fee for parking permits. Students may register their vehicles online through the Bosscars link in EKU Direct. If students have a change in their vehicle or the license plate number, they must call the Parking Office at (859) 622-7275 or email parking@eku.edu, with the new information and their EKU ID number. Visitor permits are available at the Parking and Transportation Office in Mattox Hall, Suite A from 7:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. After hours visitor permits may be obtained from the Division of Public Safety also located in Mattox Hall. There is no charge for temporary permits.

The most efficient method for parents or legal guardians to track their student’s academic progress is through the central data resource called “EKU Direct.” EKU Direct is an online secure access student self-service data depot. The student can securely log in to retrieve and view official grade reports, unofficial transcripts, academic progress. The Registrar’s Office assists students with establishing WEB-4-Parent accounts. WEB-4-Parent is a FERPA compliant process is a way for students to provide parents or legal guardians with access to their student’s educational record. The Federal Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of educational records, and it addresses the maintenance, inspection, and release of student records. FERPA dictates that information in a student’s record may not be released by a university without the student’s written permission regardless of the age of the student.

Students are not allowed to share their EKUDirect password with anyone. EKU has a “WEB-4-Parent” portal to help keep parents informed and engaged in their student’s academic progress. The Registrar’s Office assists students with establishing WEB-4-Parent accounts. This FERPA compliant process is a way for students to provide parents convenient access to important information.

For more information on WEB-4-Parent, go to registrars.eku.edu/web-4-parent.

**Human Resources**

**Jones Building**

Room 203

(859) 622-5094

hr@eku.edu/student-employment-services
Student Health Services (SHS) offers the following services for all eligible EKU students: acute ambulatory primary medical care, clinic laboratory services, allergy shots, minor emergency care, mental health services, TB and BP screening, health education (pamphlets, consultation with health care provider, etc.), immunizations (Tdap [Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis], MMR [measles, mumps, rubella], Varicella, and Hepatitis B). Due to lack of demand, Flu shots, the Meningitis vaccine, and Gardasil (HPV vaccine) are no longer available at SHS. These are, however, highly recommended; the Meningitis vaccine is especially advised for all first-year students living in the residence halls. It can be obtained through one’s local health department or primary care doctor’s office and should be covered by most insurance plans. Immunizations and TB skin tests have a charge associated with them, which the student must prepay at Student Accounts, Room 210, in the Whitlock Building, or via credit card at SHS; all other services provided to students on premises are free. Charges for services obtained outside the SHS (ER/UTC visits, specialist consultation, X-rays / MRI / CT scans) will be billed to the student or his/her insurance plan by the service provider. These costs can be quite substantial. Health insurance coverage, therefore, is highly encouraged. The SHS website offers information on evaluating Health Plans, and provides links to sites to assist in selecting a suitable one.

REMINDER: Eligibility for services at SHS ends once an individual ceases to be a student. Thus, upon withdrawal from school, dismissal for any reason, or upon graduation, a person can no longer be seen at SHS and must find an outside health care provider to continue his/her medical care. SHS staff will be happy to assist with locating a health care provider in the community and with transfer of medical records to the provider of choice. SHS is designed to provide acute ambulatory medical care; the SHS cannot manage chronic medical conditions requiring regular visits, close follow-up, and provider availability 24/7. For individuals with such conditions (e.g., diabetes, asthma, high blood pressure, inflammatory bowel disease, etc.) the SHS recommends an appropriate specialist in town who can provide the needed close supervision and medical management. The SHS can address any acute situations related to these chronic conditions, e.g., asthma flare-up due to acute respiratory illness or allergies, but students must rely on their local health care providers for routine management of their chronic conditions.

Lastly, in order to minimize the wait time in the lobby to see a provider, all patients are seen by appointment only. Exceptions include true emergencies, which are worked in immediately. Appointments can easily be made online from any computer with internet access; the Appointment Scheduler is accessible through the SHS website, www.healthservices.eku.edu. For any problems encountered, please call (859) 622-1761, and select “1” to reach the front desk.
Student Life is the home for involvement and leadership for EKU students. Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of students by supporting the University’s commitment to the academic success and holistic development of each student. We foster intellectual, physical, and social development through programs and services which challenge and support students as they develop skills for lifelong learning.

We are dedicated to providing a wide range of opportunities, activities, and events designed to enhance the EKU experience! Student Life consists of Community Service, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Leadership, Registered Student Organizations (RSOs), and Student Activities. Each of these entities offers programming and involvement opportunities for Eastern students.

Fraternity & Sorority Life
Fraternities and sororities are values-based social organizations. Members are bound together by a common purpose. Each fraternity and sorority encourages individual development by setting high ideals in scholarship, service, leadership, and life. Membership can offer your student the opportunity to get the most from his or her collegiate experience in an atmosphere of brotherhood and sisterhood. More information about the recruitment process is available for students and parents at greeklife.eku.edu.

Leadership Development
Our co-curricular leadership programs focus on helping EKU students cultivate skills that will bolster their collegiate experience as well as help them be better prepared for successfully leading in life after graduation. We offer a variety of Leadership Development programs, including workshops, retreats, day-long conferences, mentorship opportunities, and the Emerging Leader’s program, which is specifically for first-year EKU students.

Registered Student Organizations (RSOs)
EKU is home to more than 240 organizations. RSO categories are: departmental, governance, religious, honorary, residence hall, service, sports, social fraternities, social sororities, and activity organizations. A full list is available at eku.orgsync.com. If your student has a special hobby or interest, EKU will have an organization to meet their needs. If not, students can create their own!

Student Activities
Student Life offers dozens of events each semester aimed at educating, entertaining, and meeting the needs of our students. Various guests include comedians, singer/songwriters, and illusionists that are FREE for students to attend. Events take place during the day, evening, and on the weekend to provide a variety of times for students to get involved. Many programs are collaborative efforts with departments across campus and enhance the out-of-classroom experience and development of our students.
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www.universityparent.com/eky
HELPFUL CONTACT INFO

Academic Advising (859) 622-2276
Admissions (859) 622-2106 or (800) 465-9191
Athletic Tickets (859) 622-2122
Bookstore (859) 622-2696
Campus Recreation/Intramurals (859) 622-4751
Career & Coop (859) 622-1296
Counseling Center (859) 622-1303
Cultural Center (859) 622-4373
Dean of Students (859) 622-1721
Developmental Education (859) 622-1892
Dining Services/Meal Plan (859) 622-2691
Disabilities Office (859) 622-2933
Diversity Office (859) 622-6587
Financial Aid (Grants, Loans, Work-Study) (859) 622-2361
First Year Programs (859) 622-2285
Honors Program (859) 622-2924
Housing: Residence Halls (859) 622-1515
I.D. Cards (Colonel 1 Cards) (859) 622-2179
Information (859) 622-1000

International Education (859) 622-1478
Library (859) 622-1790
Military & Veteran Affairs (859) 622-2345
NOVA (Student Support Services) (859) 622-1047
Orientation (859) 622-2285
Parking and Transportation (859) 622-7275 (622-PARK)
Police (EKU) (859) 622-1111
Registrar (859) 622-3876
Scholarship Office (859) 622-8032
Student Computing Services (859) 622-2320
Student Employment (Human Resources) (859) 622-5094
Student Accounting Services (859) 622-1232 or (859) 622-1236
Student Life (859) 622-3855
Student Government (859) 622-1724
Student Health Services (859) 622-1761
Student Organizations (859) 622-3855
Student Outreach and Transition Office (859) 622-7486
Testing (859) 622-1281

HELPFUL CONTACT INFO

2015–2016 IMPORTANT DATES

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Holiday – Labor Day – University offices closed Sept. 7
Holiday – Fall Break Oct. 12-13
Last day to withdraw from the University Nov. 15
Thanksgiving holiday begins at 9:00 p.m. Nov. 24
Classes resume Nov. 30
Classes end Dec. 5
Final exams begin Dec. 7
Final exams end Dec. 12
Commencement exercises 10 a.m. & 3 p.m. Dec. 13
Final grades are due at 1 p.m. Dec. 14

SPRING 2016

Holiday – University offices closed Jan. 18
Advising period resumes Jan. 19
Residence halls open Jan. 22
Classes begin Jan. 25
Last day to register for or add/drop full-semester classes Jan. 31
Spring break begins TBA
Classes resume TBA
Last day to “withdraw” from the University Apr. 17
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