



GOLD RUSH

MAY 2023

NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY

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COMMENCEMENT 2023

1,900+

Graduates in Spring 2023 Commencement

77,000+

NKU alumni

130

Spring 2023 Chase Law School graduates



NKU BOARD OF REGENTS LAYS FRAMEWORK FOR PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

In March, the Northern Kentucky University Board of Regents approved the next steps in the selection process for its next president announcing the presidential search leadership team and appointing a Presidential Search Committee (PSC).

Members of the committee include faculty, staff, students, regents and community partners. The primary charge to the leadership team is to provide the Board of Regents with information that will assist the Board in selecting the university's next president. Specifically, the team will:

- Conduct a national search to generate a strong pool of candidates for the presidency of NKU.
- Use virtual and in-person forums to solicit perspectives from various constituent groups about the leadership needs of NKU.
- Reduce the pool of applicants to a reasonable number of semi-finalists.
- Gather additional information about each semi-finalist (e.g., interview data, reference checks, etc.).
- Host local visits for finalists (if desired by the candidates).
- Ensure all semi-finalists and finalists receive accurate and thorough information about NKU.
- Work closely with the search firm and advisory groups to assist NKU's presidential search.
- Carry out all responsibilities in the best interests of the university, regardless of the constituent group with which one most strongly identifies.
- Submit to the Board of Regents a list of exceptional candidates who warrant the Board's consideration to serve as NKU's next president.

"The selection of the next president will be a critical decision for the Board of Regents," said Rich Boehne, chair of the NKU Board of Regents. "I am confident that the search leadership team will oversee a process that brings forth the strongest candidates excited to lead this university. I know that the team will do so with the highest degree of care and responsibility, consistent with shared governance, and the best traditions of this institution."

WittKieffer, the global executive search and leadership advisory firm, will conduct the national search of interested candidates. Once the Board of Regents approved the search process, the presidential search site was launched, which includes robust information about NKU, the region, NKU students, faculty and staff. As the leadership team commences, the next phase of the search process will include building the presidential profile and posting the position.

COLLEGE CORNER

Kentucky Lt. Governor Jacqueline Coleman was the featured speaker at the NKU Teacher Candidate Recognition Ceremony and inaugural pinning on May 1. The Lt. Governor talked about the importance of celebrating teachers, why she loved being an educator and the critical role teachers play in the world today.

Before entering politics, Lt. Governor Coleman served the public as an educator, most recently serving as an assistant principal at Nelson County High School. Lt. Governor Coleman is also a basketball coach, public education advocate and founder of the nonprofit Lead Kentucky.

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COLLEGE OF INFORMATICS CELEBRATES SUCCESS OF SECOND CHANCE PROGRAM

At a recent celebration at the River City Correctional Center in Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky University and representatives from its College of Informatics honored the inaugural cohort of students who successfully completed the university's Second Chance Education Program, a pilot program aimed at providing an educational opportunity in the study of information technology to incarcerated women at River City.

The NKU Second Chance Education Program creates pathways to college and to livable wages for incarcerated individuals. The program was created by the College of Informatics in collaboration with the NKU Social Work program and was funded in part by NKU's Success by Design Innovation Challenge in 2020. The Second Chance Education Program consists of training in basic computer concepts and terminology as well as the professional use of Microsoft Word and Excel. It was designed to yield three college credits upon transfer to NKU. College of Informatics faculty members developed and delivered the curriculum; social work faculty members will evaluate program outcomes. The program pilot was brought to women incarcerated at the River City Correctional Center in Cincinnati in January and taught by NKU lecturer Sarah Mann. On March 9, the first five graduates celebrated their completion of the program with family, River City staff and representatives from NKU. The College of Informatics arranged for surplus and reimaged laptops from NKU to be presented to the graduates along with their certificate of completion. **LEARN MORE:** <https://tinyurl.com/4jb7mwhs>



THE SCOREBOARD

For the fourth time in seven years, the NKU Norse men's basketball team won the Horizon League tournament and earned a bid to the Division I NCAA Tournament. The Norse sealed the deal in a back-and-forth championship game against Cleveland State, coming out victorious with a 63-61 win at Indiana Farmers Coliseum. Marques Warrick led the way for the Norse with 18 points, six rebounds, three steals and a block.

The Norse earned a 16-seed in the tournament and kept up with the Houston Cougars before falling late.

LEARN MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/53jrtt4e>

BRIEFS

NKU STUDENTS TO CONDUCT ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEY ON NEWPORT BARRACKS

A group of NKU students, professors and professional archeologists have begun work on an archeological survey of the historic Newport Barracks site. The survey was expected to take at least two weeks to complete.

During the survey work, the archeologists are using state-of-the-art technology, ground-penetrating radar and historic imagery including maps, surveys, photographs and satellite-based imagery to help identify any surviving remnants of lost structures such as the officer's quarters, the powder magazine and privies. Subsequent archaeological excavation will test these results.

LEARN MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/2y48ay6j>

HAILE COLLEGE OF BUSINESS STUDENTS SHINE AT 2023 ECON GAMES

Students in NKU's Haile College of Business stood out and gave an outstanding performance at the 2023 Econ Games, finishing in third place out of 18 teams with the youngest team in the competition.

The joint program, developed by NKU and UK to connect students with industry partners, gave students an excellent opportunity to showcase their economic business data skills, connect with top industry sponsors and demonstrate their sharp analytical skills.

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FACULTY FOCUS

Dr. Jeff Zimmerman, an associate professor of Organizational Leadership at Northern Kentucky University, has been selected as a Fulbright U.S. Scholar for 2023-2024 to Hungary. He will engage with students and researchers at the University of Pécs in fall 2023.

Dr. Zimmerman will help university students develop and, with community members, apply essential cross-cultural leadership skills to local, real-world issues, particularly with immigrant adjustment challenges resulting from the war in Ukraine. Dr. Zimmerman will also teach various organizational leadership topics within the undergraduate and graduate programs of the Faculty of Business and Economics at the University of Pécs, the oldest university in Hungary - dating back to 1367.

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NKU SHOWCASING NEW TOOL TO HELP STUDENTS STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH DUE TO PANDEMIC

The Institute for Health Innovation (IHI) at Northern Kentucky University has a new tool to help students who are experiencing psychological distress as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic thanks to a grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH) and National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM).

Students and community members now have access to an innovative new website called "Mental Health Warriors," which provides a wealth of information and coping tools to those who continue to suffer from post-pandemic psychological distress.

LEARN MORE: <https://tinyurl.com/rance7xs>

NKU FEATURED IN PRINCETON REVIEW GUIDE TO GREEN COLLEGES: 2023 EDITION

Northern Kentucky University has been recognized as an environmentally responsible college by The Princeton Review®.

The education services company featured NKU in its online resource, The Princeton Review Guide to Green Colleges: 2023 Edition. The Princeton Review chose the schools in the guide based on its survey of administrators at 713 colleges during the 2021-22 academic year and surveys of students attending the colleges. Editors analyzed more than 25 survey data points to select the 455 schools chosen for the guide.

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ALUMNI NEWS

A SECOND ACT



When Dr. Jennifer Hunter retired from her role as the Northern Kentucky Health Department's director of clinical services in 2018 after working at the agency for 28 years, she had no plans for her future in health care. That quickly changed, however, when Northern Kentucky University reached out to Hunter, an NKU grad, to fill in as an instructor in the School of Nursing later that year.

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