



WHAT'S NEW WITH **BIG BLUE**

"Every Day Should
Be Saturday."

FROM THE DESK OF
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Hello Wildcat Families!

It's June! That means that we begin welcoming thousands of new Wildcats and their guests to campus for **Big Blue Nation Orientations**. We are looking forward to seeing many of you on campus soon.

This edition of "What's New with Big Blue" is full of great information and updates from across campus including our Parent and Family Association, Campus Housing, Transportation Services and others.

As always, if you or your student has any questions, feel free to reach out to any of the campus partners below or connect with your student's recruiter; their contact information is available at go.uky.edu/recruiters.

**Go
Cats!**

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Associate Vice President for Enrollment Management
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BEING A WILDCAT IS A FAMILY AFFAIR

The **UK Parent and Family Association** offers you the best way to stay informed, get connected and find support for you and your Wildcat. All parents, guardians, grandparents, stepparents and family members of undergraduate students are invited to join the free UK PFA, which strives to enhance student success by actively engaging parents and families as part of the larger university community.

We use the parent/family contact information that students provided on their admission application to send families our popular Cat Chat email newsletter; you'll start receiving Cat Chat in August. If additional family members want to receive Cat Chat and their contact information was not provided on the admission application, they can join the UK PFA at www.uky.edu/joinukpfa. We define family very broadly and welcome all supportive adults in our students' lives to be part of the Wildcat family!

Learn more about UK PFA

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TELL ME -

UNDERSTANDING FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) of 1974 is a federal law that protects the confidentiality of student education records. The University of Kentucky adheres to FERPA's requirements and guidelines regarding management of student education records. **This law limits disclosure of student information and applies to all students enrolled at the University of Kentucky regardless of age.**

We encourage you to learn more about how FERPA protects your student at uky.edu/registrar/FERPA-privacy.

FERPA Info for Parents/Guardians



THE TEAM BEHIND THE SCENES: STUDENT ACCOUNT SERVICES

Student Account Services acts as a billing agent for the University of Kentucky. The items that SAS bills for include tuition, online learning, program and course fees, housing and dining. While separate from the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, SAS does work in tandem to make sure grants, loans and scholarships correctly post to a student's billing statement.

On August 1, SAS will issue students their Fall 2022 bill; it will have a due date of August 22. This bill will go directly to a student's UKY email address, so please have your student check their email frequently.

An installment payment plan is available for all students that breaks the bill into four monthly payments. To learn more, visit go.uky.edu/payments.

For parents/guardians to have access to a student's billing account, the student must authorize you through Guest Access through their myUK portal. For more information, and a step-by-step guide to setup, visit go.uky.edu/guestaccess.

Student Account Services is located at 18 Funkhouser Bldg; if you have questions, call 859-257-3406 or email studentaccts@lsv.uky.edu.

Connect with Student Account Services



MAKE THE MOST OUT OF YOUR STUDENT'S BIG BLUE NATION ORIENTATION!

We're so excited to welcome students and their guests to campus for Big Blue Nation Orientation. Here are some tips to make the most of your student's BBNO:

PREPARE

orientation.uky.edu/checklist

- Encourage your student to check both their personal and UKY email addresses for any updates from the orientation team.

- Some students are required to take placement tests prior to orientation. If your student is required, they have been communicated that information via their email. Taking placement tests prior to orientation makes for the best advising experience. For more information about placement testing, including how to sign up, visit www.uky.edu/app/placement-testing.
- Students must make any major change requests 14 days prior to their orientation date.
- Students have orientation modules in Canvas; students should visit uky.edu/canvas for access, information and the full orientation schedule.
- Students should ensure that their final high school transcript and any dual credit/AP/IB scores are sent prior to their orientation. To submit any documents, please email documents@uky.edu.
- You can have your WildCard Student ID made at orientation, but beat the line by uploading a photo before you come to BBNO! Learn more at orientation.uky.edu/wildcard.
- Need overnight accommodations? Jewell Hall is available for an on-campus experience.
- Download the UK Guides App to your mobile device and plan your schedule ahead of time. There are sessions for students and guests, students only and guests only.
- Get a good night's sleep. **Check-in for orientation begins at 7:30 a.m. with the opening session at 8:30 a.m. (all times Eastern).**

BRING

- Students should bring a laptop or tablet (if available) - school-issued Chromebooks will not connect to UK's wifi. Make sure the device has the Google Chrome browser, which supports our course registration system. Don't forget a charging cord!
- Parents/guests may want to bring something to take notes on - notebook and pen, tablet, laptop, phone - as well.
- Wear comfortable clothing - be prepared to walk outside; comfortable walking shoes are encouraged.
- Umbrella, jacket and/or sweatshirt - it may rain during your visit and you may want a jacket or sweatshirt if you tend to get cold.

EXPLORE

- Students and guests are encouraged to build in some time during their visit to explore campus and Lexington. [VisitLex](#) is a great resource to see what all is going on in town while you're here.
- There are a ton of great photo ops on campus, so #doitforthegram! One student tradition is to take a picture with the Bowman statue during their orientation and then again at graduation.



VISIT THE HOUSING WEBSITE FOR NEW INFORMATION

In an effort to increase communication with parents of incoming University of Kentucky students during this significant life transition, a web page has been established on the UK Campus Housing website to provide answers to frequently asked Housing and Dining questions. Click [here](#) to view our recently created Parent and Families FAQ page.

To stay up-to-date and informed on all things related to fall move-in, the [Big Blue Move-In 2022 page](#) will be updated throughout the summer. We encourage parents and families to periodically visit this page over the next few months for the most current information pertaining to move-in day.

REMINDER: MOVE-IN APPOINTMENTS

Move-In appointments will be made available for students to select in myUK beginning on June 21. The move-in appointment is a designated window of time for students to arrive at the unloading area during fall move-in to minimize traffic delays, maintain efficiency and help everyone have a good experience throughout the move-in process. **Only a limited number of appointments will be available per time slot, so it is highly recommended that students select their appointment as soon as their window opens.** For more information concerning move-in appointments, please click [here](#).


Big Blue Move-In Information

*A Note
From*



Residence Life

Office for Student Success

A blue silhouette of a row of houses with white windows and doors, spanning the width of the page.

Residence Life believes residence halls are the place where every student, regardless of their background, can feel comfortable and consider their home while at UK. Our staff, from the resident advisors to resident directors to the office assistants working the front desk every day, believe students are most likely to succeed in an environment where everyone is welcome and involved. Through our CATS Engagement Residential Curriculum, we work with students to create a learning environment that helps them grow and succeed as Wildcats.

What is the difference between Campus Housing and Residence Life?

While our partners in Campus Housing take care of the facilities, we like to say that Residence Life, out of the Office for Student Success, takes care of the people in the residence halls. Our staff are the front lines for students who live in the residence halls, providing a positive and all-encompassing residential experience.

What is a resident advisor vs. a resident director?

Our RAs are upper-level students who live on the floors with your student and provide support, encouragement and opportunities for your student to positively engage with their peers. The RAs will often be the first person you meet on move-in day and will continue to be a source of support for your student

throughout the academic year.

Our RDs are professional staff members who live and work in the residence halls. Many of these individuals have masters degrees specialized in student support services and are deeply knowledgeable about the student experience. They provide additional support for the residents and the RAs, ensuring the individuals in the community are becoming successful Wildcats.

Office of Residence Life | 859-257-4784 | reslife@uky.edu



UPDATED PARKING PERMIT SALES DATES

UK Transportation Services has updated some of the parking permit sale dates. Please visit www.uky.edu/transportation and click on “Park” and then “Student Permits” for detailed information on various permit types and updated sale dates.

Email UK Transportation Services if you have questions or need more information.



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