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New Freshman Welcome Packet

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- ▶ Congratulations on your admission to Kent State University as a new freshman! You've chosen Kent State, and we're thrilled about that. Welcome to the Kent State community — you're the newest Golden Flash.

You're about to become part of a long and rich history of academic excellence. For more than 100 years, Kent State has provided outstanding educational opportunities for students, vital resources to Ohio and beyond and produced graduates and research that have literally changed the world.

Kent State is more than a place for dreams, wishes and aspirations. It's a place for having fresh ideas and finding the support and encouragement to make them real. We call that excellence in action.



TAKE ACTION

Enroll at Kent State and join the nearly 200,000 Kent State alumni around the world who are making a difference and putting excellence in action every day.

Take the next steps in the enrollment process. Review the details and information contained in this packet that you will need in the coming months. Please contact your admissions counselor at **1-800-988-5368** at any time if you need further information or have questions.

So once again, congratulations! Did we mention we can't wait to see you on campus?

Your First College Assignment

Review the list below and read Pages 4-9 for more details.

- ✓ Review your admission letter and notify the Admissions Office 1-800-988-5368 of any corrections or changes to your address, phone number or intended major.
- ✓ Log in to FlashLine at www.kent.edu and answer the security questions and reset your password. Review the Checklist on the New@KSU tab in FlashLine. Check back often for updates. If you are over 21 or a veteran, refer to the Center for Adult and Veteran Services section on Page 9.
- ✓ Pay the \$150 enrollment fee to reserve your place in the freshman class.*
- ✓ Apply for financial aid beginning Jan. 1, 2012, and complete a scholarship search. Go online to www.kent.edu/financialaid for more information.
- ✓ Apply for on-campus housing beginning Feb. 1, 2012, at www.kent.edu/housing or submit the commuter exemption form.*
- ✓ Schedule a campus visit or attend one of our admitted student programs in the spring. Go online to www.kent.edu/admissions/visit for details.
- ✓ Schedule your Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration appointment at www.kent.edu/destination beginning in March 2012.*
- ✓ Complete placement assessments online before attending Destination Kent State in June or July.
- ✓ Review your academic program information and requirements at www.kent.edu/gps.
- ✓ Submit your final high school transcript and immunization information.
- ✓ Review payment options at www.kent.edu/bursar.
- ✓ Review parking information and purchase a parking permit at www.kent.edu/parking.
- ✓ Move-in (Aug. 23, 2012) and attend Welcome Weekend activities Aug. 24-26, 2012. See www.kent.edu/success for details. Classes begin Aug. 27, 2012.

*See Page 7 for summary of associated fees.

Ace It!

1. Review Your Admission Letter

Review the information on your admission letter carefully and notify the Admissions Office at 1-800-988-5368 with any corrections including change of address or change of major. **Keep both this publication and your acceptance letter for future reference. You will need to refer to both in the coming months.**

2. Log in to FlashLine

FlashLine is Kent State's secure online portal and is the gateway to world-class Intranet services. To log in for the first time, please go online to www.kent.edu, click on "FlashLine Login" on the top and then click on "Get User Name and Login Help." Select the first article that begins "I'm new to Kent State" for information on determining your default password, answering security questions, providing an alternate email address and setting up your new password. **If you need login assistance, please contact the Help Desk at 330-672-4357 or go online to support.kent.edu.**

I am new to Kent State and have never logged in before.

What is my default password, and how do I get it?

Enter your user name. This is the first part of your email address (ex. "janedoe@kent.edu" is "janedoe"). Refer to your admission letter for your Kent State email address and your user name. New students are given a temporary password when their account is created. Enter your temporary password. The format of the password is: **mmmyyxxxx**

Where:

mmm = first three letters of the birth month

yy = last two digits of the birth year

xxxxx = last five digits of the Kent State Identification Number (see admission letter)

Once you have successfully logged in with this temporary password, you will be prompted to select a new password. You are also asked to provide an alternate email address and to answer challenge questions which you can use to reset your password in the event that it is forgotten.

3. Pay Your Enrollment Fee

Confirm your place in the freshman class by paying your enrollment fee. The enrollment fee is \$150 and is a one-time fee, which covers the cost of new student orientation activities, for incoming freshmen at the Kent Campus. The deadline to submit the enrollment fee is May 1, 2012, for students admitted by April 15. For students admitted after April 15, your enrollment fee is due six weeks after the date of your admission letter. The enrollment fee must be paid prior to registration for Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration.

To pay the enrollment fee online, log in to FlashLine following the instructions above and click on the New@KSU tab. Click on the Next Steps: Checklist for Kent Campus Freshmen and follow the instructions for Pay Enrollment Fee. If you prefer, you may mail in a \$150 check payable to Kent State University Admissions Office in the envelope provided with this booklet. Please write your Kent State identification number in the memo line of the check to ensure that the payment is credited to the correct student account. Phone payments will not be accepted.

The enrollment fee is refundable until May 1, 2012, for students who decide to enroll at another college and request a refund in writing to Enrollment Fee Refund, Admissions Office, Kent State University, PO Box 5190, Kent, OH 44242-0001. No refunds of the enrollment fee will be made after May 1, 2012.

4. Apply for Financial Aid and Complete a Scholarship Search

All students are encouraged to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov as soon as possible after Jan. 1 to determine eligibility for federal and state aid including grants and student and parent loans. Kent State's Title IV School Code is 003051. Review the financial aid checklist on Page 8.

Attend a Kent State Financial Aid workshop or check with your school counselor about a financial aid workshop in your area. Go online to Kent State's Student Financial Aid website at www.kent.edu/financialaid/workshop to register for one of the following financial aid workshops and for comprehensive financial aid information.

On-Campus Financial Aid Workshops

Saturday, Jan. 21, 2012, Cartwright Hall, begins 10 a.m.

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Off-Campus Financial Aid Workshops

Toledo – Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 – Hilton Garden Inn, Perrysburg, begins 6:30 p.m.

Columbus – Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012 – Embassy Suites, Dublin, begins 6:30 p.m.

Financial aid packages will be mailed on a rolling basis beginning mid-March. Go online to www.kent.edu/financialaid to use our scholarship search qualifier to find our more information on Kent State scholarships. You can also find information on how to do an external scholarship search.

Confidential financial aid counseling is available at the Student Financial Aid Office. Call 330-672-2972 to schedule an appointment.

5. Attend an Admitted Student Program on Campus

We offer a number of Admitted Student Programs on the Kent Campus in the spring. The programs provide you and your parents the opportunity to visit campus and gain in-depth information about academics, financial aid, residence services and student life. You can select from both day and evening programs. Choose one program that best fits your schedule. Reservations are required. Go online to www.kent.edu/admissions/visit or call the Admissions Office for more information and to make a reservation. These programs are informational in nature and are not mandatory.

Admitted Student Day Programs — 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Feb. 24, March 9, and April 5, 2012

Open to majors in the colleges of Arts and Sciences; Education, Health and Human Services; Technology; and Undergraduate Studies (Undecided/Exploratory)

March 2, March 30, and April 10, 2012

Open to majors in the colleges of Architecture and Environmental Design; the Arts; Business Administration; Communication and Information; Nursing; and Public Health

Admitted Student Reception — 7 to 8:30 p.m.

April 24, 2012 — Open to all majors



6. Complete the Online Housing Application or Submit the Commuter Exemption Form

Go online to www.kent.edu/housing to review Kent State's outstanding on-campus housing options. Be sure to click on the Learning Communities tab for information on Kent State's living-learning communities, residential colleges and theme communities.

The online housing application will be available starting Feb. 1, 2012. Housing assignments are made based on the date of the submitted application. The \$25 housing application fee is a one-time nonrefundable fee to apply for on-campus housing. The \$200 housing pre-payment fee will be applied to the fall invoice. It is refundable if a request is made in writing to Residence Services by June 1, 2012. No refunds will be made after June 1. Housing assignments will be communicated to students starting July 5, 2012.

All incoming freshmen are required to live on campus for the first two years. Students under the age of 21 who live within a 50-mile radius of the Kent Campus may choose to commute from their parent's or legal guardian's home. Students who choose this option must submit the Commuter Exemption form, which is available on the Residence Services website. Students under the age of 21 are not permitted to live in apartments off campus.

Kent State offers a number of outstanding dining options. For more information, go online to www.kent.edu/dining or call 330-672-2541.

7. Schedule for Destination Kent State Advising and Registration

Destination Kent State is a required three-step orientation program designed to help you transition to Kent State and achieve success. The first step is Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration. All new students will attend the program in June or July to register for fall classes. During the overnight visit, you will stay in the residence halls, meet other incoming students, meet with an academic advisor to create your fall class schedule, get your student ID and much more.

Invitations to register for this program will be mailed to your home beginning in March. Once you receive your invitation go online to www.kent.edu/destination for additional information and to register. Your enrollment fee helps to cover the cost of this program, so there are no additional fees for students to attend.

Family members are invited and encouraged to attend Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration with their student. They will have the opportunity to learn more about financial aid and payment options, living on or commuting to campus, as well as how to help their student make a successful transition to college life. Family members attending the program will pay a program fee of \$39 per person. Family members, who choose to spend the night, will be housed in a residence hall separate from their student at a cost of \$23 per person. Families driving long distances can choose to spend an additional night in the residence hall prior to their visit, at a cost of \$23 per person. Payment of fees is required at the time of registration for the program.

8. Complete Placement Assessments Online Before Attending DKS

All new students must complete placement assessments BEFORE attending Destination Kent State in June or July. Placement assessments will be available online through FlashLine beginning April 1. During Destination Kent State, you will meet with your academic advisor to discuss placement assessment results and schedule for fall classes. For more information about placement assessments, visit the Destination Kent State website at www.kent.edu/destination.



9. Submit Final Transcripts

All incoming freshmen from high school must submit a final high school transcript with proof of graduation. Please notify your guidance office that you plan to attend Kent State University and request that a final transcript be sent to the following address. Students who have completed Post-Secondary Enrollment Options Program (PSEOP) credits while in high school should request that official college transcripts be sent to the following address as well.

ADMISSIONS OFFICE
KENT STATE UNIVERSITY
PO BOX 5190
KENT OH 44242-0001

10. Submit Immunization Documentation

All students born after Jan. 1, 1957, must show proof of two MMRs (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) in a lifetime or one in the last six years. Students from the following areas are required to have a tuberculosis screening test (TB/PPD/Mantoux) in the last 12 months: Africa, Asia, the Caribbean Islands, Central and South America, Eastern Europe, Mexico and Russia. Go online to www.kent.edu/uhs for further information and to download the Proof of Immunizations form.

11. Review Payment Options

Kent State University offers a variety of payment plans and options. Go online to www.kent.edu/bursar to review the various payment options, access payment due dates and to make an online payment. You can also access step-by-step student account access information on the Bursar's website that may assist you in navigating the various aspects of your student account through FlashLine, including instruction how to access a copy of your e-bill.

12. Purchase a Parking Permit

Students who bring cars to campus or who are commuters must purchase a parking permit. Parking permits are available for purchase online only. Go online to www.kent.edu/parking to review parking options and purchase details.

13. Take a well-deserved study break.

FEE SUMMARY

The \$150 enrollment fee is a required one-time fee for Kent Campus freshmen and covers the cost of new student orientation activities including the Destination Kent State program. It is refundable for students who decide to enroll at another college and if a request is made in writing to the Admissions Office by May 1, 2012.

The \$25 housing application fee is a one-time nonrefundable to apply for on-campus housing. The \$200 housing pre-payment fee will be applied to the fall invoice. It is refundable if a request is made in writing to Residence Services by June 1, 2012.

Family members attending the Destination Kent State program will pay a \$39 fee per person to cover the cost of materials and meals. Family members staying in the residence halls for the Destination Kent State program will pay a \$23 housing fee per person. Both fees are due at the time of registration for the Destination Kent State program.



Student Financial Aid Checklist

September - December

- Apply for admission to Kent State University at www.kent.edu/admissions.
- Begin a comprehensive scholarship search at www.kent.edu/financialaid/scholarships.
- Visit Student Financial Aid website www.kent.edu/financialaid for informational videos (including Spanish translations).
- Consider the cost to attend Kent State University:
 - Tuition: www.kent.edu/bursar
 - On-campus Housing: www.kent.edu/housing
 - Meal Plans: www.kent.edu/dining

January - March

- Submit admissions application and all academic credentials to Kent State University by Jan. 15 for scholarship consideration.
- Consider attending a financial aid workshop. Go online to www.kent.edu/financialaid/workshop for information and details on Kent State's workshops.
- File a 2012-2013 (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.gov by Feb. 15 for priority processing.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) on the FAFSA website. If necessary, make corrections to your FAFSA.
- View your student financial aid awards and/or any outstanding financial aid requirements on FlashLine.
- If you will enroll at Kent State University in the summer and would like to use your financial aid, complete the Summer Aid Request Form at www.kent.edu/financialaid/summer.

April - May

- If borrowing federal student loans:
 - Students must accept, decline or reduce federal loans via FlashLine.
 - First-time borrowers: Sign the Master Promissory Note and complete Entrance Loan Counseling at www.studentloans.gov.
 - To apply for the Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan, go to www.studentloans.gov.
 - View information about direct loan interest rates and repayment of federal loans at www.direct.ed.gov.
- If borrowing a private/alternative student loan, compare lender options and apply through www.kent.edu/financialaid/fastchoice.
- If awarded institutional scholarships, accept award on FlashLine.

June - August

- View payment due dates at www.kent.edu/bursar.
- Check your Kent State University email account (beginning in July) for email notification regarding your e-bill availability.
- Consider Payment Options at www.kent.edu/bursar/paymentoptions.
- Review Q and A regarding authorization of your federal financial aid at www.kent.edu/bursar.
- Review excess financial aid refund information at www.kent.edu/bursar/refunds.

Center for Adult and Veteran Services (CAVS)

If you are a freshman student over the age of 21, have full-time work or family responsibilities, are a member of the armed forces or are a veteran, we encourage you to contact the Center for Adult and Veteran Services for more information on their programs and services. Call 330-672-7933 for an appointment or go online to www.kent.edu/cavs.

Stop by the Center for Adult and Veteran Services office in 181 Schwartz Center to see the quiet study spaces, small computer lab, tutoring schedule and advisors. The center is a one-stop shop for veterans who wish to process their VA benefits and other veteran-related services.

If you prefer getting ready for college success in the company of other adult students and/or veterans with personal and professional experiences and responsibilities, the center offers an alternative to the First-Year Experience course for freshmen called the Adult Student Orientation course (US 10002).

In addition, the Center for Adult and Veteran Services can provide information on housing and child care options. The center also provides support to help students manage their school, work and family responsibilities and assists with adjusting to the campus and college experience.

Be sure to watch for our letters and emails in the coming weeks.
We offer unique Destination Kent State: Advising and Registration program information for adult students and veterans who need special accommodations due to family/work schedules or who need computer access for placement testing.

CONTACTS

Admissions
800-988-KENT
www.kent.edu/admissions

Admissions TTY /TDD
330-672-3148

Center for Adult and Veteran Services
330-672-7933
www.kent.edu/cavs

Campus Operator
330-672-2121
www.kent.edu

Career Services Center
330-672-2360
www.kent.edu/career

Center for Student Involvement
330-672-2480
www.kent.edu/csi

Honors College
330-672-2312
www.kent.edu/honors

Intercollegiate Athletics
330-672-5974
www.kentstatesports.com

Regional Campuses
330-672-2286
www.kent.edu/campuses

Residence Services
800-706-8941
www.kent.edu/housing

Student Accessibility Services
330-672-3391
www.kent.edu/sas

Student Financial Aid
330-672-2972
www.kent.edu/financialaid

Student Multicultural Center
330-672-3560
www.kent.edu/smc

**Student Success Programs
Destination Kent State**
330-672-9292
www.kent.edu/success

University Health Services
330-672-2322
www.kent.edu/uhs




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