SHINE YOUR WAY
Can you imagine a world where everyone had the same opinions, dressed alike, listened to the same music, studied the same material, and enjoyed the same hobbies?

WE CAN’T EITHER. AND WE DON’T WANT TO.

AS PART OF NORSE NATION, YOU CAN SHINE IN YOUR OWN WAY. IN FACT, IT’S ENCOURAGED.

We celebrate the uniqueness of each student in order to make our campus community a better, more well-rounded, and worldly place. The wide variety of opinions and experiences combine to create beautiful outcomes. We believe that by sharing and celebrating our individuality, we are preparing our students to lead with excellence and make a lasting impact around the world.

We even created an Office of Inclusive Excellence, which serves to integrate diversity and inclusion efforts into the core aspects of our University, including student success, academic priorities, leadership, quality improvement initiatives, decision-making, and more. Attention is paid to the impact of race and ethnicity, physical ability, sexual orientation, gender expression, socioeconomic backgrounds, and first-generation status on student success.

Many of our alumni tell us how comfortable and included they felt during their time on our campus. We hope you’ll choose to shine your way at NKU.

BRIGHT LIGHTS
WITH A SMALL-TOWN FEEL

Are you interested in a college that has a community feel with easy access to a major city? Do you want open spaces to play frisbee in the grass and the opportunity to catch a show at the campus theatre? You can experience all of this and more at NKU.

It’s no surprise that many students say that our location has played a role in their choice to come to NKU. Located in Highland Heights, Kentucky—just minutes from Cincinnati—you get the best of both worlds; a comprehensive education in a safe, suburban setting.

CENTERS FOR STUDENT INCLUSIVENESS

The Center for Student Inclusiveness includes African-American Programs & Services, Disability Programs & Services, Latino Programs & Services, and LGBTQ Programs & Services. These departments serve as catalysts for inclusion, diversity, collaboration, and innovation.

MISSION

The Center for Student Inclusiveness keeps inclusion at the center of student life and provides student-centered programming that aligns with NKU’s core value of being “a community that embraces inclusiveness, diversity, and global awareness.”
THE OFFICE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROGRAMS AND SERVICES (AAPS)

This office provides diversity programming and resources to enhance campus-wide understanding of the needs and experiences of underrepresented populations. AAPS works closely with the Black Faculty & Staff Association.

NKU R.O.C.K.S. — Responsibility, Opportunity, Community, Knowledge, and Success is designed to assist the academic, personal, and social transition from high school to college through the R.O.C.K.S. Summer Institute and year-long program.

Anointed Voices Gospel Choir explores the musical style of gospel music and its roots and other forms while bringing together all students and employees interested in promoting spiritual unity at NKU.

Black United Students brings together individuals who have an interest in promoting black awareness on campus through intellect, talent, skills, and ideas.

E.N.V.I. Equal-n-Versatile Individuals is a group for those who love the art and expression of dance.

THE OFFICE OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN PROGRAMS & SERVICES ALSO OFFERS:

MLK Commemoration Week
Black History Month
Kwanzaa Celebration
UJIMA: A Night of Excellence
Cultural Heritage Speaker Series
Soul Food Fest
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aaps.nku.edu

Twins Maya and Mariah Manson share just about everything, from each other’s jewelry to their dorm room and the same birthday.

Maya and Mariah finished their junior year as elementary education majors with nearly perfect GPAs—an amazing feat considering that the sisters juggle classes, do volunteer work, and keep up with study time.

So, how did they do it?

“We are constantly reminding each other that we have a test, or homework is due, and make sure we get up and go to class.”

“It’s a friendly academic competition,” Mariah says. “[It] works for us, and it allows us to achieve.”

They also have the help of the Office of African-American Programs & Services and are involved in NKU R.O.C.K.S., Presidential Ambassadors, Student Alumni Council, and Nu Upsilon Black Women’s Honorary.
If there’s anyone who knows something about hard work, it’s Alma Onate (*16).

Alma, a chemistry major with minors in biology and honors, moved to the U.S. from Mexico when her younger sister, Sandra, was diagnosed with glaucoma at a young age. Multiple surgeries led to a financial burden that caused Alma’s parents to lose their home—right in the middle of Alma’s toughest semester on campus.

But that didn’t stop Alma from pushing forward and finishing her classes with a 3.9 GPA. Not only that, but she’s headed to Harvard University to pursue medical school this fall.

Of the many programs Alma involved herself with on campus, there were a few that stand out. She volunteered at Crossroads Health Center in Over-the-Rhine and helped lead a tobacco treatment group; she’s tutored; and she was a STEM ambassador who led large groups of students toward better study habits.

Alma says the abstract idea of becoming a doctor was always in the back of her mind, but NKU solidified her interest in medical school.

“At NKU, the idea became more concrete,” Alma says. “Don’t underestimate the power of NKU and the opportunities it can provide for you. It’s a smaller school, but it’s big enough that if you want to do something big, you can. I’m really glad this is where I ended up.”

THE OFFICE OF NKU LATINO PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

This office is designed to provide Latino students at NKU with a support system comprised of fellow students, faculty, staff, and employees of local organizations with the purpose of improving retention, encouraging career exploration, and providing exposure to local businesses.

NKU Latino Programs and Services Mentor Program (LAMP)
Alternative Spring Break service-learning trips to various countries
Black & Latino Achievers mentor program for area teenagers
National Hispanic Heritage Month celebration on campus
Latino Student Recognition Dinner

LATINO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:

Latino Student Organization
Alpha Pi Lambda
League of United Latin American Citizens
Educating Latinos for Kentucky’s Future (ELKF) NKU Chapter
latino.nku.edu
FROM THE GOLD COAST

Yasmine Xantos isn’t sure what the future holds for her professionally, but she is certain sports will be involved. That’s why the junior women’s tennis player from Gold Coast, Australia, is majoring in sports business and accounting at NKU and keeping an open mind about a future career.

Outside of class and networking, she is studying and holding down two on-campus jobs. Then there is tennis. Yasmine has practice each morning at 7 a.m., training, and a full schedule of matches at NKU and on the road. She starts her internship with the Cincinnati Bengals this fall and will be working in suite sales/services and corporate sponsorship.

“I have big dreams and hopes,” Yasmine says. “I’m just trying everything I can because I don’t know what I want to do yet. I’m trying to get as many experiences as I can and see where I want to take it all.”

WITH HELP FROM THE ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT, THE CAMPUS RECREATION CENTER, AND THE OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS, YASMINE IS ACHIEVING.

Students from 56 countries call NKU home. We provide a range of services including immigration advising, information on programs and events, and scholarship opportunities.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:
International Student Union
Asian Student Association
International Education Week
Phi Beta Delta Honors Society

issn.nku.edu

COMING TOGETHER

There are few Northern Kentucky University students who are more involved than senior social work major Marcel Hughes, a student who has given back so much to the campus community.

Marcel feels eternally grateful for what NKU has given him: a family, a home, and a welcome environment for a gay student. The Cincinnati native heard about NKU after going through a difficult personal experience during his senior year of high school. With the assistance of the Office of Student Financial Assistance and his high school guidance counselor, Marcel was able to declare independent status at NKU and enroll without much difficulty on his end.

“I’ve learned that difficult times can become great opportunities as long as you believe in yourself and ask for help if you need it,” Marcel says. “The great experience I’ve had here has definitely been my silver lining.”

WITH THE AID OF STAFF FROM THE OFFICE OF LGBT PROGRAMS & SERVICES, MARCEL IS EXCELING.

The Office of LGBT Programs & Services provides education, advocacy, and support for students, faculty, and the greater community.

LGBTQ STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS:
Common Ground
Colours of Pride
The Gender Initiative (TGI)
S.W.E.R.V.E.
Asexual Conversation Support Group

lgbtq.nku.edu

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Cincinnati Bengals
Expand your professional skills and connections through academic clubs. Build long-lasting friendships through a sorority or fraternity. Show off your talents in a performance group.

**TRY THESE OPTIONS:**
- Anointed Voices Gospel Choir
- Black United Students
- E.N.V.I.
- Educating Latinos for Kentucky’s Future
- International Student Union
- Latino Student Organization
- League of United Latin American Citizens
- N.A.A.C.P.
- Pinky Promise
- NPHC Greek Organizations

**OFFICE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY LIFE**
The NKU fraternity and sorority community works in partnership with the University to inspire and develop lifelong learners who are committed to membership in a values-based organization by demonstrating excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and collegiality while promoting a respectful environment that is inclusive and ethical.

greeklife.nku.edu

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES**
Student Support Services (SSS) provides motivated, first-generation college students from moderate and low-income families with resources and services that will assist them to stay in school, succeed, and graduate. SSS is designed to increase the academic performance, retention, and graduation rates of participants.

sss.nku.edu

**UCAP**
University Connect and Persist (UCAP) develops and utilizes proactive strategies that empower students to create action plans, establish success networks, and implement techniques that promote persistence to graduation and lifelong learning. In addition, UCAP engages the campus community in collaborative partnerships to facilitate student success.

ucap.nku.edu

**LEARNING PLUS**
Learning PLUS offers free tutoring services: Academic Tutoring for help learning the content and materials of specific courses, a Math Center, a Writing Center, Success Skills tutoring, and a Supplemental Instruction (SI) program that offers group tutoring/review sessions in selected, historically difficult courses. PLUS also offers developmental courses in mathematics, reading, and writing.

plus.nku.edu

**NIKU HONORS PROGRAM**
The NKU Honors Program delivers innovative, interdisciplinary seminars to curious, motivated, and high-achieving students from all colleges in the University. The program prepares students to be engaged citizens in a changing global society by delivering courses that emphasize cross-disciplinary reasoning, the exchange of ideas, transdisciplinary application, and project creation and management.

honors.nku.edu

**MORE THAN 200 STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS**

more than 200 student organizations
FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

**FINANCIAL AID (GRANTS & LOANS)**

- **Apply for federal, state, and institutional aid programs by completing the FAFSA, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. You are encouraged to complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov. You and your parents will need a copy of recent W2s and tax return(s). A new FAFSA is available October 1 of every year.**
- **When completing the FAFSA, be sure to indicate the NKU school code #009275. The financial aid priority deadline is February 1.**

**FRESHMAN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS**

The University awards scholarships to highly motivated students who demonstrate strong academic performance. To be eligible for scholarship consideration at NKU, you must have a completed admission application, submitted your application fee, and turned in your transcripts and test scores by February 15 of your senior year.

Each scholarship has merit guidelines that students must meet in order to be considered. Meeting the guidelines does not guarantee you a scholarship offer, but we can assure each applicant that he or she will receive careful consideration and fair treatment in what is a very competitive process.

financialaid.nku.edu // scholarships.nku.edu

EDUCATIONAL DIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

**VALUE:** Full tuition

**GUIDELINES:** Freshman applicants must show evidence of academic achievement and have a 2.5 or higher high-school grade-point average.

To be considered for the Educational Diversity Scholarship, you must complete the following by February 15:

• The NKU application for admission
• The NKU scholarship application
• The required essay on your definition of success
• The additional essay on diversity and inclusiveness
• Completing the FAFSA is highly recommended for maximum awards

MULTICULTURAL CAMPUS VISIT OPTIONS

• BLACK & GOLD OPEN HOUSE MULTICULTURAL RECEPTION
• LATINO COLLEGE FAIR
• MULTICULTURAL LAW ACADEMY
• MULTICULTURAL LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
• SPANISH VISIT PROGRAMS

multicultural.nku.edu

NKU TUITION INCENTIVE PROGRAM BEGINNING FALL 2017

This program will award at least $5,200 to students who reside in the following counties:

- Indiana (for students who do not qualify for the Indiana Rate):
  - Clark, Hamilton and Marion
- Ohio (for students who do not qualify for the Indiana Rate, Ohio, and Indiana residents of Dearborn, Franklin, Jefferson, Ohio, Ripley and Switzerland counties):
  - Adams, Brown, Butler, Champaign, Clark, Clermont, Cinti, Coshocton, Delaware, Darke, Defiance, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Logan, Licking, Lucas, Mahoning, Montgomery, Pickaway, Pike, Probske, Scioto, Ross, Union and Warren

**FRESHMAN APPLICANTS**

apply.nku.edu

TO BE CONSIDERED FOR FRESHMAN ADMISSION TO NORTHERN KENTUCKY UNIVERSITY, you must apply for admission and submit the following credentials by published deadlines:

- **Apply Online at apply.nku.edu**
- **A $40 (non-refundable) application fee**
- **Official high-school transcripts insted requirements and ACT or SAT scores**

Once all credentials are received, your application for admission will be reviewed. The evaluation of your admissions credentials will focus on:

- High-school curriculum
- High-school GPA
- ACT composite and sub-scores in English, mathematics, and reading or SAT total (Combined mathematics and critical reading scores) and sub-scores in writing, mathematics, and critical reading

To view our freshman general and selective program admission requirements, visit standards.nku.edu.
A BEACON OF HOPE

You could say Dr. Kpandja Djawe is saving the world—and you wouldn’t be overstating it.

The native of Togo, Africa, graduated from NKU in 2006 with a degree in biology before earning a PhD in epidemiology. He has spent two years traveling throughout Africa for the CDC.

Last summer and fall, he was stationed in Guinea to track the Ebola outbreak for the World Health Organization before traveling to Madagascar to track a recent Polio outbreak.

“Th e NKU community has helped me become what I am today,” he says. “I want to thank everybody that contributed to my future. I know where I come from and I will never forget that place.”

“And I’ll do my best to honor those who supported me.”

PLAN AHEAD

JUNIOR AND SENIOR COLLEGE PREP CALENDAR

AUGUST-JULY

AUGUST

Juniors/Seniors: Withdraw from courses if necessary. Begin preparing for the NKU pre-college curriculum. Register to take the ACT or SAT.

SEPTEMBER

Juniors/Seniors: Enroll in ACT or SAT practice programs. Prepare questions to ask your NKU admissions counselor when he/she visits your high school.

Juniors/Seniors: Visit NKU Black and Gold Open House (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED).**

October

Juniors/Seniors: Visit NKU Black and Gold Open House (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED).**

November

Juniors/Seniors: Register to take the ACT or SAT.

Juniors/Seniors: Complete and submit your application for admissions.

Seniors Only: Arrange for an appointment to meet with your NKU admissions counselor. Visit NKU in the fall.

Juniors/Seniors: Visit NKU Black and Gold Open House (RESERVATIONS REQUIRED).**

Seniors Only: Take the ACT or SAT.

Seniors Only: Apply to NKU online at apply.nku.edu.

Seniors Only: Apply to the Honors Program by March 15.

Seniors Only: Submit your FAFSA at FAFSA.ed.gov.

Seniors Only: Apply for scholarships by May 1.

Juniors/ Seniors: Research potential careers and their educational requirements.

Seniors Only: Have your final high-school transcript sent to NKU.

Seniors Only: Work and save to build your college spending account.

Juniors Only: Sign up for a Welcome Wednesday at visit.nku.edu.

Seniors Only: Start packing for college!

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Juniors/Seniors: Review the college and career requirements for the NKU pre-college curriculum. Begin preparing for the ACT or SAT.

January

Juniors/Seniors: Review the college and career requirements for the NKU pre-college curriculum. Begin preparing for the ACT or SAT.

February

Juniors/Seniors: Review the college and career requirements for the NKU pre-college curriculum. Begin preparing for the ACT or SAT.

March

Juniors/Seniors: Review the college and career requirements for the NKU pre-college curriculum. Begin preparing for the ACT or SAT.

April

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May

Juniors/Seniors: Review the college and career requirements for the NKU pre-college curriculum. Begin preparing for the ACT or SAT.

June

Juniors/Seniors: Review the college and career requirements for the NKU pre-college curriculum. Begin preparing for the ACT or SAT.

July

Juniors/Seniors: Review the college and career requirements for the NKU pre-college curriculum. Begin preparing for the ACT or SAT.

Assured Consideration: Students applying after May 1 are not eligible for admission consideration. Students applying after May 1 will be placed on a wait list.

Enrollment Confirmation: Admitted students must confirm their intent to enroll at NKU by submitting a $75 enrollment confirmation fee prior to the published deadline or two weeks after acceptance. Confirmed students will be invited to Northern Exposure, our new-student registration and orientation program.

pro College Entrance Curriculum

• 4 units of English

• 4 units of math

• 4 units of science studies

• 3 units of world language

Assured Consideration: Students applying after May 1 run the risk of not being admitted if NKU reaches capacity for new freshman or transfer students. You could be placed on a wait list, deferred to a subsequent semester, or denied admission.

Enrollment Confirmation: Admitted students must confirm their intent to enroll at NKU by submitting a $75 enrollment confirmation fee prior to the published deadline or two weeks after acceptance. Confirmed students will be invited to Northern Exposure, our new-student registration and orientation program.

FOR NATIONAL ACT OR SAT TEST DATES, CONTACT COLLEGEBOARDS.COM

Dasia Bartlett, from Henry Clay High School in Lexington quickly felt the impact Northern Kentucky University can have on a student. In just a few months on campus, the junior organizational leadership and communication studies major got involved with, among other organizations, the Student Government Association, the Freshman Service Leadership Committee, N.A.A.C.P., and NKU R.O.C.K.S.

“I’ve learned from volunteering that I have a passion for helping high school students transition to higher education,” Dasia says. “I plan to study organizational leadership and communication as a foundation. Then I’ll go on to get my masters in academic counseling.”
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