**What are parents saying about the UK Parent Association?**

“After four wonderful years, my daughter is graduating. I want you to know how much I enjoyed and appreciated these Cat Chat e-mails. They made me feel connected to not only my daughter but the University as a whole. Thank you for your efforts as part of the Parent Association, the wonderful Family Weekend events, and all that you did to help my family and me over the past four years.”

“Thank you for all you do! My daughter is a freshman, and she is the fifth of six children. I have never had such good communication with what is going on at a university as I do at UK. I truly appreciate what you do.”

“I have been very impressed with all the support provided by UK for new students and parents.”

“I so much enjoy the Cat Chat e-mails. You do such a wonderful job with getting news out to parents. I have frequently cut and pasted parts of the messages and forwarded them to my son to keep him informed. UK is a very special place for our family.”

“If it weren’t for Parent Association updates I wouldn’t know what was going on because my sons aren’t the best at updating me. Cat Chat makes me feel good about UK because it shows me that the school cares about the students. This gives a personal touch that is needed at a school this large.”

“I just wanted to let you know how much we appreciate you keeping us informed on activities and things going on at UK. I love it when I can tell my daughter things before she knows it. It is reassuring that parents can remain involved during college. Thanks again for passing the information along. We are so glad she chose UK!”

“Thank you for your dedication to the students and to the parents. You have kept us informed and provided a wealth of resources. I tell all new UK parents about this service and highly recommend they join. You are a great asset to the UK community!”

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**How do I join the UK Parent Association?**

All parents and family members of UK undergraduate students are eligible to join the Parent Association. We welcome parents, guardians, grandparents, and anyone interested in supporting a UK student. Membership is per household (one address per member).

- **Annual Membership:** $35  
  (valid through June 30, 2015)  
  That’s only $2.91 a month!

- **Undergraduate Career:** $125  
  (valid for five years, through June 30, 2019)  
  That’s only $2.08 a month and a savings of $50 versus five annual memberships!

*Learn more at [www.uky.edu/parents](http://www.uky.edu/parents).*

The Parent Association is a self-supporting organization funded solely by membership dues, phonathon gifts, and gift service endorsements.

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About the UK Parent Association

The UK Parent Association strives to enhance student success by actively engaging parents and families as part of the larger University community through publications, programs, and services. The UK Parent Association will:

• Educate parents and families on ways to promote and encourage student success.
• Provide communication between the University and the parents and families of our students.
• Provide an opportunity for parents and other family members to participate in campus activities and University traditions.
• Act as a liaison to the campus community about parent and family concerns and issues.

Membership

Much like the PTA, the UK Parent Association is a dues-based organization. While all parents and guardians of UK undergraduates can seek assistance from the Parent Association staff, participate in Family Weekend, and access the Parent Association website, there are several benefits available only to current members. Join today, and support your UK student for just a few dollars a month! New members get a welcome packet, including the Insider’s Guide, window cling, a calendar magnet, a membership card, and more! The tote bag is a special perk for new members who join at an on-campus event.

Cat Chat E-mail Newsletter

Cat Chat is the Parent Association’s most popular service! Cat Chat keeps parents and families informed about University events, deadlines, and resources and is the best way to stay up-to-date with UK. Parents and families love getting these timely e-mail updates approximately two or three times a month during the school year.

Family Weekend

All families of UK students are invited to campus in the fall to take part in a wide variety of events that showcase the best of UK and the Lexington community. Family Weekend 2014 will be held October 10th–12th. Mark your calendars and look for more information in the coming months. Parent Association members enjoy special perks, including advanced notice of ticket on-sale dates and discounts to some of the best events.

Publications and Online Resources

In order to keep parents and families informed, the Parent Association offers the following:

• The Insider’s Guide, a handbook for parents of new students, includes information about the history and traditions of the University, tips for parenting college students, academic resources, campus resources, perks for UK parents, visiting Lexington, and more.
• Chapter Two, a handbook for parents and families of UK sophomores, is mailed to career members and annual members who renew for their student’s sophomore year. It focuses more particularly on the issues that affect sophomores and the opportunities available to them.
• Visit the Parent Association website often to find the latest campus news, highlighted campus resources, answers to frequently asked questions, and links to University resources: www.uky.edu/parents.
• The Parent Association is on Facebook and Twitter! Both are great ways to get news and updates from UK and to connect with other UK parents. Like us, follow us, and check back often!

Gift Service

The UK Parent Association knows that you may want to send your son or daughter a treat for special occasions and holidays throughout the year. To help you do so easily and affordably, we recommend working with our preferred gift service provider.

Big Blue Baskets offers all the UK gear your student could want as well as the snacks college students love. To place an order, call Big Blue Baskets at (859) 252-0331 or 1-800-892-5165 or visit them online at www.bigbluebaskets.com.

When you order from Big Blue Baskets the UK Parent Association receives a portion of the proceeds from each sale.

Member Discount Program

UK Parent Association members receive discounts from a number of businesses just by showing their official membership card. Visit www.uky.edu/parents for an up-to-date list of participating businesses and the discounts you could be taking advantage of.

Parent Advisory Council

Members who wish to take an active role in the Parent Association can apply to join the Parent Advisory Council. Council members assist with University events and offer feedback on University services. They network with other UK parents and UK administrators. Applications are available online at www.uky.edu/parents.

Private Support

The Parent Association is a self-supporting organization that does not receive funding from the University. Therefore, membership dues and private support are essential to the continuation of UKPA programs and services, including Family Weekend and parent publications. While the Parent Association conducts an annual phonathon, you can make a tax-deductible gift to the Parent Association at any time. Call the Office of Annual Giving at 1-800-875-6272 or make a credit card gift online at www.uky.edu/GiveNow. Make sure you designate your gift to go to the UK Parent Association. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Answers to Questions and Concerns

There may be times when your son or daughter has a question or concern and is unable to find an answer on his or her own. Therefore, the UK Parent Association is available to assist you by providing the information you need to support your student as he or she attempts to navigate a large campus. When you have a question or concern, visit the UKPA website. If you do not find the information you are seeking there, call or e-mail the Parent Association. Our staff can either answer your question right away or assist you in finding the information you are seeking. Our goal is to assist parents as they support their students’ efforts to solve their own problems.