ABOUT THE
UK PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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

Nicki Jenkins and Nancy Stephens coordinate the activities of the UK Parent and Family Association. We look forward to working with you throughout your Wildcat’s time on campus. Join the Parent and Family Association today — it’s free!

HOW DOES UK SUPPORT PARENTS AND FAMILIES?

Cat Chat Email Newsletter – Families love Cat Chat! Sent two or three times a month during the school year, families are informed about university events, deadlines, and resources.

Parent Advisory Council – Take an active role in the Parent and Family Association and 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 administrators. Applications are available on our website.

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 their own. Therefore, the UK Parent and Family Association is available to assist you by providing the information you need to support your student as they attempt to navigate a large campus. When you have a question or concern, visit the UKPFA website. If you do not find the information you are seeking there, call or email the Parent and Family Association. Our staff can assist you in finding the information you are seeking so you can support your students’ efforts to solve their own problems.

Website – Visit the Parent and Family Association website often to find information on visiting campus and Lexington for special events or anytime at all, links to university resources, and more: www.uky.edu/parents.

Social Media – The Parent and Family Association is on Facebook and Twitter! Both are great ways to get news and updates from UK and to connect with other UK parents and families (@UKparents). Like us, follow us, and check back often!
SAVE THE DATE FOR FAMILY WEEKEND:
OCTOBER 6–8, 2017

Customize your experience with your choice of fun events (and many more!):
• Family Weekend Check-in
• Pre-game Tent Party
• UK Football vs. Missouri
• A Taste of the Kentucky Doughnut Trail

Book your hotel now! Given the demand for hotel rooms on a home football weekend, you are strongly encouraged to make reservations at your earliest convenience. Check out www.visitlex.com for accommodation information.

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Questions? Call the Parent and Family Association at 859-257-2752 Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. or email parents@lsv.uky.edu.

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JOIN THE PARENT AND FAMILY ASSOCIATION TODAY!

All parents and family members of UK undergraduate students are eligible to join the Parent and Family Association. Membership is free! To activate your free membership, please complete the form below or go online so that we have your most up-to-date contact information. We welcome parents, guardians, grandparents, and anyone interested in supporting a UK student.

JOIN ONLINE OR IN PERSON!

Let us know who you and your Wildcat are! Fill out the following information and bring it to our table at see blue.U or go online to www.uky.edu/joinukpfa to complete the form there.

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“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.”

“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!”

“After four wonderful years, my daughter is graduating. I want you to know how much I enjoyed and appreciated these Cat Chat emails. They made me feel connected to not only my daughter but the University as a whole. Thank you for the wonderful Family Weekend events and all that you did to help my family and me over the past four years.”
THE BEST WAY TO GET STARTED AT UK!
AUGUST 18–22, 2017

K Week, UK’s fall welcome week, is the BEST way for your new student to get started at UK! Over five days, there will be tons of events and activities meant to ease the transition to UK. When planning K Week, we consider activities to support both the academic and social transition to college because we know that both are important to you and your Wildcat.

Why should your Wildcat attend K Week?

• It’s easy to meet people! New students are placed in small groups known as K Teams. The K Teams will meet at least four times during K Week to attend events together. We know that sitting alone in your room is a guaranteed way not to meet people. We want our new students to take advantage of having a K Team!

• Returning students know K Week as the best place to get free stuff. They say that if you pay for a meal during K Week, you did it wrong. Free food, free t-shirts, and free stuff!

• There are many events during K Week, but only a handful are key events that the University expects all new students to attend and tracks participation. The vast majority of events are ones that students can pick and choose based on their interests and needs.

• Students can learn a lot of insider information about academic success at UK by attending K Week events, including their college meeting and information sessions. Why learn things the hard way when you can get all this information upfront?

Can parents and families participate in K Week?

We will have K Week activities that parents and families can participate in. There will be receptions and information sessions to attend as well as the New Student Induction Ceremony. For those who can’t attend the Induction Ceremony in person, we will live stream it on the web so you can join in wherever you are.

Where can we learn more?

Email is UK’s primary form of communication, so make sure your student is checking their UK email often. In addition, you and your student will be mailed more details later this summer. In the meantime, you can visit www.uky.edu/KWeek for a full schedule of events (available in July) and more information. We also encourage you to download the University of Kentucky Guides mobile app through the App Store and Google Play. You’ll use it for UK events such as see blue. U orientations, K Week, and Family Weekend.