

## Volunteer Opportunities for Move-In and K Week

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Dear Colleagues:

Student success at the University of Kentucky begins from the moment students and their families arrive on campus. We all must be invested in the success of our students — from first-year students to those at the graduate and professional level.

They are why we are here.

Against that backdrop, Move-In and K Week are the initial experiences many first-year students have with the University when they arrive on campus. These are critical times when we, as a campus community, can make our students feel welcomed, wanted and valued. Making a comfortable transition is often pivotal to a student's success, and you can play an important role in that transition.

Hundreds are directly involved in the planning and execution of Move-In and K Week, but hundreds more volunteers are needed. There are many opportunities to meet and greet our new students and their families. I encourage you to participate in one or more of our welcoming events, which are scheduled from early morning to late night.

### **HELP WITH MOVE IN**

Move-In is an exciting time for all of us. Members of the University family devote many hours organizing an extraordinary “UK WELCOME” to greet our new on-campus residents and their parents. Volunteers are needed to help students unload their belongings onto carts, answer questions, and help them successfully transition into the residence halls.

This year's Move-In is scheduled over four days. Students participating in FastTrack and sorority recruitment, as well as UK band members will move into the residence halls Saturday, Aug. 15. The Living Learning Program participants move in Wednesday, Aug. 19, and the official day when our first-year students move into the residence halls is Friday, Aug. 21. Returning and overflow students move into the halls Saturday, Aug. 22.

If you are interested in being a part of this wonderful opportunity to make a great first impression for students and their families please visit <https://auxweb.ad.uky.edu/movein/signup>. You can volunteer for a three-hour shift or longer if you have the time.

Another way to participate in the Move-In experience is to partner with UK Dining and assist with serving complimentary hot dogs and keeping the ice bins filled with bottled water. Serving others is a great way to show your support for our new students and their families. Volunteers are needed for a 30- or 60-minute shift on Wednesday Aug. 19 and/or Friday Aug. 21. Service times both days are 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. To sign up for a service commitment, contact DeWitt King at [dwking1@uky.edu](mailto:dwking1@uky.edu) and indicate the time, day, and campus neighborhood (north, central, or south) that you prefer. All who volunteer will receive information on what to expect.

### **K WEEK**

A complete schedule of events can be found at [www.uky.edu/KWeek](http://www.uky.edu/KWeek), and faculty and staff are invited to participate in all K Week events. Below are three events that may be of particular interest to UK faculty and staff:

### **PARENT AND FAMILIES RECEPTION**

An informal Parent and Families Reception, scheduled for Friday, Aug. 21, from 6-8 p.m. in Starbucks at W.T. Young Library, enables families of new students to meet faculty, staff, administrators, veteran UK students, and UK Parent Advisory Council members. The UK Parent & Family Association needs volunteers who can greet guests and answer any questions the families may have. To volunteer for the Parent and Families Reception, please send an email with your contact information to [parents@lsv.uky.edu](mailto:parents@lsv.uky.edu).

### **NEW STUDENT INDUCTION CEREMONY**

On Saturday, Aug. 22, from 3:30-4:30 p.m., I invite all faculty and staff to attend the New Student Induction Ceremony in Memorial Coliseum. This opening convocation closely mirrors Commencement and establishes a tone of academic excellence for our new students. If you would like to participate in the faculty procession at this event, please email [KWeek@lsv.uky.edu](mailto:KWeek@lsv.uky.edu).

### **UK FUSION**

FUSION (For Unity and Service In Our Neighborhoods) is Monday, Aug. 24. The planning committee is asking for UK faculty and staff to volunteer as site advisors for the event. The FUSION team anticipates more than 1,000 UK students serving at nearly 100 community and neighborhood organizations. Each small group is led by one or two student site leaders, and a faculty or staff site advisor. For registration information visit <http://uknow.uky.edu/content/fusion-2015-faculty-and-staff-site-advisors-needed> or email [fusion@ukcco.org](mailto:fusion@ukcco.org).

Let us all work together to get the 2015 fall semester off to a great start!

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