

## Volunteers Needed for K Week

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Dear Colleagues,

In less than two weeks, the University of Kentucky campus will spring to life as we kick-off a new academic year. Many students – including those in our professional programs, marching band, athletics teams, residence life staff and others – have already arrived, but the vast majority of the student body will return or arrive on our campus for the first time at the end of next week.

In preparation, staff from several departments have been working around the clock to host a successful K Week, while colleges and departments prepare for the first day of undergraduate classes.

K Week – UK’s “welcome week” – is one of the most exciting times on our campus. It offers the UK family an opportunity to make a positive first impression as we invite a new group of students into our community.

While hundreds of faculty and staff have committed countless hours to the planning and execution of K Week, the volunteers that support these activities are critical to its success. The collegial environment we foster is a responsibility held by every member of our campus family. Making students feel welcome early in their college experience will help them in their transition and find success at UK.

Faculty and staff are invited to participate in all K Week events, and I encourage you to volunteer for or simply attend one or more of our programs. A complete schedule of events can be found at [www.uky.edu/KWeek](http://www.uky.edu/KWeek).

### **PARENT AND FAMILIES RECEPTION**

An informal Parent and Families Reception, scheduled on Friday, August 22, from 6-8 p.m. in the Student Center Grand Ballroom, enables families of new students to meet faculty, staff, administrators, veteran UK students and UK Parent Advisory Council members. The UK Parent Association needs volunteers who can greet guests and answer questions the families may have. To volunteer, please send an email with your contact information to [parents@lsv.uky.edu](mailto:parents@lsv.uky.edu).

### **NEW STUDENT INDUCTION CEREMONY**

I invite all faculty to participate in the New Student Induction Ceremony on Saturday, August 23, from 3:30-4:30 p.m. 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 Lauren Goodpaster, [goodpaster@uky.edu](mailto:goodpaster@uky.edu).

### **FUSION 2014**

FUSION (For Unity and Service In Our Neighborhoods) is Monday, August 25. 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/faculty-and-staff-wanted-fusion-site-advisors> or email [fusion.uky@gmail.com](mailto:fusion.uky@gmail.com).

Let us all work together to kick off another successful academic year at the University of Kentucky.

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