



COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2024

BENEFITS ENROLLMENT IS HERE

APRIL 22 - MAY 3

**ENROLL
TODAY**



Benefits Open Enrollment **April 22-May 3**

Our website has information on our health insurance plans, enrolling or re-enrolling in a flexible spending account and much more.

We encourage team members to reach out to HR Benefits or attend one of the information sessions.

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<https://hr.uky.edu/benefits-open-enrollment>

BIG BLUE MOVE-IN 2024

KENTUCKY
Wildcat
— L I V I N G —

UK Campus
Housing



Volunteers needed for Big Blue Move-In

Join us for the biggest Big Blue Move-In event in University of Kentucky's history! This August, we are expecting nearly 7,000 first-time freshmen and transfer students to kick off their UK journey by moving into our residence halls.

Big Blue Move-In will span from August 18th to 21st, running from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are counting on your support to welcome our students, their families, and friends. Together, let us ensure their move-in experience is nothing short of exceptional.

The Big Blue Move-In planning team is on the lookout for enthusiastic individuals to step up as an Area Leader or Building Leader. An Area Leader serves as the main point of contact for their designated area, liaising with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and ensuring smooth coordination of operations. Building Leaders take charge of the operations within an individual residence hall, ensuring that everything is set up at least one hour before the first move-in appointment and coordinating with the Area Leader regarding any changes communicated by the EOC.

If you are interested in taking on one of these crucial roles, please sign up for your shift(s) here. Please be aware that Area Leaders are required to work a full day, while Building Leaders are expected to work either a half or full day. For inquiries, feel free to contact us directly at UKmovein@uky.edu.

Not keen on leading a team? No problem! There are plenty of other volunteer opportunities available, from managing traffic flow to assisting with unloading vehicles and moving carts. Whether you are an individual or part of a group, there is a role for everyone who wants to contribute to making Big Blue Move-In a success and leaving a lasting impression on our new students and their families. Find out more about how you can get involved here.



Smart Campus Achieves Milestone for the iPad Initiative with student technicians

In the continuously evolving academic life, where technology plays an increasingly pivotal role in education, the assurance that students have access to functional devices is vital. At the University of Kentucky's Smart Campus, a dedicated team of tech-savvy students has been diligently working to uphold this standard through their iPad repair initiative. This initiative aims to swiftly address any issues with student iPads, ensuring seamless learning experiences. Recently, the team achieved a significant milestone: clearing out the entire inventory of damaged iPads for the academic year 2023-2024.

The success of this endeavor is a testament to the efforts of the Smart Campus team, composed of driven individuals like Zachary Beard, Brian Robinson, and Cadin Adams, among others. Zachary, a sophomore studying mathematics, highlighted the team's accomplishment in clearing out damaged iPads, thus guaranteeing an ample stock of replacements for students. Working alongside Zachary, Brian, an iPad technician in his third year at the university, emphasized the importance of their role as a bridge between IT Services (ITS) and the student body. Together, they ensure that student service requests are promptly addressed, underscoring the team's commitment to excellence.

Cadin Adams, a junior majoring in Information Communication Technology (ICT), provided insight into the team's streamlined process for iPad returns and replacements. His role at the Smart Campus help desk involves assisting students with device-related queries and processing iPads through Apple's GSX software, facilitating efficient replacements. Cadin emphasized the significance of their work in providing students with a seamless means of replacing damaged iPads and seeking assistance when needed, ultimately enhancing the overall student experience.

Collaboration lies at the heart of the Smart Campus team. Despite varying schedules, they exhibit remarkable coordination and teamwork, ensuring that tasks are completed efficiently. This collaborative spirit, coupled with a strong work ethic, enables the team to tackle challenges head-on, no matter the scale.

The impact of Smart Campus's iPad repair initiative extends beyond mere technical support; it embodies a commitment to student success and empowerment. By ensuring that students have access to fully functional devices, the team contributes to a conducive learning environment where technology serves as an enabler rather than a hindrance.

As the academic year progresses, Smart Campus remains steadfast in its dedication to providing exemplary support services to the student body. Through their unwavering commitment and innovative approach, the team continues to redefine the standards of technological support in higher education.



CBMI REGISTRATION IS OPEN July 21 - 26, 2024

Claim your spot by July 15th
PLEASE NOTE: Space is limited

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Employee Discount Program

For this month's highlight, we want to emphasize the partnership between the University of Kentucky and cell and mobile services in the area. Appalachian Wireless offers 20% off their pricing plan and data feature discount, Cell Phone Repair offers 10% off repairs and computer services, and T-Mobile users save 15% on Magenta MAX with premium unlimited Talk, Text, and Data.

The TOP answers will be shared in the next email blast!

What song/artist have you been tuning into during your commute?

SUBMIT HERE: <https://form.asana.com/?k=si8AuloUwCtMbX1rgXJagQ&d=71309345811105>



What's Happening

EVENTS

Commencement
May 3-4

CBMI
July 21 - 26

UK Employee Appreciation Day
May 23

Big Blue Move-In
August 18-21

Cat-Tastic BIRTHDAY

Scott Brooksbank

Scott Henry

Elijah Campbell

Lisa Williams

Kareem Covington

Lyman Whitman

Joe Frye