

# STUDENT AFFAIRS

## New Student Orientation: Campus Orientation Meetings to Prepare Students for Academic and Social Success [COMPASS] and Camp COMPASS

COMPASS, our new student orientation program, provides new students with information and social opportunities that will facilitate a smooth transition to Kettering University. Carried out over four days immediately preceding the beginning of new students' first academic term, COMPASS presents students with a wide variety of opportunities for integration into the campus community, including meeting and getting to know faculty, staff, and students; learning about campus resources, where to obtain specific services, and how to transact business; finding out where to get help, etc. All new students must participate in COMPASS prior to attending classes for the first time.

Camp COMPASS, an optional off-campus leadership development program, is offered each Summer and Fall to new students. Our orientation leaders as well as camp staff, work together to provide a robust leadership experience. We encourage new students to take advantage of this unique program, designed to jump-start their first-year experience.

## Kettering Student Government

Kettering Student Government incorporates the Student Senate, Operations Council, Academic Council, and Finance Council. Each year, the student body elects class representatives to the Student Senate, along with the Student Senate President, Vice President, and Administrator. This group's primary charge is to determine student needs and set guidelines and priorities for meeting these needs.

The Student Senate oversees the general operation, approves planned programs and budgets, and makes certain that the actions of the Operations Council and Finance Council are consistent with the Student Government Constitution. The Student Senate also hears any appeals or grievances brought before it involving matters of constitutional interpretation.

## Kettering University Clubs and Organizations Recognized by Kettering Student Government (KSG)

KSG recognizes and supports a variety of campus clubs and organizations that operate under the Constitution of the Kettering Student Government. Students may obtain further information regarding these groups and procedures on how they can start their own through the Student Affairs office and in the Student Handbook.

## Fine and Performing Arts

Kettering University is committed to providing a well-rounded education to our students. We are able to offer opportunities to participate in band, choir, piano, and guitar lessons. Professionals from the Flint Institute of Music provide instruction.

## Fraternity and Sorority Life

Fraternities and sororities have played an important role in the collegiate experience at Kettering since the school's beginnings in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Currently, nearly 40% of our students belong to Greek organizations, which include 11 IFC fraternities and 2 NPC sororities in A Section, 10 IFC fraternities and 2 NPC sororities in B Section, as well as 1 co-ed literary society in B Section and a city-wide NPHC with 3 active chapters on both sections. Greek organizations offer many

opportunities to meet new people, build life-long friendships, practice and hone leadership skills, and, in many cases, provide a home away from home through available housing. Members are expected to strive for academic excellence and serve local and national communities by donating time and raising money for various philanthropic causes. See the Student Handbook for more information on Kettering's Greek Community.

## Office of Multicultural Student Affairs [OMSA]

The Office of Multicultural Student Affairs works to ensure underrepresented students thrive and succeed at Kettering University.

It provides academic support services for students to facilitate their retention and graduation. It also creates and implements special activities and events geared toward creating positive self-images and professional development skills. OMSA carries out pre-college programs to increase the number of underrepresented students qualified to pursue degrees at Kettering in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and business.

OMSA provides these services for underrepresented students:

- Academic Excellence Workshops
- Maximizing Academic Growth in College [MAGIC] Seminars
- Mentoring
- Pre-college Programs
- Professional Development Advice
- Tutoring

## Kagle Leadership Initiatives (KLI)

Through the Kagle Leadership Initiatives (KLI), Kettering students nurture academic excellence and promote urban leadership qualities and civic engagement among Flint area youth and their families to increase college attendance and graduation and foster life-long community involvement. KLI sponsors a variety of enrichment programs and activities, including mentoring, tutoring, coaching, and targeted special seminars such as taking the ACT/SAT, gaining admission to college, finding financial aid, and managing peer pressure and social acceptance. Students who are interested in making a difference in the Flint community are encouraged to apply. Application dates vary throughout the year.

## Recreation Services

Recreation Services provides facilities and programs to meet the recreational interests of the Kettering University community, which includes students, faculty, staff, alumni, and their immediate families. Opportunities exist to practice and learn skills that lead to a healthy and satisfying lifestyle. Numerous competitive and cooperative activities provide an ideal environment to test one's skills and value system. Specific attention is devoted to addressing students' needs and balancing the academic rigor for which Kettering University is known. Recreation Service programs and facilities are rooted in student ability and desire. Students are employed to operate facilities and conduct programs. Kettering University students use the recreational opportunities as a stress release mechanism and as a means to fitness.

The Recreation Center features an open multi-sports forum with both wood and synthetic flooring. It includes five volleyball courts, four basketball courts, and two tennis courts. This area is also used for indoor soccer and the First Robotics competition. Other amenities include three racquetball/wallyball courts, one squash court, a 1/8 mile suspended jogging track, locker rooms, steam rooms, a 25-yard six-lane pool, spa, group exercise room, fitness room with exercise equipment, weight room

featuring Cybex equipment, equipment issue area, Student Lounge, Sargent Alumni Lounge, and professional staff offices. The facility is used for formal recreational sports programs (intramurals), informal recreation activities, fitness programs, and other Kettering University events. Reservations and drop-in play are accommodated.

## On Campus Student Housing

Frances Willson Thompson Hall provides an on-campus living and learning community for all students. Several living options are available, including gender-neutral, single-gender, and 24-hour quiet units.

Thompson Hall's design affords maximum individual privacy; each resident occupies their own room within units of 30-40 residents. The residence hall is air-conditioned, heated, and networked for the Internet. Each student's room is equipped with a bed, desk, dresser(s), bookshelf, closet space, a Micro Fridge, telephone jack, and a computer jack. Resident Assistants [RA's] staff individual units. RAs and professional staff carry out programs and activities which contribute to students' personal development.

All first-year students, including transfer students, are required to live in Thompson Hall for a minimum of two academic terms. Exceptions may be granted to students over 21 years of age, are married, have children residing in the student's home, or have previously completed a minimum of two terms/one academic year in a residence hall at a college or university. Students who meet at least one of these requirements may request a housing contract release. Release applications may be obtained from the Director of Residence Life and must be submitted at least two weeks from the first day of any term. Contact the director of residence life at [reslife@kettering.edu](mailto:reslife@kettering.edu).

## Wellness Center - Health, Counseling, Accessibility Services, and Student Health Insurance

The Wellness Center is located on the first floor of the Campus Center between BJ's Lounge and Thompson Hall. Health clinic staff and licensed professional counselors are available during regular business hours to address students' physical and mental wellness. A licensed mental health clinician can also be accessed after hours by calling 810-762-9650. In partnership with other community organizations, the Center provides resources and programming to enhance students' knowledge for proactive decision-making regarding their overall wellness.

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (1990) and its amendments, along with state and local regulations, students can meet with an Accessibility Services coordinator to address classroom accommodations. The Center works with the student, faculty, and the Academic Success Center to address reasonable classroom accommodations.

All students must have medical health insurance during their academic tenure at Kettering University. There is an annual verification process for domestic students to obtain a waiver if they already have coverage. International students are enrolled in the student health insurance program currently provided by United Healthcare (UHC). Students who do not have adequate health insurance coverage for this area can also enroll in UHC.

For more information, contact the Center at [wellness@kettering.edu](mailto:wellness@kettering.edu) or refer to the Student Handbook.

## Women's Resource Center/Office of Women Student Affairs

The Clara Elizabeth Davidson Women's Resource Center serves as a meeting space for all women on campus and provides leadership programs and engagement that enhance their academic, professional, and personal development. Annually, the WRC presents programs planned and carried out by students and staff, as well as a number of special events designed to ensure the support and development of our women students as global citizens.

Kettering's Office of Women Student Affairs (OWSA) provides leadership concerning women's issues to ensure our students live and learn in a productive climate that encourages them to reach their full potential.

## Campus Safety and Other Services

### Campus Safety

Kettering University Campus Safety provides 24-hour safety and security services, 365 days a year, to promote a safe learning environment for students. Campus Safety officers provide the following services:

- Student assistance
- Crime prevention
- Investigates complaints
- Emergency management
- General patrol of the Kettering campus
- Information and central communication center
- Security of buildings
- Safety and fire inspections
- Register student and employee vehicles
- Lost and found
- An escort service for a student or employee leaving a campus building alone at night
- Provides safety shuttle service to nearby locations when transportation is not available and after dark as a safety precaution
- Enforce parking regulations

Kettering University works in close coordination with area law enforcement agencies to provide safety on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods.

In the event of an emergency on campus, DIAL 911 from any campus telephone, or (810) 762-9501, and the Campus Safety Desk Officer will offer assistance, including calling emergency response personnel.

The Campus Safety office is located on the second (ground) floor of the Campus Center.

### Food Services

Kettering University and Creative Dining Services are partnering to bring a whole new campus dining experience. Expanded dining options in the new Battenberg Café located on the first floor of the New Learning Commons allows you to grab something to go or sit down for a meal with friends. You can choose food from one of the seven stations in the Battenberg Café or one of your favorites from Einstein Bros. Bagel. In the evening you can order from the specialty menu at BJ's Lounge. You will also be able to grab a cup of our very own Bulldog Blend coffee roasted locally by Great Lakes Coffee in the second floor coffee shop.

## Meal Plans

All first-year students who reside in Thompson Hall are required to purchase Meal Plan A during their residency. Commuter and Flexible Dining Dollars meal plans are also available to upperclassmen. All meals plans expire at the end of each academic term. Current information on the various meal plans and dining hours of operation may be found on the Kettering Dining Services website.

## Flexible Dining Dollars

Flexible Dining Dollars are transacted using a student's KU ID Card and are tracked on a declining balance basis. Flexible Dining Dollars are for use exclusively for purchasing food, can be used at any of the food service venues, and expire at the end of each academic term.

## Bulldog Bucks

All students may purchase Bulldog Bucks that can be used at all food service venues and at the C-Store. Bulldog Bucks may be used for food and for Bulldog Wear items and are purchased on a dollar per buck basis via KUWallet online application. Bulldog Bucks expire when a student graduates or leaves the University or when an employee ceases to be employed at the University.

## The C-Store

The on-campus convenience store in the Sunset Café, generally referred to as the "C-Store," is located in the Campus Center (CC) southwest corner off the Great Court. We offer convenience foods, f'real milkshakes & smoothies, Starbucks coffee & lattes, along with everyday essentials. "Bulldog Wear" apparel and Kettering merchandise can also be purchased in the C-Store.

Current information on the C-Store hours of operation may be found on the Dining website. We accept cash, checks, Visa, MasterCard, American Express & Discover credit cards. Students are able to use Flexible Dining Dollars on convenience foods in the store, and Bulldog Bucks for convenience foods and Bulldog Wear or Kettering University branded items.

## The Online Bookstore

The Online Bookstore is a virtual bookstore operated by MBS Direct/BNC for the University. MBS Direct/BNC offers new, used, rental and digital textbooks, including Book Buyback and Guaranteed Buyback options. The online bookstore accepts Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover credit cards, Visa and MasterCard debit cards, as well as PayPal (except Marketplace orders), check, money order and/or book vouchers.

## The Online Spirit Store

Kettering Bulldog Wear is a virtual spirit store operated by Advanced Online/Follett that offers official Kettering Bulldog apparel, accessories & gifts. They accept Visa, Mastercard, American Express and Discover credit cards.

## Shipping & Receiving

Shipping & Receiving provides mail delivery, package pickup via smart lockers, package drop off and sells postage stamps. Located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of the Academic Building, hours of operation are 8 am - 5pm Monday through Friday. For your convenience, we supply bubble wrap, packing paper, shipping tape & boxes for a nominal cost. For more information regarding these services, email [supply@kettering.edu](mailto:supply@kettering.edu).

## Electronic Vehicle Charging Stations

In partnership with ChargePoint, we maintain two electric vehicle charging stations on Kettering's campus. One stations is located in the visitor lot outside the Campus Center and is intended for guests. A dual unit is located in the fleet parking area south of the Campus Center and is intended for faculty, staff and student use. In order to use the charging station, you must have a ChargePoint card, which can be obtained by joining for free at <https://www.chargepoint.com/>. Follow the prompts on the screen of the charging station after you've swiped your card. You can now download the mobile app to find stations, check availability and more.