Kettering University’s academic and co-curricular programs are designed to facilitate our students’ knowledge, growth, and development so that they realize their personal and professional potential and become model scholars, leaders, and citizens. We encourage parents to collaborate with us in this important work as their students emerge from the dependency of childhood to the independence and self-sufficiency of adulthood. Parents play a critical role in this development; indeed, neither students nor the University can succeed without parental support and involvement. Contribute to your student’s success by learning about the undergraduate experience, supporting student learning, and empowering your student to take personal responsibility for his or her academic and social choices. Here’s how you can contribute to your student’s success:

Learn about the student experience and all the resources available Kettering University:

- Students face unique challenges and opportunities, including academic and non-academic expectations that differ from what you may have experienced. Learn about student support services and understand how students can access services; encourage student to identify and obtain support from appropriate resources. Our Undergraduate Catalog (http://www.kettering.edu/undergraduate), Student Handbook (http://issuu.com/kettering/docs/2013studenthandbook), and website (www.kettering.edu) contain information about all programs, services, resources, and requirements at Kettering University.

Support the University's goals for student learning and development outcomes:

- Challenge students to identify, define, and solve problems independently.
- Encourage students to set and achieve personal goals and make responsible decisions related to academics, career planning, social interactions, and community engagement.
- Understand and support the University's commitment to academic excellence and integrity, ethical behavior, diversity, and civility.
- Empower students to examine personal values; encourage students to learn about and respect the values and beliefs of others.
- Support students as they face uncertainties and learn to perform in complex environments and challenging situations.
- Allow students to accept consequences of their actions and accept responsibility for personal choices.
- Urge students to examine disappointments and unexpected experiences in order to assess what caused them, what can be done about them, and how to avoid them in the future.

- Learn when to step in to help your student and when to empower him or her to take personal responsibility
Mentor and guide your student, rather than direct them or take direct actions on their behalf.

Know and understand limitations regarding your access to student records, as mandated by federal requirements contained in FERPA and HIPAA.

Promote self-advocacy by allowing students to make decisions independently.

Be alert to signs that your student is under significant stress, taking unhealthy risks, or ill. Discuss concerns openly with your student and assist in developing plans to address problems, including accessing Kettering University resources.

If student's physical or mental health is endangered, contact appropriate campus or community authorities. In cases of perceived imminent danger, call Campus Safety at (810) 762-9501. In less serious situations, call the Dean of Students’ office at (810) 762-9872. Students, faculty, and staff have access to 24/7 crisis counseling through our Student Assistance Program, (855-774-4700). There is no charge for this service.

**Stay informed**

- Sign up to receive informative new communications for parents by sending an email to parents@kettering.edu
- Watch our parents’ website for new features, including news stories, a Q&A section, upcoming deadlines, etc.
- Write or call us with questions or concerns (parents@kettering.edu, [810] 762-9871).

**Develop an affinity for Kettering University**

- Support the University and its efforts to educate your student.
- Participate in campus events; support and encourage students as they learn, perform, lead, or serve through campus and community activities.
- Engage with other parents in understanding the student experience.
- Contribute talent, time, and treasure to the University. Get involved!

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