

## ***From the Association president...***

*This space highlights issues your Advisory Board and its committees have been working on, as well as upcoming events, decisions, and volunteer “opportunities”. Eventually, we’ll have a separate area for real-time issues discussion. In the meantime, stay tuned.*

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Our previous Parents Advisory Board meeting notes are published within a week of each meeting. (Click the link in the left side panel.) Some recent topics discussed:



- Increased use of the web site for notification of events, volunteer sign-up, issue discussion, voting, etc.
- Working together with other volunteer organizations (ex: Alumni Association, Greek Life) on projects with parallel interests
- A bridge line for participation by non-local parents in the Parents Advisory Board meetings. (This is now operational. Contact me to participate at the next meeting via phone.)
- The need to establish the following parent committees:
  - Fundraising
  - Career services/co-op networking
  - Technologies (i.e.; this web site!)
  - Special Projects (solicited student feedback on faculty and staff for the purpose of recognition of outstanding performance)
  - Scholarship (development of criteria for selection, amount, etc.)
  - Enrollment/Recruitment (work with university staff to organize/host local recruitment/awareness events with alumni and students)

We want to use the internet to improve communications with all parents and to permit out-of-state parents to be able to participate almost as easily as locals. In our January Association Board meeting, Dawn Bartlett (responsible for coordinating all volunteer activities in support of Admissions) spoke at length of opportunities for our organization to support this effort and simultaneously fulfill our own goals.

The big pitch was for our association to provide a couple of volunteers for each of the six upcoming “Prep for Success” co-operative education seminars. At each of these events there is a Parents Forum during the afternoon and a Parents Social after dinner (which is catered!).

The dates are:

Friday February 9th (Planetarium)  
Saturday February 10th (Sloan Museum)  
Monday February 19th (Presidents Day) (no Parents Social this day)  
Friday March 9th (Sloan Museum)  
Saturday March 10th (Planetarium)  
Saturday April 21st (Planetarium)

For additional information, visit <http://admissions.kettering.edu/PREP/index.cfm>

Please contact one of the board members listed below if you are interested in participating on either a committee or one of the “Prep for Success” seminars. Did I mention that the events are catered and volunteers eat free?

I will be sending an email in the next couple weeks looking for volunteers. I intend to attend the first couple of events myself and hope you can join me.

Finally, for parents of freshmen: The Parents Association is a way to stay involved with your son or daughter as they attend their first “away from home” school. The meetings are a great excuse to drop in and see how they’re doing. Plus, this is an opportunity to be part of the solution – helping the university become an even better place for our sons and daughters.

You don’t need a lot of spare time to be an effective volunteer. Most of the paperwork is done by your Association board. Come join us – Meet other interested and interesting parents who are working together to improve the “Parent’s” part of the university experience. Why should the kids have all the fun!

Cordially,

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