

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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March 16, 2007 – We’ve added a new hyperlink (to the left) where you’ll find my previous comments from this page. This will allow me to keep the comments posted here more current while still allowing someone new to the site to catch up on the news. (Your feedback is welcome.)



Since the January Advisory board meeting we’ve had five “Prep for Success” events with one to go. These Admissions department-sponsored events provide a forum for the parents of prospective students to be exposed first hand to the amazing experience that is “Kettering”. I was able to attend two of the events with Ralph Gruss (Association Vice President), attending two more. We also had a parent volunteer – Karen Gaabo - help back in February, along with Ken Walker, whose grandson is a freshman this year. In fact, Ken had so much fun he came again in March.

There were three 40-minute “Parents Forums” each day with at least one faculty or staff present, plus Trish from Thompson Hall housing along with student volunteers and your Association board members. We answered questions about the city, the campus, security, academics, preparation, co-op and housing. There were lots of great questions. The kids were impressive without exception and are our best ambassadors for the school. You can tell they’re proud to be here and are having fun at the same time.

We had additional “chat time” at the Expo center afterwards for one-on-one questions and then everyone was bussed over to the Flint Cultural Center for a catered dinner at either the Planetarium or the Sloan Museum.

There’s one more event (4/21) and if you’d like to join in the fun and give prospective parents and students the benefit of your experiences, contact Dawn Bartlett (Admissions Department – dbartlet@kettering.edu) or Patty Shelley (pshelley@kettering.edu). The dinner is free for volunteers and well worth it!

I am slowly building a list of parents interested in helping with some of our new projects. Please contact me by phone (248-755-4141) or email (kkaniut@tir.com) if you are interested in joining the fun.

A-Section finals are fast approaching with B-section starting classes again in April. The next Advisory Board meeting is in two weeks (3/31 Saturday). Call or email me if you wish to participate.

Cordially,

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