



January 2025

Upcoming Dates and Deadlines

January 5

KCC Reopens after Winter Break

January 19

Martin Luther King, Jr Day - College Closed

January 20

First Day of Spring 2026 Classes

January 7

Women's Basketball 5:30pm

Men's Basketball 7:30pm

January 10

Women's Basketball 1:00pm

Men's Basketball 3:00pm

January 17

Men's Basketball 3:00pm

January 30

KCC Bowling at M66 Bowl 11:00am

How Families Can Support Students at the Start of a New Semester

Starting a new semester can feel exciting—and a little overwhelming—for college students. Families play an important role in helping students feel confident, supported, and ready to succeed. Here are a few simple ways you can help your student get off to a strong start.

Encourage a routine.

Help your student think about their weekly schedule. Having regular times for classes, studying, work, meals, and rest can reduce stress and make the semester feel more manageable.

Stay positive and supportive.

A new semester often comes with new classes, instructors, and expectations. Remind your student that it's okay to ask for help and that challenges are part of learning. A quick check-in or encouraging message can make a big difference.

Encourage using campus resources.

Colleges offer many supports, such as academic advising, tutoring, counseling, and financial aid assistance. Encourage your student to reach out early if they have questions or concerns.

Celebrate effort, not just results.

College is a learning process. Recognizing your student's effort and persistence—even when things are hard—helps build confidence and resilience.

Your support matters more than you may realize. By staying involved, listening, and encouraging healthy habits, families can help students start the semester feeling prepared and supported every step of the way.

Spring 2026 classes start on January 20, 2026! Register now!

College registration is a big step each semester, and your student might need a reminder or a little encouragement to stay on track. Registration for the 2026 Spring semester is now open.

Now is the perfect time for your student to choose their classes and start planning for a strong term.

Why early registration matters:

Registering early gives students the best chance to get the classes they need at the times that work best for them. Waiting too long could mean missing out on required courses or preferred schedules.

How you can help:

- Check in with your student to see if they've met with an academic advisor.
- Encourage them to log in to their student account and browse available courses.
- Remind them about any financial aid steps or payment plans that need to be completed.

Staying ahead of deadlines helps reduce stress and sets your student up for success. If they're unsure where to start, our advising team is here to help every step of the way!

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KCC Launches BOSS Program to Support CTE Students

KCC is proud to announce the launch of the **Bruin Occupational Student Support (BOSS)** program, designed to empower students enrolled in Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs who belong to certain federally-designated “Special Populations.” The program is managed through the college's Center for Student Success and funded via the Perkins V Grant.

The BOSS program offers a variety of supports for eligible students, including:

- Assistance in accessing campus resources to help them succeed.
- Funding for required textbooks, materials, tools, supplies, uniforms, and certification or board exam fees (for courses in eligible CTE programs).
- Help with outstanding tuition or account balances that might otherwise prevent students from continuing their program.

To get started, students complete a brief eligibility questionnaire to determine if they qualify under one or more of the “Special Population” categories, which include (but are not limited to) English learners, individuals with disabilities, economically disadvantaged individuals, single parents, and out-of-workforce individuals.

Once eligibility is confirmed, students may apply during open application windows each semester. To qualify for funding, students must be enrolled in a qualifying CTE program, have completed the FAFSA for the current term, maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA, and meet satisfactory academic progress. Awards depend on demonstrated financial need and available funds.

Why it matters for your student:

The BOSS program helps reduce financial and resource-barriers for CTE students—allowing them to focus more of their time and energy on learning and progressing toward credentials and careers. This is especially important for students facing additional challenges or who may have had fewer opportunities in traditional academic tracks.

For more information, visit [KCC's Current Students → Center for Student Success → BOSS program page](#).

Bruin Occupational Student Support Page

KCC Department Highlight - Records and Registration

The Records and Registration Department at Kellogg Community College (KCC) helps students with many important parts of their college journey. This office is here to support your student every step of the way!

The Registration Office takes care of official student records. That means they keep track of grades, classes, and academic history. They also help students when it's time to graduate. The office checks that your student has finished all the work needed for their degree or certificate.

Need a copy of a transcript? The Records and Registration Department can help with that, too. Transcripts are official school records that show all the classes your student has taken and the grades they earned. These are often needed for jobs or for transferring to another college.

Students can also get help with enrollment certifications and loan deferment forms. These are important for financial aid and job certifications.

The office is located on the main campus in Battle Creek. Families and students can contact them by phone or email with questions about records, registration, and more.

If your student needs help with schedules, transcripts, or graduation planning, the Records and Registration team is a great place to start!

Records and Registration Website

Glossary of KCC Terms

Kellogg Community College's Glossary of KCC Terms is a comprehensive reference tool designed to clarify the specialized language, procedures, and institutional practices used across the college. It defines key academic terms – from “Academic Year” and “Credit Hours” to “Bruin Portal” and “Selective Admissions” – helping students, faculty, and staff navigate KCC's academic policies, registration processes, degree requirements, and administrative functions with greater ease and confidence.

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