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Office of Emergency Management Crisis Coordinator Communique

Even The Trees are in School Colors!

As spring begins to . . . Well . . . Spring, the yellow stuff has started to cover EVERYTHING. Pollen is one of the most common triggers of seasonal allergies, as many of us are well aware. Each spring (and also in the summer and fall!) plants release tiny pollen grains to fertilize other plants of the same species. Unfortunately, those same grains trigger allergic reactions such as sneezing, nasal congestion, and red/watery/swollen eyes for us humans. Grasses are the most common cause of allergy with ragweed and oak trees close behind in Georgia. So how can you prevent an allergic reaction? Well, here are a few tips from the Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America!

- Limit your outdoor activities when pollen counts are high
- Keep windows closed and use allergy friendly filters in your AC
- Utilize allergy medicines
- Wear sunglasses and a hat to keep pollen out of your eyes
- Avoid touching and/or rubbing your eyes!



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Bloody April Awareness

On April 16, 2007, 32 people were killed and another 23 injured at Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA. This shooting is just one of many incidents in April that have led to the designation of April as “Bloody April.”

In comparison to other months of the year, April has had a large number of anniversaries and criminal events that could pose potential threats to schools and public gathering areas. These events could stimulate protests, activism, violence, or simply disruption of daily or after-hours operations. Domestic Groups tend to focus on significant dates, while most foreign terror groups take a more fluid approach to targeting and their incidents tend to happen when they are “ready” outside of targeting a specific, scheduled event.

For us at Kennesaw State, April is also typically a time of enhanced stress for our students with final exams, graduation, and potential job searches looming.

The month is sometimes referred to as “Bloody April,” which may garner questions about training, preparedness, and threats. It may also lead to an increase for potential threatening statements and actions. “Bloody April” originally refers to British Air support during the Battle of Arras in World War I in 1917.



Due to this, we encourage everyone to remain extra vigilant throughout the month of April. Be sure to report any suspicious behavior and keep the “Red Flag Reporting” and Behavioral Response Team mechanisms in mind for any students who you observe as being in distress.

Here is a list of some of the events that have led to the “Bloody April” designation:

- ◇ April 4, 1968—Assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Memphis, TN
- ◇ April 26, 1986—Chernobyl Nuclear Power Plant Disaster
- ◇ April 29, 1992—Beginning of the Los Angeles Riots
- ◇ April 19, 1993—Branch Dividian FBI Raid/Fire in Waco, TX
- ◇ April 19, 1995—Oklahoma City Bombing
- ◇ April 20, 1999—Columbine School Shooting
- ◇ April 16, 2007—Virginia Tech Shooting
- ◇ April 15, 2013—Boston Marathon Bombing

In addition to those events, there are also anniversaries and dates in April that groups intent on doing harm could gravitate towards:

April 20th is Adolf Hitler’s Birthday

April 22nd (week of) is World Laboratory Animal Liberation Week (focus of groups such as PETA, Greenpeace, NARN, ELF, ALF, GARN, and others)

April 30th is the day of Adolf Hitler’s Death

I hated every minute of training, but I said, "Don't quit. Suffer now and live the rest of your life as a champion."

Muhammad Ali

Upcoming Training Dates

CPR/AED for Crisis Coordinators -

Tuesday, April 16, 12:30pm - 2:30pm, Chastain Pointe 312

Crime Prevention 101 -

Wednesday, April 24, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Chastain Pointe 312

Crisis Coordinator Training

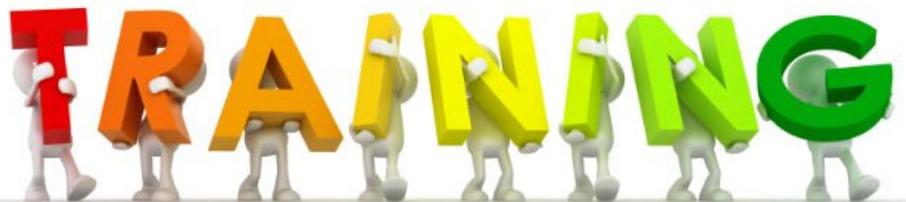
Thursday, April 25, 12:30pm - 4:30pm, Chastain Pointe 312

Stop the Bleed (Bleeding Control) — We will bring this 1-hour class to you! Email oem@kennesaw.edu if you have 10 or more eager participants!

Sign up for classes (except CPR/AED) on OwlTrain.

Our Next Quarterly Meeting

We are happy to announce that we will be having our next Quarterly Crisis Coordinator Meeting on April 30, 2019 on the Marietta Campus in the Engineering Technology Center (Q Building) in room 104. If you have any suggestions for topics of discussion or guest speakers, please let us know! You can either pass these along to Christy or Mike or you can send your suggestions to oem@kennesaw.edu



Severe Weather Season—Part II

As the old saying goes, “April Showers bring May Flowers.” So, today we want to focus on that first part—April Showers. We continue to see a relatively rainy and wet year as we stubbornly move from winter to spring. Hopefully, we finally have the last of the cold weather behind us! However, those April Showers can sometimes bring very heavy rain that can accumulate quickly. Flash flooding is a real possibility—especially in areas that are known to have drainage issues or are in low-lying areas.

As we move deeper into our busiest time for severe weather, be sure you know the best ways to protect yourself during a severe weather event. With damaging winds, large hail, cloud-to-ground lightning and potential tornadoes, severe weather season in Georgia throws a myriad of threats our direction. If you are outdoors when severe weather starts, it is always best to go indoors. Even being in your car is a better option than being out in the open and exposed to the elements. If you are indoors, be sure to know where your best areas of refuge are. These are generally areas that are away from windows and exterior walls and don't have high roofs or wide-span roofs. Most likely, these areas would only need to be utilized during a Tornado Warning, but it is best to know where they are now!



NCUR 2019

On April 10-13, Kennesaw State University will be hosting the National Conference on Undergraduate Research in venues across the Kennesaw Campus. This conference provides an opportunity for undergraduate students from across the country to present their research in multiple ways, including performing arts, visual arts, and oral presentations. For many of these students, this will be the first time they have ever had to present research findings outside of the classroom.

To accommodate this conference, and to provide all of our students with the opportunity to attend NCUR sessions, Kennesaw State University will not hold classes this week. In addition to the undergraduate presentations, there will also be several plenary sessions during the conference. The plenary presenters include Dr. Alistair Dove, Vice President of Research and Conservation at the Georgia Aquarium; Dr. Valerie Montgomery Rice, President and Dean of the Morehouse School of Medicine; and Kenneth “K.C.” Martin, Principal Program Manager of Mobility Plans and Roadmaps for Advanced Development Programs at Lockheed Martin.

April OEM Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3 Radio Checks Siren Test @ 12	4	5	6
7	8	9	10 NCUR	11 NCUR	12 NCUR	13 NCUR
14	15	16 CPR/AED 12:30 @ Chastain Pt 312	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 Crime Prevention Class 1pm @ CP 312	25 Crisis Coordinator Class 12:30 @ CP 312	26	27
28	29	30 Quarterly Crisis Coordinator Meet- ing 1pm @ Engineer Tech Bldg room 104				

HOW WILL I KNOW IF CAMPUS IS OPEN, CLOSED OR DELAYED?

Check the following resources to determine whether the University is open, closed or delayed due to inclement weather.

Web:

www.kennesaw.edu
oem.kennesaw.edu

The Campus Advisory Page

www.kennesaw.edu/advisories

Twitter

www.twitter.com/kennesawstate
www.twitter.com/ksuoem

Facebook

www.facebook.com/KennesawStateUniversity
www.facebook.com/kennesawstateOEM

Local Media Outlets

www.cbs46.com
www.wsbtv.com

On Campus emergencies call: (470) 578-6666

Off Campus emergencies call: 911

Non-emergencies call: (470) 578-6206

Personal safety should always be #1. If you do not feel safe to travel, don't.

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Just a friendly reminder, a small Bleeding Control Kit is located in each AED Box located on ground, and first floors. The boxes are located with a small stop the bleed sticker.



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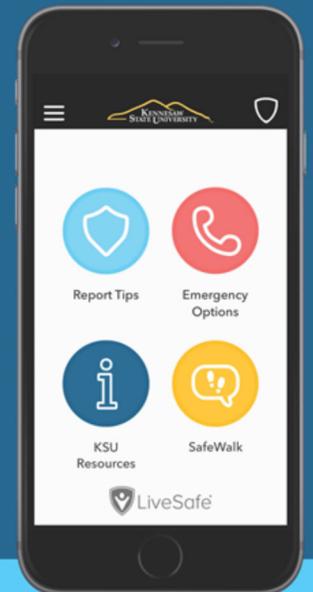
We are located at:

Chastain Pointe Suite 312



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