FROM THE DIRECTOR’S DESK

START SMALL—END BIG!

The school year is already halfway over. Have you achieved the goals you set for yourself earlier in the year? If so, reward yourself and challenge yourself to pursue something bigger! It is a well-known fact that small, consistent steps taken over time can help us all achieve greatness. Perhaps you wished you could speak up more in the classroom. Maybe you could decide that speaking up in class one day a week is a good start. This would not be overwhelming to do and could be easily measured. We improve and thrive when we are challenged. So pick something you want to change and do it!

Another good way to build your confidence is to encourage others. Have you encouraged those around you lately? When we cheer and support others, we are adding value to our own lives. Who doesn’t remember a hug or kind word from someone else when you needed it most? If it made you feel good, imagine what it could do for another?

“Don’t wait for something big to occur. Start where you are, with what you have, and that will always lead you into something greater.”

Mary Manin Morrissey

Lisa M. Brinkman
Director
COLLEGE SPOTLIGHT: BELLARMINE UNIVERSITY

Bellarmine University (BU) is an independent Catholic university in Louisville, KY that offers more than 60 majors, as well as graduate degree programs. BU prides itself on their efforts to provide 100% of incoming freshmen with some form of financial assistance. Each year, they award more than $11 million dollars in scholarships and financial aid to entering students.

U.S. News & World Report and the Princeton Review consistently rank Bellarmine among America’s best institutions for higher education. To learn more, visit bellarmine.edu.

JUNIORS, Bellarmine University is one stop on our Junior Overnight in April. Join us if you’d like to visit their campus and learn more in person!

2015 ETS EVENTS*

There are great trips in store for the second half of the year! Clip and save these dates.

*REMEMBER: All event dates and details are subject to change. If you ever have a question about an ETS event, call 859-448-8940. We also post field trip permission forms online at ets.nku.edu and facebook.com/nkuets.

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FALL PHOTO ALBUM

It was a busy field trip season last fall at ETS! September took us on the Senior Overnight to Berea College, Eastern Kentucky University and University of Kentucky. In October we visited three schools: University of Cincinnati, Xavier University and Morehead State University. December brought a behind-the-scenes tour about the Cincinnati Reds and careers at Great American Ballpark. To see ALL of our photos, like our Facebook page: facebook.com/nkuets.
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- Emily Krugh-Advisor
- Zach Wells-Advisor

DID YOU KNOW…?

Fun facts about Valentine’s Day

- The first mass-produced American Valentines were sold in the 19th century and created with paper lace and floral decorations imported from England.
- About 1 billion Valentine’s Day cards are exchanged each year. (This makes it the second largest card-sending season of the year. Christmas is first.)
- “Wearing your heart on your sleeve” is not just a phrase. In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names to decide who their Valentine would be. They pinned their Valentines’ name to their sleeves for one week.
- The New England Confectionery Company (NECCO) makes more than 8 billion candy conversation hearts every year.