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Introduction

The Kellogg student body represents a variety of economic, geographic and ethnic backgrounds. Many students come to Kellogg with their partners as well as some with children. These students have additional challenges to face upon returning to academic life - not only do they need to coordinate their academic schedules, but also time with their families. We hope this chapter helps address some of the issues facing Kellogg couples and families.

Joint Ventures

http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/student/club/joint

Joint Ventures (JV) is a Kellogg club run solely by the partners of Kellogg students who understand that becoming part of the Kellogg Community is important for the family as well as the student. Joint Ventures’ goal is to create and maintain a support network for Kellogg couples and families while continuing strong connections amongst its members, Kellogg, Northwestern, and the greater Chicago community. JV aims to make your Kellogg experience more social, fun, enriching, and involved in the community. Members include not only the student, but also the husbands, wives, fathers, mothers, fiancées, boyfriends, and girlfriends. JV represents over 30 different countries as well as a variety of cultural, and professional backgrounds. There are subcommittees of Joint Ventures to meet the needs of our diverse membership. For example, Kellogg Kids (KK) brings together Kellogg students and families for lasting friendships, good times, and mutual support. KK offers age-appropriate Playgroups, field trips, parent’s night out, and other enriching activities. Be sure to check out the Joint Ventures website to find more detailed information on housing, the job search, community as well as how to become part of JV.

The Job Search

According to most partners, the most stressful aspect of moving to Evanston can be finding a job. Previously, partners have either not worked and now need to be the sole financial supporter or they have thriving careers of their own and are seeking a specific position that keeps them on their desired career path. Often times, the most difficult part of the job hunt is getting started. Listed below are some general tips and local resources to point you in the right direction.

Job Search Tips

1. Check out your current employer's Chicago connections. Some partners have been able to transfer or have found employment with companies associated with their current/former firms.
2. Network - Tell everyone you know that you are moving to the Chicago area and are looking for a job; friends, current co-workers, clients, college alumni, etc. Ask for headhunters or recruiting firms they may know of too. Some partners have been effective at exploring these leads and setting up interviews or informational meetings in advance of arriving in Evanston. This allows them to hit the ground running if they’re interested in finding employment quickly
3. Write or call your undergraduate college or university. Find out what resources are
available to alumni through your alma mater’s career placement office.

4. Contact professional organizations in your field. Many professional organizations publish newsletters or have web sites that include job opportunities nationwide.

5. Contact national employment recruiting firms. Employment firms can be very helpful in your job search, particularly in advance of your Chicago arrival.

6. Use on-line job hunting resources:
   - Chicago tribune, www.careerbuilder.com
   - Crain’s Chicago Business, www.cRAINschicagobusiness.com
   - Joint Ventures homepage, www.kellogg.nwu.edu/student/club/joint
   - Northwestern University, www.northwestern.edu/hr/recruiting
   - University of Chicago, www.uhrn.uchicago.edu/employment/jobs
   (It’s always useful to post your resume on-line so it’s out there working for you even if you’re not.)

7. Visit your local library. Most libraries keep career directories and guidebooks on hand for thirsty job seekers. There are also several Chicago related job hunting books to get you started.

8. Check out the Sunday Chicago Tribune or Sun Times. Review the classifieds to learn of job openings, companies that are hiring, and career fairs. (You may also want to grab your local "careerfinder" catalog at your grocery store entrance).

**Kellogg Resources**

Wendy Metter in Kellogg Student Affairs is willing to work with Kellogg partners for resume/networking assistance outside of the University. If you are interested, send her an email (w-metter@kellogg.northwestern.edu) outlining your background and job interests.

The Northwestern Human Resource Administration (located at 720 University Place) posts all open positions at Northwestern at www.northwestern.edu/hr/recruiting. For Northwestern/Kellogg positions available, Carole Cahill, Assistant Dean Administrative Services at Kellogg, can sometimes provide insights on that position or department. To schedule time to speak with Carole, please call (847) 491-2833 or email c-cahill@kellogg.northwestern.edu.

**Substitute Teacher Positions**

If you’ve graduated from an institution of higher learning with a bachelor’s degree, you are eligible to apply for an Illinois substitute teaching certificate. Contact the Regional Office of Education at (847) 543-7833 to get more information about the application process.

**Temporary/Permanent Employment Agencies**

These offer initial income, flexibility and can sometimes lead to a full time position. You can also conduct your own independent search for a permanent position simultaneously. Most allow you the right of refusal when an assignment comes up if the timing isn’t right or the position isn’t to your liking.

   - Adecco, (847) 328-3500, www.adecco.com
   - Accountants on Call, (312) 782-7788, www.chicago@aocnet.com
   - Creative Group, (312) 819-0700
   - Manpower, (847) 470-8520, www.manpower.com
   - Kelly Temporary Services, (847) 675-6110, www.kellyservices.com
   - Co-counsel, (312) 201-5020
Unemployment Compensation

You may be eligible for unemployment compensation when relocating with your student. Check with your state unemployment office before you leave or visit the Illinois Department of Employment Security once you are here. An office is located at 1572 Maple in Evanston, (847) 864-2580. Call for hours and additional information.

Commuting Tips

Evanston is the first suburb north of the city of Chicago. If commuting to the city, public transportation is your best bet. The entire "loop" area (the downtown biz district) is accessible on the "El" (Chicago's elevated train/subway system). Refer to the "Getting Around" section for further details on public transportation. Cheap parking meters exist downtown but are hard to come by and parking garages range in price of $10-$20 per day. Other suburbs accessible via public transportation include Evanston itself, the northside of Chicago, Wilmette, parts of Skokie & Lincolnwood. If you have a car you could reasonably commute to suburbs further out; Niles, Lake Forest, Deerfield, Morton Grove, Northbrook, Park Ridge, Mount Prospect, Arlington Heights, and O'Hare Airport area.

Volunteer Opportunities

Interested in volunteering during your time at Kellogg? The number of organizations that welcome volunteers is enormous. These include many community, religious, museum, theater and school-based organizations throughout Chicagoland. Kellogg's Business With A Heart (BWAH) organization offers many opportunities to volunteer: http://www.kellogg.nwu.edu/student/club/bwah/bwash_000.htm. Likewise, Joint Ventures provides a listing of some organizations in the Evanston area that welcome any support: http://www.kellogg.nwu.edu/student/club/joint/resources/coll_opps.htm.

Continuing Education

We all know why we are Kellogg-bound – continuing education. While the Kellogg students are loaded down with coursework, you can take advantage of the continuing education opportunities in the area. In particular, Kellogg lets spouses or significant others audit courses at the business school. Of course, the class has to not be full and you will need to get approval from the professor. Be sure to check out "Perks for Partners" (http://www.kellogg.nwu.edu/student/club/joint/perks.htm) for insights on auditing Kellogg classes. Following is a partial list of accredited institutions of higher education that may be of interest:

- DePaul University, (312) 362-8000, http://www.depaul.edu/
- Loyola University, (773) 274-3000, http://www.luc.edu/
- Roosevelt University, (312) 341-3500, http://www.roosevelt.edu/
- Kendall College, (847) 866-1300, http://www.kendall.edu/

In addition, there are several other institutions that offer community and arts programs:

- Evanston Art Center, 2603 Sheridan Road, (847) 475-5300, http://www.evanstonartcenter.org/
- Gus Giordano Dance Center, Davis St., (847) 866-9442. Jazz, tap, ballet, & modern dance
- Northwestern Continuous Studies Program, http://www.scsp.northwestern.edu/
- Norris Center Mini Courses, 1999 Campus Drive, Norris Center, (847) 491-3903, Short Courses available on culture, arts, hobbies, and much more: http://www.staff.northwestern.edu/norris/minicourse.html.
Child Care Services

There are many choices for pre-schools and child care in Evanston. The options are often limited by waitlists (that tend to start in January) so the sooner you start your search the better. The good news is there are enough programs for you to find the one that is best for your child/children. Many programs have been listed here for your convenience. A link to the full listing of programs is http://www.epl.org/community/education.html. The selection process is extremely personal to parent and child depending on expectations, interests, special needs, etc. Many Kellogg Kids members (subset of Joint Ventures) have sifted through the wealth of information available to Evanston-area parents and can give you some suggestions prior to your arrival. Upon joining Joint Ventures, you will receive a directory of members who are eager to offer advice. You may also check out some personal commentaries on Family Resources: http://www.kellogg.northwestern.edu/student/club/joint/resources/index.htm.

Childcare Network of Evanston - 1416 Lake St., (847)475-2661, is a good place to begin your day care search. This referral service maintains a list of independent Day Care options. Counselors are also available to discuss financial concerns.

Cook County Child Care Resource & Referral - (773) 769-8000 offers a broad range of child care services for parents, providers and the community. Parents who call the referral line will receive information about subsidies, referrals to child care providers, interviewing tips and written materials to assist you in conducting your child care search. In addition, they also provide referrals of providers who care for mildly ill children and children with special needs. Parents may be assessed a fee for some of the services based on family size and income.

Babysitters – When searching for child care, an often overlooked resource is Kellogg mothers or fathers who wish to stay home with their child and would like to earn extra money baby-sitting, full or part time. For a listing of people, or to express interest in providing babysitting, please contact the Kellogg Kids chairs. Another resource for finding sitters includes: the Village Hall in Wilmette (847) 251-2700 ext. 7608, The Evanston Review, the undergraduate school at Northwestern or the list of sitters at SPAC.

Home Day Care – Day care may be provided in a family home to eight or fewer children. The Dept. of Children and Family Services of the State of Illinois licenses such homes. Homes serving less than four children do not require licensure. However, Evanston requires permits for all homes serving outside children. Approximate rates are: full time: $100-$200/week/child; part time: $3-$5/hour/child.

Sources: Daycare list from Child Care Network of Evanston, Evanston Review.

Day Care Centers – Most day care centers in Evanston are open 10 hours a day, five days a week and generally serve those children who attend every day (M-F). Approximate rates: full time: $200/week/child; part time: $25-$50/day/child. Sources: Daycare list from Child Care Network of Evanston (847) 475-2661.

Drop-in center for members and non-members is available at the YMCA – (847) 475-7400. This is especially helpful when you are house hunting. Parents purchase 8-10 hour punch cards and prices are different for walking and non-walking children. Call for prices and to make sure space is available. Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. and 4:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m., Saturday 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Nursery/Preschool

Cherry Preschool - 1418 Lake street, (847)492-1213
Total Child Center - United Methodist Church, 1630 Hinman (at Clark), Evanston. (847)864-7100. Tuition rates are reasonable and they offer morning programs for 2s, 3s and 4s plus the option of an extended day.

School for Little Children - First Presbyterian Church, 1427 Chicago (at Lake St.), Evanston. (847)864-3889. Tuition rates are reasonable and they offer morning and afternoon programs for 2s, 3s, 4s and 5s.

Chiaravalle Montessori School - 425 Dempster (at Hinman), Evanston. (847)864-2190. The tuition rates are comparable to private schools in other Metropolitan areas.

Covenant Nursery School, Parent's Day Out - 2123 Harrison, Evanston. (South of the Central Street shopping district). (847)475-2990. They offer morning and afternoon programs for 2s, and a multiage for 3s and 4s. They also offer music classes.

Unity Nursery School - 2214 Ridge, (847)869-7170.

McGaw YMCA Discovery Preschool - 1420 Maple, Evanston (847) 475-8580.

Great Oaks School - A Waldorf School located on Chicago between Main and Lee. The administration seemed really nice and the atmosphere was great. The tuition rates are comparable to private schools in other Metropolitan areas. (847)864-9980

Midwest Montessori at Kendall College - (847)328-6630. They offer full and partial day programs for ages 2.9 through grade 6. The preschool is multiage.

Northminster Nursery School - (847)869-9210. Located on Central Park Av between Central and Harrison in Northwest Evanston (by the Central Street shopping district,) this is not near campus. Tuition rates are reasonable and they offer morning programs for 2s, 3s and 4s plus a multiage program in the afternoon.

Elementary Schools
- Dawes, 440 Dodge (847) 492-7951
- Dewey, 1551 Welsey (847) 492-7857
- Kingsley, 2300 Green Bay (847) 492-5969
- Lincoln, 910 Forest (847) 492-7854
- Oakton, 436 Ridge (847) 492-7981
- Orrington, 2636 Orrington (847) 492-7986
- Walker, 3601 Church (847) 492-7970
- Washington, 914 Ashland (847) 492-7974
- Willard, 2700 Hurd (847) 492-5991

Magnet Schools
- Martin Luther King, Jr., Laboratory School, 2424 Lake, 492-7876
- Timber Ridge, 3702 Davis, 492-5965

Other Groups/Services/Places of Interest

This section lists just some of the many family resources and activities in the North Shore area. Please note that the surrounding suburbs also have community centers and public libraries.

Chicago Children's Museum – See the Museums listing in the Chicago section in this book for additional information.

Chicago Parent – is a newsmagazine featuring a calendar of family events, articles on parenting, classified ads for child care, shopping tips and restaurant reviews. Free copies are available at the library, various local child care centers and many children's stores. For a subscription, call (708) 524-8300.

Creative Kids Corner of Kendall College – 3009 Central St., Evanston (847) 869-1199, offers classes for children ages 6 months to 6 years. Classes include songs, fingerplays, dance, rhythm activities, large and small motor activities, much more. Call
for class schedule and fees.

**Crown Sports Pavilion (NU’s Athletic Center also referred to as SPAC)** – 2379 Sheridan, (847) 491-4300, offers memberships for students and their families. Membership grants you access to all facilities and enables you to participate in family swim times, pre/post-natal exercise classes, and children's swimming classes. Baby-sitting is available.

**Discovery Zone** – Four Flaggs Shopping Center, 8261 Golf Road, Niles (847) 967-7529 Great place to take kids on a winter day. Children can climb through tunnels and play on foam-filled mats. Also has 2 ball pits, one for big kids and one for babies. Babies not yet walking are free.

**The Evanston Chamber of Commerce** – maintains a list of firms that provide childcare in our area. They’ll also send you a great map of Evanston. Visit their Web site at www.evchamber.com.

**Evanston Public Library** – offers special programs and story hours for preschool age children at least 20 months old. The library also offers children's video tapes, and computers with children's programs and CD-ROMs. Computer time requires an advance sign-up, so make sure you call. There are also two branches with similar programs.

**Evanston Recreation Department** – offers many reasonably priced classes including moms/dads and tot classes, gymnastics, ice skating, dance, tumbling, and childbirth classes as well as their regular preschool program. These 6-9 week courses are held at their two centers - Chandler-Newberger Community Center, 1028 Central, (847) 866-8490, and Robert Crown Play Center, 1701 Main, (847) 328-9401. Look for a complete list of activities in Evanston's Arts and Recreation magazine.

**Evanston Review** – Look in the "Diversions" section of this Evanston weekly paper under "Child's Play" for a listing of current and upcoming children theater productions, exhibits, and shows. Approximately $5 per person.

**Gymboree** – Temple Beth Hillel, 3220 Big Tree Lane, Wilmette (847) 866-9468, has classes which focus on sights and sounds through music and games and specially built play equipment. For parents and children ages 3 months to 4 years.

**Kohl Children's Museum** – is a unique hands-on museum that caters to children ages 2 to 10 and is the perfect place to go when it's too cold to play outside. There are ongoing and regularly replaced exhibits, and workshops available - $5 for children and adults; children under age one are free. Annual membership and volunteer opportunities are also available.

**Lambs Farm** – north of Libertyville (about half an hour from Evanston), (847) 362-4636, includes a petting zoo, train, fire truck, hay rides and ice cream - kids love it!

**The Movement Center** – 1740 Lake Ave., Wilmette (847) 256-5150 ext. 2112, provides developmentally appropriate classes including songs, fingerplays, instruments, games and movement at National-Louis University for ages infant through 7 years old.

**YMCA** – (847) 475-7400
**YWCA** – (847) 864-8445