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The program focused on civic engagement and practicing civic skills. The students worked in groups to discuss a range of issues that affect them in their schools and communities and present solutions. They attended a special Dole Institute public program called “Teddy Roosevelt: Mind, Body and Spirit” with Ted Zalewski, a historical interpreter.
The University of Kansas is giving students affected by recent natural disasters some extra time to pay their tuition.

Tuition bills for fall semester will be sent out next week, with the first payments due Aug. 15.

The university said Tuesday that it will waive late fees and will work out individual deferred payment plans for students living in 10 counties hit by flooding and storms this spring and summer. Usually an initial $100 penalty is assessed after the deadline and additional penalties are applied each month the bill is overdue.

"When your family home or business has been flooded out, you have more immediate concerns than a tuition due date. We hope this will give those students under hardship some time and flexibility to focus on recovery and getting their lives back to normal," Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Richard Lariviere said.

Students may fill out a form on the university's Web site to qualify.

The policy applies students in Elk, Miami, Montgomery, Neosho, Wilson, Edwards, Kiowa, Osage, Pratt and Stafford counties.
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By The Associated Press

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Jayhawk Generations Welcome Picnic

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The KU Alumni Association and its Flint Hills chapter will greet the next generation of Jayhawks at Advanced Dental Arts, 4201 Anderson Ave. Area alumni, new students, students interested in learning more about KU and parents are invited to attend and enjoy complimentary food and beverages. Each new Jayhawk will also receive a free T-shirt.

Chapter members coordinating the event are: Larry and Nancy Stoppel of Washington, president and board member, respectively; Steve Pierson of Hanover, vice president; and Ellen Remsing of Manhattan, student recruitment chair. Alumni association staff will arrive with the signature KU trailer full of grills, burgers and brats for the festivities.

Current KU students, alumni and university representatives will mix and mingle with students to answer questions and offer advice.

Alumni association representatives and guests planning to attend are: Jennifer Alderdice, director for student programs; Sarah Blaney, assistant director for student programs; and Heath Peterson, director for Kansas programs.

Students from the Chapman, Enterprise, and Talmage area are: Joanna Hamel, Ivy Jansen, Annette Koland, Alecia Moritz, Shannon Terry, and Laura Gibson.
Young local musicians attend Kansas University camp

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The two area students who attended were Elizabeth Lynch of Baxter Springs who attends Riverton High School and Thomas Porter of Cherokee who attends Cherokee Middle School.

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