You Want Me to Give More on Top of Tuition? Lessons Learned in Parent Giving

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Lesson One: know who you are...

The Kenyon Parents Fund

Kenyon Parents Fund founded in 1972, same year as the Parents Advisory Council (PAC)

Kenyon Parents Association-every current parent is a member, PAC is the executive board

One full time director, equal use of full-time administrative assistant and two part-time administrative assistants

FY12; \$1,198,792 and 54.5% current parent participation

Lesson Two: know who they are...

Research Tools

- •family information sheet
- •welcome calls
- •research
- meeting parents
- •special events

Family Information Form

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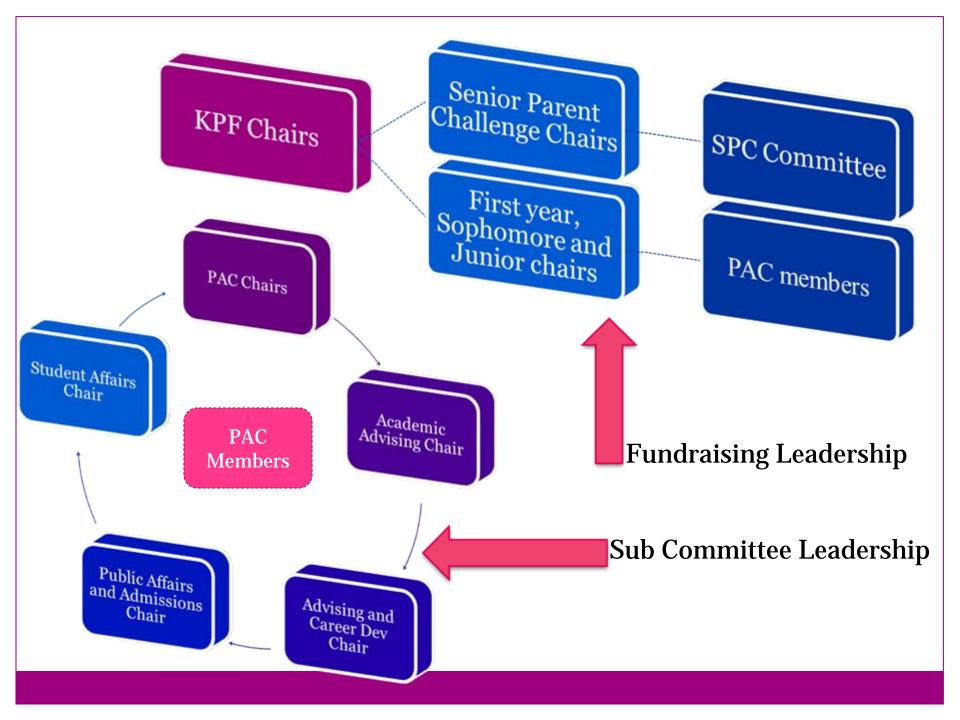
Finding PAC members

- welcome reception for first year parents over orientation weekend
- welcome calls from PAC members
- volunteers welcome, but may not be invited to join PAC
- extensive research on new parents, and a meeting with **President of College** who chooses invitation list

Parents Advisory Council Meetings

- I. President's update
- II. Parents Fund meeting
- III. Sub Committee meetings
 - a. Academic Advising
 - b. Advising and Career Development
 - c. Public Affairs and Admissions
 - d. Student Activities
- IV. Wrap up Meeting
- V. President's Reception

(Spring meeting followed by a PAC phonathon)



PAC Perks

- access to President of the College and senior staff
- room reservations at the Kenyon Inn over meeting weekends (one of which is Family Weekend)
- priority housing at Kenyon Inn over Commencement, if available

Lesson Four: cash it in

KPF Solicitation Schedule

September

 SPC solicitation and SPC committee follow up Challenge pool (\$5,000 and up)

October

- Freshman, sophomore, junior, non Challenge SPC, Parents of Alumni first appeal (President's letter)
- Fall PAC meetings
- PAC calling effort

November

- Grandparent first appeal
- Current and past parents second appeal (brochure)
- PAC calling effort continues

December

 Flash email appeal/thank you to all

February

- KPF third appeal letter, class chair letter
- PAC calling effort continues

April

- Spring PAC meetings
- PAC Challenge begins
- PAC phonathon, followed by student phonathon

May

- Continued follow up as needed by class
- Fourth appeal, if desired/needed

June

- Mini calling campaigns per class
- Pledge reminder calls/emails
- Last email blitz

Major Gifts

- assigned to MGO based on potential, and/or location
- 221 current and past parents are major prospects (41 made a capital gift in the last campaign)

Thank you!

Enjoy the rest of the conference!