

Dear Parents,

We are excited about your son or daughter coming to Austin College and will work hard to get our students acclimated to life in 'RooNation! In conjunction with orientation for new students, we will have activities for parents designed to increase your familiarity with Austin College, the expectations of the academic program, and the services available for students. You will also have the opportunity to meet many of the people at Austin College who will assist your student during the next few years.

Move-in is Friday, August 18th between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM. When you arrive on campus, go directly to the residence hall. From 9:00 AM – 7:00 PM, students will be directed to report to the second floor of the Wright Campus Center (WCC) to check in. From 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, there will be a check-in location for parents in the Campus Center as well, on the first floor main lobby of the Wright Campus Center. Representatives from local banks, agencies, and other resources will be located throughout the first floor of the WCC from 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM with information about resources both on and off campus.

Formal activities for the weekend will begin on Saturday, the 19th, at 10:00 AM with a welcome in the Mason Athletic-Recreation Center. During the various afternoon sessions for parents, you will meet with your student's mentor in a group setting with other parents of students in that C/I class; meet members of the Academic Affairs staff; and meet members of the Student Affairs Division, who will inform you about programs available for students. On Saturday evening, a dinner will be provided in the Idea Center that will also allow you to mingle with C/I faculty, C/I student leaders, and other parents.

Sunday morning will include a closing session at 11:00 in Wynne Chapel, after which lunch will be available in the dining hall if you wish to eat with together before students go to their orientation session at 1:30 and parents depart campus. Students will be covered with the meal plan if they are on one, and parents may make a pre-paid reservation.

**Several items of important information are included in this mailing; those requiring a return are marked \*\*.**

1) **\*\* A meal reservation form for parents and guests – TO BE RETURNED BY AUGUST 4th**

In order to plan for the number of guests we will be hosting for meals, we ask that you use the enclosed form to reserve your meals for lunch on Saturday and/or the dinner on Saturday evening, where you will be able to mingle with faculty, staff, students, and other parents.

Please complete the enclosed form and return it with your check by the deadline to ARAMARK at the address on the bottom of the form. If you do not make reservations for the Saturday evening dinner, you may pay at the door if space is available. However, we cannot guarantee that space will be available without a reservation.

2) **\*\* A nametag form for parents and guests – Please return by AUGUST 4th**

A nametag will be prepared for parents in advance, and you will pick it up at parent check-in on Friday from 1-7. It will include «PREF»'s C/I class and the meeting location as well as indicate the meals for which you have made reservations. Please indicate how you wish your nametag(s) to read, and return the form by mail, fax (903.813.2038) or email ([kspore@austincollege.edu](mailto:kspore@austincollege.edu)). The reservation and nametag forms can be found on the website if you need to share with others in your family – <http://www.austincollege.edu/campus-life/student-life/documents-links>

3) **Tentative schedule of events for freshmen**

4) **Tentative schedule of activities for parents** - You can compare the schedules and plan your family time for the orientation weekend. You will receive a final schedule for students and parents when you arrive; it will also be available on our website closer to the time of orientation.

5) **A checklist of information that has previously been sent to your student.** Since being admitted to Austin College, students have received various mailings, some containing items requiring response. Experience tells me that parents do not always get this information passed on to them, so a checklist is included outlining all the significant information that has been sent to students. You may want to discuss this information together. Students can also see if everything is complete by checking his or her "MyAC" portal. Instructions for accessing the portal were sent to students earlier this summer. As a parent, you can visit the "New Student Information" link on our website to review all of the information that has been sent to date to students and parents. Go to the Austin College home page; click on the word "Parents" in the black bar at the top. Then click "New Student Information" located above "Welcome 'RooNation Parents." You can then access all documents that have been sent through the "Documents & Links" link.

For a listing of hotels in Sherman, go to [shermantx.org](http://shermantx.org) and click on "Where to Stay". Lodging options in Denison (about a 10-15 minute drive to campus) are listed at the Denison Chamber of Commerce website - [denisontexas.us](http://denisontexas.us); click on "visitors", and then "where to stay" on the drop-down box.

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Austin College community on August 19<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions prior to that time, please do not hesitate to call me or my assistant, Karen Spore, at 903-813-2228.

Sincerely,

Timothy P. Millerick  
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