

July 2018

Dear Parent,

We are excited about your student coming to Austin College and will work hard to get our students acclimated to life at Austin College. In conjunction with orientation for new students beginning **August 18<sup>th</sup>**, 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 17th between 9:00 AM and 9:00 PM. When you arrive on campus, go directly to your student's 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, located 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 1PM – 5:00 PM with information about resources both on and off campus.

Formal activities for the weekend will begin on Saturday, the 18th, at 10:00 AM with a welcome in the Mason Athletic-Recreation Center. During the 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; members of the Academic Affairs staff; and members of the Student Affairs Division, where you will learn 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 your student 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:**

**1) Online registration link for nametags and meal reservations for parents and guests**

A nametag will be prepared for you in advance and you will pick it up at parent check-in on Friday, from 1-7. It will indicate your student's C/I class and the meeting location for parents. Please register with how you wish your nametag(s) to read, and be sure to list the names of all registrants, as each will have a nametag prepared. The [online reservation link](#) can also be found on the parent information site of the Austin College website if you need to share it with others in your family.

In order to plan for the number of guests we will be hosting, we ask that you also use our registration link to reserve your meals for dinner on Friday, as well as for lunch on Saturday and/or the dinner on Saturday evening. You will receive your meal tickets with your nametag when you arrive. If you do not make reservations, you may pay at the door **if space is available**. However, we cannot guarantee that space will be available without a reservation.

**Separate nametags will be made for students, so PLEASE DO NOT INCLUDE YOUR STUDENT IN YOUR REGISTRATION.**

Online registration will close on August 15, and all further registrations will be done at the door.

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

**3) 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 enclosed outlining all the significant information that has been sent to your student. You may want to discuss this information together. Your student 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 17<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions prior to that time, please do not hesitate to call me or my assistant, Kristi Lucchese, at 903-813-2228.

Sincerely,

**Timothy P. Millerick**  
Vice President for Student Affairs and Athletics