



There's a tiny penlight at the end of the tunnel—it's the end of wintry weather, the end of the semester, and dare we hope ... the end of a pandemic. We continue to proceed with caution and all health and safety protocols in place, but the Austin College 'Roos are definitely moving forward.

### COVID Vaccination Availability



Austin College Health Services monitors for COVID vaccine availability in the area and notifies students regularly by email when vaccines become available.

Students should talk to their health care provider about health conditions that might make them eligible for an early vaccine. Regularly check the [COVID page](#) for the most current information regarding the vaccine and COVID cases on campus.

### Fall 2021 Hurray for In-Person Learning!



As the COVID vaccine continues to roll out around the world, we are optimistically planning for campus life here at Austin College. The College is moving forward with the intention that all students return to campus for in-person learning, living, and enjoying the full college experience. For more details about the safe return to campus in Fall 2021, please visit the [COVID page](#).

### How to Watch 'Roo Sports



One of the great joys of parenting an athlete is watching them compete. Please go to the [AC 'Roos](#) page to see spectator guidelines and how you can watch live stream coverage of 'Roo sports—no matter where you are and no matter where they travel.

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, no spectators are allowed in person at Austin College home sporting events until further notice. No exceptions. For away competitions, please check the spectator guidelines for host schools.

### New Facebook Page for Parents



To enhance communication, Austin College has launched a Facebook page exclusively for the parents and guardians of current students. While the [Austin College webpage](#) remains the best resource for official information, Facebook offers a place for camaraderie and the quick exchange of information that families need—such as who delivers birthday cakes? Or, can someone share a ride at Easter? Go to [the Parent Group](#) on Facebook and request membership. The group is moderated by selected current parents, alumni parents, and Austin College staff members.



### FAFSA Deadline is May 1

All students should complete the application yearly and *as soon as possible* at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). The last day to complete FAFSA is May 1, 2021, but do it now if you have not already. You can save time by using the [IRS Data Retrieval Tool](#) to easily collect your 2019 tax information. If you have questions, contact the Financial Aid Office at 903.813.2900 or [finaid@austincollege.edu](mailto:finaid@austincollege.edu).

### There is No Secret to Success



At Austin College, the Student Success team wants every parent to know that students are set up to succeed. One tool for avoiding a "bad semester" is the Student Concern Report that allows faculty to alert on-campus support services when a student is struggling in class. The coordinated effort between the faculty mentor, Student Life and Residence Life, Counseling Services and Health Services, and the Academic Skills Center helps students make a plan to overcome obstacles and stay on track. For more information about this and other services, visit [Student Success](#) on our webpage.

### For Your Calendar



There are many opportunities to enjoy online programmings such as student recitals, exhibits, and lots of sports. Event dates are found on the [Campus Calendar](#). Some upcoming academic dates your students should be aware of:

- April 2** – Spring Pause
- April 5-16** – Academic Advising Weeks
- April 19-22** – Fall and Summer Term Registrations
- April 27-29** – January Term Registration

## Student Services



**Career Services** has effective tools and guidance for all students because it is never too early to talk about internships and post-graduate plans. Career-Readiness Check will be virtual on April 23.

All services of the **Academic Skills Center** are available remotely by appointment. There are subject-specific study sessions coming up soon (Chemistry students!!! This is for you!). Point your 'Roo to the ASC to do their best this spring.



## ♥ Give Where Your Heart Is!

Finally, we want you to know about a big day coming up for Austin College. **March 30 is our first Giving Day**, a 24-hour fundraising campaign in support of scholarships, annual fund, and athletics. There are fund matching and challenging opportunities, and we hope you will join us as we celebrate our outstanding students. A gift of any amount is appreciated.

**Go 'Roos!**



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