

Welcome Parents!



We are excited about your arrival to Austin College and will work hard to get your student acclimated to life at Austin College. As promised, here is some further information about our Parent Orientation Weekend and how to get registered.

Students will be moving in to their housing on **Friday**, August 20 between 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Formal activities for the Parent Orientation will begin at 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday**, August 21, with a Welcome in the Mason Athletic-Recreation Center. The dining room will be open to purchase lunch if you would like to participate, and we recommend that you pre-purchase tickets [\$8] at the registration link below to reserve a spot [your student will not need a ticket if on a meal plan].

During the afternoon sessions for parents, you will meet with your student's mentor in a group setting, members of the Academic Affairs staff, and members of the Student Affairs Division, where you will learn about campus resources available for your student success. On Saturday evening, a BBQ dinner, compliments of Aramark Dining Services and Religious Life, will be provided on the Wright Campus Center North Lawn that will also allow you to mingle with faculty, student leaders, and other parents.

Sunday morning will include a closing session at 11:00 a.m. in Wynne Chapel, after which parents will depart and students will attend further sessions.

In order to plan for the number of guests we will be hosting, we ask that you register at this link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/opening-of-school-2021-parent-tickets-164991436829>. You will also be able to reserve your meals for Saturday, lunch and/or dinner. If you do not make reservations, you may pay for lunch [CASH ONLY] in the Wright Campus Center on Friday afternoon, and we will be able to help you with this at the Parent Registration table. Please note however that space is limited, and we cannot guarantee that spots will be available without a reservation.

A nametag will be prepared for you in advance and you will pick it up at Parent Check-In. It will contain information about your student's First-Year Seminar class and where to meet with the student's mentor on Saturday. Please register with how you wish your nametag(s) to read, and be sure to list the names of **all** attendees, as each will have a nametag prepared. [**Students will have nametags printed separately, so you do not need to include your student in this registration**].

I look forward to meeting you and welcoming you to the Austin College community on August 21. 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, or you can email klucchese@austincollege.edu. We can't wait to meet you!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Carlos Lassiter'.

Carllos D. Lassiter
Vice President for Student Affairs & Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer