



Hello! We're happy to bring you exciting and important news especially for 'Roo Parents. The topics below are timely and of interest to Austin College families from first year to final year. If you have questions about anything covered here, please contact us by email at [vicepresident@austincollege.edu](mailto:vicepresident@austincollege.edu).



## Imp'ROOvements are Coming!

Austin College announces plans for a **residence hall modernization project** – a down-to-the-studs renovation of the shower and toilet areas of our traditional residence halls for improved function, form, and ADA compliance.

Work begins this June in Caruth Hall and will continue until the estimated completion in Spring 2024; first one wing, followed by the other. The residence hall will remain open and occupied during construction with carefully planned closures.

Baker Hall renovations begin June 2024, and the work will continue until all traditional residence halls meet a modern standard of excellence. Regular updates will be available on the College website beginning Fall Term 2023.

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### TWO DAYS LEFT: Apply for JanTerm Travel Scholarships

Registration for JanTerm 2024 is coming in April, but any student who is interested in a study abroad class and expects to need financial assistance should **apply for a JanTerm Travel Scholarships** before Friday, March 10, 11:59 p.m. Students can apply online at [JanTerm Scholarship Application](#).

Other dates of interest for JanTerm 2024 study abroad:

<a href="#">JanTerm General Scholarship</a> Deadline;	March 10, 2023
JanTerm Travel Classes announced online	March 31, 2023
Janterm Interest Webinar for Students & Parents	Early April 2023
JanTerm Expo, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., WCC 1st Floor	April 11, 2023
JanTerm 2024 Class registration begins	April 25, 2023

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**Annual Requirement: FAFSA Deadline is May 1**

Returning Fall 2023 students who have received grant aid and use federal student loans, need to **complete the FAFSA by the May 1, 2023**, deadline. If you have any questions, contact the Financial Aid office by phone at 903.813.2900 or by email at [finaid@austincollege.edu](mailto:finaid@austincollege.edu).

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## Test Scheduled for Emergency Alert System

A test of the **Austin College emergency alert system** is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 22**, at 12:25 p.m. A test message will be sent out by email, text message, and automated phone call to all In Case of Emergency (ICE) contacts that students have identified in WebHopper. If you are a designated ICE contact, you should receive the test. Students can update ICE contacts at any time by logging into their WebHopper account.

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## Class of 2025 & Transfer Students Celebrate an Important Milestone

Sophomores and transfer students will be the first to celebrate **Austin College Declaration Day on March 23** at a luncheon in Wright Campus Center, Mabee Hall.

President Steven O'Day will present each student with a commemorative coin as they declare their chosen academic major and minor. Other guests at the luncheon include members of the faculty, Center for Student Success and Transition, Registrar's office, and Center for Career and Professional Development. Students should [make a reservation](#) for the luncheon.

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## Students Meet with Academic Advisors Soon

A hallmark of the Austin College experience is the student-advisor relationship from matriculation to commencement. In the coming weeks, your student should be reflecting on their hopes for Fall Term to be prepared for an **appointment with their academic advisor**. Fall Term 2023 course descriptions and schedule can be found on WebHopper in early April.

Advising Appointments	April 3-April 14
Fall and Summer Term Online Registration	April 17-19
JanTerm Registration	April 25

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## Austin College Scholars Conference Highlights Student Research & Performance

The annual **Austin College Scholars Conference (ACSC)** is March 23-25 with panel discussions, poster presentations, a theatre performance, and music recital. All are welcome to attend, and details should be available at [2023 ACSC](#).

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## Congratulations Graduates and Families!!

The **2023 Commencement Ceremony** is Saturday, May 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on the Clyde L. Hall Graduation Court. The large outdoor venue allows essentially unlimited seating for graduates' family and friends. Seniors begin lining up at 7 a.m. in front of Abell Library. Follow the [Austin College Commencement Weekend](#) page for information about Baccalaureate, Senior Celebration, and rain plan.

**Rain Tickets** will be issued only to graduating seniors April 25-27; 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Wright Campus Center. Students who are not on campus should email [alumni@austincollege.edu](mailto:alumni@austincollege.edu). Please note, these will not be re-issued if lost or destroyed, and no tickets will be available on Commencement morning.

**Go 'Roos!**

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