



PARENT NEWSLETTER | May 2023 Edition

Hello! We're happy to bring you exciting and important news especially for 'Roo Parents and other supporters. 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.



Class of 2023 Commencement Details

Congratulations to your families as you prepare for this exciting time! Commencement details for the Class of 2023 can be found on the [Commencement](#) page of the [Austin College website](#). Graduation events for students and guests include:

Baccalaureate on Friday, May 19 at 7 p.m. in Wynne Chapel. Baccalaureate is a traditional and inspirational service of blessing for the class and will include a guest speaker and special music. Seniors are seated together in cap and gown; family and friends are welcome. The service lasts about one hour.

Senior Party immediately follows Baccalaureate in Wright Campus Center, Mabee Hall. Seniors, family members, and guests are welcome from 8-10 p.m.

Commencement Exercises are Saturday, May 20 beginning at 8:30 a.m. Seating is open and outdoors on the Clyde L. Hall Graduation Court. Seniors begin lining up at 7 a.m. at Abell Library. The ceremony lasts until around 11 a.m. Please see the website for [rain plan](#) information.

Parking is open in all available lots; golf cart shuttles will be running before and after the ceremony for those needing assistance. Restrooms and water will be available.

[Campus Map](#)

Spring Final Exam Schedule

IT'S THE LAST DAY! Today is the final day of regular classes for Spring Term 2023--followed by Reading Day tomorrow. Reading Day is set aside for students to rest and prepare for Final Exams which begin Friday, May 12 and conclude on Wednesday, May 17. Students must move out of residential housing no more than 24 hours after their last test. Students needing an extension (including graduating seniors living on campus) should have completed an extension request by May 3.

[Exam Schedule](#)

Medical Insurance Required for AC Students

Thinking about next fall, Austin College requires all undergraduates to have medical insurance and offers coverage at an affordable cost through Academic HealthPlans. The cost for one year (August 1 to July 31) is \$2,549.

If your student already has health insurance through an employer or your insurance plan, they may continue with that policy. However, to do this they must go to the Academic HealthPlans website and waive (decline) the student health insurance. They will have to upload a front and back copy of their current insurance card. This must be done no later than June 17, 2023.

Failure to waive the insurance and upload the current insurance card will cause a charge of \$2,549 to your student's account. All students must login to this system and follow the steps to EITHER waive the coverage or to enroll.

[More Information](#)

Payment Plan Options for 2023-2024

The Austin College Business Office will bill your student's tuition, room, and board for the fall term the first week of July. Students are notified through their Austin College email when the bill is available on Self Service. Although you may be taking financial responsibility, you will not receive your own copy of the bill. Full payment, either by accepted financial aid or personal resources, is required before each term starts.

You may make one payment each term directly to the college or enroll in a payment plan through ACI Payments Inc. For plan details please visit [ACI Payments, Inc. Payment Plan Information](#) on the Austin College website.

To help estimate your student's expenses for 2023-2024 please see the Student Charges page of the Austin College website.

['23-'24 Student Charges](#)

Spring Student Life Webinar Now Available

It was so great to welcome many parents to the Student Affairs Update webinar. The session was hosted by Vice President for Student Affairs Carillos Lassiter along with Austin College Police Chief Joe Keitz, and Director of Student Life/Dean of Students Michael Deen. They shared information about campus security, upcoming residence hall renovations, and the move out schedule. If you were unable to attend or would like to review what was said, you can access the video here.

[Student Affairs Webinar](#)

See you in the Fall!

Just 13 weeks separate us from Fall Term 2023 with the 175th Opening Convocation scheduled on Monday, August 21. Move-in for most returning students is Sunday, August 20. Some athletes and student leaders have earlier move-in dates. For the complete 23-24 Academic Calendar, including all scheduled breaks, look here:

[23-24 Academic Calendar](#)

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