



PARENT NEWSLETTER | June 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.

ACTION REQUIRED: Medical Insurance Opt In/Out

The deadline to opt in or out of medical insurance provided by Academic HealthPlans (AHP) is **June 17**. Austin College requires all undergraduates to have medical insurance and offers yearly coverage through AHP for \$2,549 (August 1 through July 31).

If your student is insured through an employer or your insurance plan, they may continue with that policy. However, they must go to the Academic HealthPlans website and waive (decline) the student health insurance and upload a front-and-back copy of their current insurance card.

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

[More Information](#)

Payment Information for Fall Term 2023

Your student will be notified by Austin College email when the bill for Fall Term 2023 is available on Self-Service around the first week of July. 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](#)

Mandatory Online Training for New Students/Transfers & Athletes

Beginning Friday, June 9, select students* will receive an email with instructions to complete mandatory online training modules before starting the Fall Semester. New students, including new transfers, along with all Austin College athletes (NCAA requirement) are required to complete the training.

There are seven modules that will require about 4 hours to complete. The training modules include: Alcohol and Other Drugs, Cannabis Education, Mental Health Awareness, Personal Skills for a Diverse Campus, Prescription Misuse—Stimulants and Depressants, Sexual Harassment and Stalking, and Sexual Violence Prevention for Students.

The Office of Student Affairs will place a hold on any account of a student who does not complete the requirement. If your student can't find the email, remind them to check spam.

**New students, new transfers, and Austin College athletes only*

Fall Term Move-In & Check-In Schedule

Although some student leaders and athletes have early move-in dates, most students will follow the schedule below. Those who are assigned to a different schedule will hear directly from their coach or on-campus sponsor.

Move Into Residential Halls

First Years & New Transfers	Friday, 8/18/23	9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
First Years & New Transfers (late arrivals)	Saturday, 8/19/23	8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
Returning Students	Monday, 8/21/23	9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

All students, including commuters and seniors living off campus, must check-in at Mabee Hall in Wright Campus Center to prepare for the semester. Representatives from the Business Office/Financial Aid, Health Services, AC Police Department, and Student Life will welcome them to a “one-stop shop” to be ready for the first day of class on Tuesday, August 22.

College Check In

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Returning Students	Monday, 8/21/23	9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Direct any questions or concerns to studentlife@austincollege.edu.

Come to Campus in the Fall!

Families are welcome on campus for any events that are open to the public—especially ‘Roo sports!! To check out the fall sports schedule, visit www.acroos.com. Everyone is invited to tailgate in the Larry Kramer Outback during football games where you can enjoy food prepared by Aramark or bring your own. Go ‘Roos!

Extra news you can use!

Q: What if my student is in an accident or becomes ill and is hospitalized while away from home? How can I help?

A: Because college students are at least 18 years old and considered legal adults the parent's role changes when a student is facing medical decisions or crises. Consider having these legal forms prepared before your student returns to campus:

HIPAA Authorization allows you to learn if your student has been admitted to a hospital, their condition, and treatment. HIPAA stands for the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, a 1996 Federal law that restricts access to individuals' private medical information. Under HIPAA you will need expressed permission to learn about your student's condition.

Medical Power of Attorney allows a parent/designee to make medical decisions on behalf of the student if the student is incapacitated.

You keep the signed legal forms with you, and the student should carry a card explaining the designation and your contact information (or include in the ICE contact on their cell phone).

Students should also carry a medical insurance card and have a basic understanding of how insurance works: copays, deductibles, and how to determine if a provider accepts their medical insurance. These forms are not required by the college, and this is not intended to be legal advice.



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