

### **PARENT NEWSLETTER | September 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 <a href="mailto:vicepresident@austincollege.edu">vicepresident@austincollege.edu</a>.

### **Parking is Free but Permits are Required**

Any student with a car on campus should have registered it and received a parking permit sticker to display on the passenger-side windshield. Failure to do so will result in a parking ticket and fine.

The registration application is online, and the permit sticker will be delivered to the student's campus mailbox. If your student has applied for registration but not received the permit sticker, they should visit Liz Washington in the ACPD Office in the Jackson Technology Center, Room 100.

All parking lots are free, open, and available to students with the exception of those marked VISITOR. Handicap access parking is available for anyone with official designation (state issued placard or license plate). Parking in Visitor parking with or without a parking permit sticker will result in a parking ticket and fine.

**Parking Rules & Regulations** 

The first payment for *off-campus* JanTerm 2024 courses was due September 1; the remainder is due **October 2**. First-year students are not eligible to travel for 2024 JanTerm.

The Business Office has reached out to students who missed the first payment, and balances can be viewed by your student on WebHopper. Check in with your student to make sure all is on course for a great JanTerm experience.

#### **Payment Info for Off-Campus JanTerm**

# No Passport? No Go.

If your student is planning to go abroad and does not have a current passport, it is vital that they apply for one as soon as possible. If they have questions, they can contact Cheryl Marcelo in the Office of International Programs, second floor of the Wright Campus Center.

#### **Official Passport Information**

## **Career Services Offers Support at All Stages**

The Center for Career and Professional Development is prepared to help your student from day one with resources for career exploration, resume development, grad school applications, and interview practice. Several opportunities are on the schedule for this Fall.

### **Career & Professional Development Opportunities**

# **Support Continues for First-Year Students**

We hope all first-year students are adjusting to college life and are finding places to get involved. At Austin College, the First-Year Information programming does not end at Orientation. Monthly gatherings feature timely topics and opportunities to ask questions and gain confidence. Coming in October—Academic Skills.

## **FYI Monthly Program Schedule**

## **Hop in Anytime!**

The Opportunities Fair on August 24 was a huge success with organizations set up in Wright Campus Center to invite students to attend meetings and find out more. Although it was a big day, it was not the only day to visit or join a student organization.

Dozens of groups are chartered and organized through the Student Life Office. They plan activities around special interests such as culture, hobbies, vocations, and religions. There are many to choose from! Students can start with something familiar and look into something they've always wondered about. For more information about where and when organizations meet, suggest your student contact Chrystal Woodard in the Student Life Office, 2nd floor of Wright Campus Center. Being connected to a group is a big step toward success in college.

#### **Just in Case: COVID-19 Protocols**

Your student received this information in an email on September 5.

The College's policy regarding COVID-19 follows the recommendation of the Centers for Disease Control.

If a student tests positive for COVID-19 they must notify AC Health Services, to help mitigate cases and prevent exposure to others. Five days of isolation are required, longer if symptoms persist. Once out of isolation, the student must wear a mask for 5 more days. Residential Life Community Coordinators will arrange meal transport for any student who is on meal plan and isolating on campus.

Students who are sick or need to miss class for any reason should contact their professors directly.

Any student who has been exposed should wear a mask for 10 days after exposure and test for COVID-19 on day 5. COVID tests are available at nearby pharmacies or on campus at the Adams Center for a fee.

### **Complete Austin College COVID-19 Protocols**

## 24/7 Telehealth Access for All Students

Your student received this information in an email on September 5.

As a supplement to the Student Health Center and Counseling Services, Austin College has expanded services to provide students with opportunities to see a medical professional or counselor. Through a partnership with AcademiLiveCare (ALC), students have access to an extensive online program featuring 24/7 on-demand counseling, urgent medical care, therapy and psychiatry, all at no cost to any full-time student—residential, commuters, or transfers—regardless of the student's insurance provider.

#### **More Information from Health Services**

Extra news you can use!

# Q: How do I send a letter or package to my student on campus?

**A:** The Campus Post Office is not an official U.S. Post Office sub-station, but it does have regular mail pick-up and delivery. The Post Office is located inside Wright Campus Center where all students have an assigned mailbox.

Their box and lock combination were assigned at registration and stay with your student while at Austin College, regardless of their residential status. When sending letters and packages to your student, use the street address and the assigned mailbox number as the Suite number. Do not send to a P.O. Box. See below.

How to address mail to campus:

Student's Name
Austin College
900 Grand Avenue, Ste. ####
Sherman, Texas 75090-4400

When shipping an order from Amazon or other vendor, use the street address and Suite Number. Your student will be notified that they have received a package and can pick it up during Post Office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**Campus Post Office Information** 



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