Dear Parents,

We are just a few weeks away from the first day of class for your new Auburn University student. Whether you are a first-time or veteran college parent, this is an exciting (and a little sad) time. Please know that the Office of Parent and Family Programs is here to help you through this transition and throughout your student’s time at Auburn.

At Camp War Eagle, we talked a lot about how the Office of Parent and Family Programs is your office on campus. We know that the next four years are going to be just as much of an experience for you as it is for your student. No matter what the question, we always want to be your first call.

In this newsletter, we have tried to cover some of the most important topics for a new Auburn parent. If you want to continue to receive updates from us, make sure you have signed up for the Auburn University Parents’ Association. You can sign up though the Parent and Family Programs guide within Auburn Guides, or online at www.auburn.edu/joinaupa.

If you have any additional questions about your new Auburn Family, please contact us at any time.

War Eagle!

Tess Gibson
Parent and Family Programs Coordinator

Welcome Parents

Join the Office of Parent and Family Programs for Home Sweet Auburn, a second-annual event welcoming parents and students to Auburn University and the city of Auburn. Through collaboration with Acre, Alabama Power, Auburn Chamber of Commerce, the Auburn and Opelika Tourism Bureau, Welcome Week leadership staff, and the Student Government Association, Home Sweet Auburn will introduce you to all of the fantastic places to eat in town.

Home Sweet Auburn is free to attend and will take place on Saturday, August 13, from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. on the Auburn University Student Center Greenspace. For more information, please visit auburn.edu/AUPA
Working with the Office of Parent and Family Programs, the Auburn University Parents’ Association (AUPA) gives parents and family members the opportunity to network and provide support for other parents and family members. Participating in the AUPA is an excellent way to stay connected as part of the Auburn Family and to support the education of your son or daughter.

Joining the AUPA is free! Some of the benefits of membership include subscription to the bi-weekly email newsletters designed specifically for parents with timely information from campus, eligibility to serve on the AUPA Board of Directors, and increased 4-year graduation rates for your student.

Join online at www.auburn.edu/joinaupa or within the Parent and Family Programs Auburn Guide.

**WHAT IS THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION?**

The Auburn University Parents’ Association (AUPA) Board of Directors is a group of parent volunteers who serve as ambassadors for Auburn University. They are parent and family members of undergraduate students who provide feedback to the Office of Parent and Family Programs on issues of particular interest to parents.

Members of the Board of Directors plan events for Auburn families, compose newsletters for their geographic region and are available to answer individual questions from parents and families of Auburn students.
**Financial Services**

It is each student’s responsibility to be informed of all payment due dates and to meet all financial obligations. Advise your student to add you as an authorized user of their Auburn University eBill, and you can receive email and text notifications when new statements are prepared and payment is due.

**AUGUST 5: First due date for Fall Semester**

Fall schedules subject to cancellation if first half of fall charges is unpaid. If the student has ordered football tickets they will be cancelled, too.

**AUGUST 12: Fall Disbursements & Refunds**

Auburn University will send refunds by direct deposit to the checking or savings account that the student has provided within five to ten business days of August 8.

**AUGUST 23 – SEPTEMBER 6: Course Drop Fee**

Dropping a course during these dates will result in $100 per course dropped.

**HOW TO ADD AN AUTHORIZED USER**

1) Student must log into “AU Access” using their User Name and Password.
2) Click on the “My Finances” tab.
3) Click the “eBill” logo.
4) Select “Authorized User” tab located at top of page.
5) Page down to “Add Authorize User.”

**Navigate**

Navigate Webinar Series provides bi-weekly live webinars for parents and family members. Presented by the Office of Parent and Family Programs and First Year Experience, webinars will explore different campus resources valuable to your student. Registration will be open to the first 100 participants, and a video of each webinar will be made available to those who are unable to join live.

The Navigate program is an excellent way for you to learn more about all of the resources Auburn University provides for you and your student. For more information, visit auburn.edu/AUPA.

**Bike Share**

The War Eagle Bike Share, operated by Gotcha Bike, is a program that provides bicycles for shared use at Auburn University. Students receive a fun, healthy and sustainable mode of transportation around campus without the worries of bike ownership. After completing a ride, users can share miles traveled, CO2 reduced, calories burned and money saved versus driving via social media. The best part? The first two hours each day are free.

Have your student create an account by downloading the “Social Bicycles” app or visiting au.gotchabike.com.

**Contract**

Setting expectations with your student is incredibly important throughout college. Take time to have a discussion with your student about what is expected each semester. Then, mutually sign the agreement.

A copy of the College Contract can be found in your Tiger Transitions book from Camp War Eagle on page 133, or at www.auburn.edu/aupa under the Parent Tips section of the Helping You tab.

**Residence Life**

Move-In Mania is right around the corner for students living in the Hill, Cambridge, Village, Quad, or South Donahue residence halls. Before your student comes to campus, remind them to read the Guide to Residential Living (www.auburn.edu/housing) and check the calendar for important dates in Housing and Residence Life during the year. Your student should have received detailed information related to moving in as well as an assignment to a move-in “wave.” Please help us, and your fellow parents, by unloading belongings onto the sidewalk or paved grassy area and remove your vehicle(s) from the unloading area before carrying them into the room or suite.

For additional information regarding move-in, download the Fall 2016 Move-In guide in the Auburn Guides mobile app or visit auburn.edu/housing.

**Navigate**

Tickets go on sale August 1 at www.auburn.edu/AUPA.
‘The AUPA’s mission is to partner with Auburn University parents to inform, support, and engage them to assist in their students’ over all success.’