

WELCOME CHARGER FAMILY!



University of Alabama in Huntsville
Family Newsletter -- August Edition

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Important Dates for Fall 2013



August 16, 2013
University Housing Move-In

August 21, 2013
Classes Start

August 21, 2013
All Tuition & Fees are due

August 27, 2013
Last day to add a class

September 2, 2013
Holiday - University Closed

September 4, 2013
Last day to drop and receive refund

October 3-5, 2013
Fall Break - No classes;
University Open

Welcome Charger Family!

We are glad you and your student have made UAH home! Through strong academic programs, exciting co-curricular opportunities, and a great campus life, your student is sure to find a successful outcome at UAH. August is going to be an extremely exciting time for your student! From campus move-in, to our Week of Welcome, to the start of classes, there are many ways your student will be engaged within the first days on-campus. We want to make sure you are just as connected to UAH student life- this is why we developed our monthly family newsletter. Each month you will see information on important dates & deadlines, campus events, and special interests. We hope you will find this a beneficial resource in helping support your new Charger. You can always find more about student life and support at uah.edu/student_affairs



With Charger Pride,
Regina Young Hyatt, Ph.D.
Dean of Students

Save the Date! Family Weekend

Family weekend is a celebration in honor of parents, grandparents, guardians, siblings and all extended family! Students and their families can participate in a variety of scheduled activities, enjoy campus, and explore the city of Huntsville.

Some of events include:

Friday, September 27
Re-Connecting with Campus
Step Afrika! Performance



October 11, 2013
Midterm

November 5, 2013
Registration for Spring 2014
classes begins

December 5-11, 2013
Final Exams

December 15, 2013
Fall Commencement

Helpful Links

[Student Affairs](#)

[Student Financial Services](#)

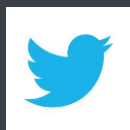
[University Housing](#)

[New Student Booklet](#)

[Student Health Center](#)

[First-Year Experience](#)

**Remember to Follow UAH
on Social Media for
pictures around campus!**



[Add more members to our
Family Mailing](#)

[Join Our Mailing List!](#)

Helpful Reminders

Turn in Immunization Information
to Student Health.

Obtain Parking Permit from
parking.uah.edu.

Dessert Social with Student Performers

Saturday, September 28

International Festival

Academic updates & a message from our President

Be entertained with ACE! Family Movie Night

Sunday, September 29

Brunch with Student Affairs and University Housing

For a full-list of events and to register for Family Weekend visit:

uah.edu/familyweekend

Ready. Set. Go!

August is going to be a hectic time for you and your student. Here are just a few things to keep in mind to better support your new Charger.

1. Establish realistic expectations. This can be as simple as how often you and your student will communicate throughout the week. However, this also includes setting academic goals, establishing financial responsibility, and ideals of social involvement.
2. Encourage your student to be independent and responsible. Be a supporter and not just a rescuer. This will allow your student to develop problem solving skills within those first weeks of school. Know the resources on-campus to better help direct your student.
3. Encourage your student to get involved by joining student groups and attending events. We have over 100 events planned the first week of the semester within our Week of Welcome. Tell them not to be afraid - but let them know that these events are the best way to make new friends and create memories.
4. Provide reassurance. This environment - from the classes to the people they see daily are all new. Remind them that the nervousness that they feel is normal and a lot of other students are feeling it to. Just give it time and effort and you will be a successful Charger.
5. Lastly- take care of yourself! Being a better family supporter of a new Charger is to understand how that's going to change your home. Whether it's your first or last to go to college, there will be a period of adjustment. This is a great time to refocus on your own hobbies and interests. Also keep in mind your student still loves you and needs you along this incredible journey - they just might forget to say every day.



To read more on how to better support a new college student click [here](#) to read a Huffington Post blog "Starting College: A Guide for Parents-2013"

On move-in day, bring as many items in boxes as possible. We will have shopping carts and hand-trucks to assist you.

Make sure your student packs their new Charger ID Card.

Remind your student to start checking their official @UAH.EDU email.

Remind your student that adding and dropping classes can effect their Student-Aid. Please consult the Student Financial Services before making these schedule changes.

Does your student have questions? They can always start with Charger Central. Located in room 118 of the University Center. Charger Central is open Monday-Friday, 8:15-5:00 PM.

Family Quote of the Month:

"UAH has allowed my daughter to break out of her shell and have the college experience I always hoped she would have."
-Colisa Ballard, *Mother of Allison Ballard.*



WOW

WEEK OF WELCOME

With over 100 events and activities - there will be no way your student will be bored! UAHuntsville's Week of Welcome is a campus-wide set of programs and activities intended to welcome new and returning students back to campus. WOW is packed with social, educational, and informational programs that will allow you an opportunity to interact with other UAHuntsville students, faculty and staff. It is a great way to make new connections, find your way around campus and get free stuff!

A few standout events include:

Friday, August 16, 2013. 6:00 PM. University Center.
Taste of Huntsville. Friends & Family welcome to attend!

Saturday, August 17, 2013. 10:30 AM. University Center.
Playfair. A fun and safe way for your student to meet new friends and re-connect with their Orientation Leader

Sunday, August 18, 2013. 5:00 PM. Greek Row.
Block Party. A chance to see some of our Fraternities and Sororities and enjoy free food and live music

Tuesday, August 20, 2013. University Greenway.
University Convocation & President's Picnic. The official academic welcome to campus from our faculty and President.

Saturday, August 24, 2013. Spragins Hall.
Charger Spirit Night. The first look at our Charger traditions! Also a huge concert that your student won't want to miss!

To see a full-list of events go to wow.uah.edu or download the free app Guidebook and search UAH Week of Welcome.

Student Music Ensemble & Theatre Auditions



The UAH Music Department welcomes all students to audition for openings in university music ensembles through Monday, August 19. All majors

welcome. Auditions will take place in Roberts Recital Hall. Please contact the ensemble director to schedule a short audition by visiting the Music Department Website [here](#).



The UAH Theatre Department will hold auditions for upcoming performances on Monday, August 26 and Tuesday, August 27, at 6 p.m., in the Wilson Hall Theater. Anyone who cannot attend these auditions, but would like to be considered should contact David Harwell at harweld@uah.edu.

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