

Parent & Family NEWSLETTER



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Import Dates of Fall 2014



August 20
Classes Begin

August 20
All fees due by 5 PM

August 27
Last day to add classes

September 1
Holiday - University Closed

September 3
Last day to drop w/refund

September 26-28
Family Weekend

October 9-11
Fall Break- no classes

October 13-18
Homecoming

November 4
Spring Class Registration

December 4-10
Final Exams

December 14
Fall Graduation

→ Welcome Back Charger Family!

Dear Charger Family,

Here at UAH we are busy preparing to welcome your student back to campus. We would also like to take the time to welcome you back too! We know this is a very exciting time for you and your student. From preparing for classes to re-connecting with friends, there will be a lot in store for the weeks to come. At UAH we think you should be a part of your student's transition and academic journey. This is why we have created UAH Parent & Family Programs. This newsletter is just one of the many opportunities you have to stay connected and informed. Each month look for this newsletter for important dates, conversation starters to help motivate your student, and informational articles from campus community members.



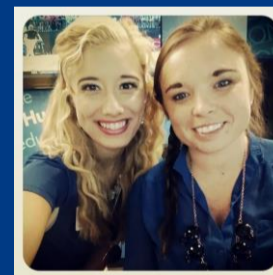
We also encourage you to follow [UAH Parent & Family Programs](#) on Facebook and checkout our website at uah.edu/chargerfamily. This will help keep you informed about student life, support, and academics.



Enjoy the rest of your summer with your student. We welcome you back to UAH! We are pleased that you and your student are a part of our Charger Family.

If you ever have questions about UAH Parent & Family Programs, feel free to contact me. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,
Jenny Russell
Assistant Director of Orientation
& Family Programs



→ Save the Date! Family Weekend!

Family Weekend is a celebration for all of our Charger Family members! We invite parents, grandparents, guardians, siblings, and extended family! Enjoy the activities and traditions of UAH! The weekend will include:

Friday, September 26
Academic Open Houses
Dessert Social w/Musical
Performances
ACE Event



Campus Move In Day August 15, 2014



UAH Housing & Residence Life has moving your student in down to a science! Use this guide to help make your move fast & fun! Beat the heat and be moved-in fast!

Has your student reached out to their future roommates? Remember student room assignments and roommate information are located within your Student's Banner Account.



Questions?

P: [256.824.6108](tel:256.824.6108)

E: housing@uah.edu

Campus Life Events



August (Entire Month)
UAH Choir Auditions

August 14

ACE & NSO Movie Night

August 15-23

Week of Welcome

For a full list of events visit our student activities [calendar](#) or download the UAH Campus Life App



Parent to Parent



UAH is a great choice because it's small enough that your student won't get lost in the crowd, but big enough to have many opportunities to grow.
-Julie Kohler
Hannah Kohler's Mom.

Campus Tours
Alumni Association Meet & Greet

Saturday, September 27

International Festival
Academic Luncheon
ACE Movie Night

Sunday, September 28

Brunch with Student Affairs & Charger Blue!



Plus more! Look for a full list of events and reservation information in late August. Visit uah.edu/familyweekend

→ A Guide to August

August is going to be a hectic (but exciting) time for you and your student. Here are just a few things to keep in mind and ask your student for a successful new year.



Charger Basics:

- Remind your student they are now responsible for checking their new @UAH email account regularly.
- Complete the FAFSA Application and verification follow-up with our **Student Financial Services Office**.
- Accept all needed aid & scholarships.
- Pay Tuition & Fees. Will your student need to sign up for a payment plan? Or perhaps they will be receiving a refund? Direct them to complete needed forms with our **Bursar Office**.
- Did your student take summer classes at a local college? Remind them to send in updated transcripts to our Office of Admissions.
- Does your student plan on driving to class? Parking Permits must be purchased at parking.uah.edu.
- Remember to send in immunization information to our **Student Health Center**.

Academic Success:

- Encourage your student to enroll in at least 16 hours for the best value and to help stay on track for a timely graduation.
- Have them mark their calendars. Encourage them to keep a planner of academic assignments and **important dates** for the term. SGA & our Student Success Center will be giving out planners during the Week of Welcome.
- Encourage your student to seek out the services of our **Student Success Center** early. This includes academic coaching, peer assisted study sessions, & tutoring.
- Order textbooks. Remind your student to go online to our **University Bookstore** to obtain the best value for their textbook needs.
- Help your student set academic goals. This not only includes GPA aspirations, but also opportunities for research, internships, & co-oping.
- Provide reassurance. This environment - from the classes to the people they will see daily are all new. Remind them that the nervousness that they feel is normal and a lot of other students are feeling it too. Just give it time and effort and you will be a successful Charger.

Student Life:

- 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.
- Help them to identify at least two ways they would like to get involved with Student Life this Fall.
- Dining on-campus. Remind your student to pick out their meal plan by visiting University Center 147. This will help set a foundation for healthy eating choices.
- 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.

Questions about Family Programs?



uah.edu/chargerfamily
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Add additional emails
to
our mailing list

Do you have a brand new Charger this Fall? Make sure to go through the **post-orientation guide** for additional help & support.

I'M GOING TO CHARGER NATION.



Post-Orientation Guide! Fall 2014

→ Week of Welcome! August 15-23

UAH'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 your student an opportunity to interact with other UAH students, faculty and staff. It is a great way for students to make new connections, find their way around campus and get free stuff!



Check out the schedule of events [here](#).

Parents & Family are invited to our Week of Welcome event Taste of Huntsville. Check out many of the great food vendors in Huntsville, and get information from cell phone providers, banks and other local merchants.



→ UAH Campus Life

Help your student make the most of their college experience by engaging with Campus Life events & programs. From Academics to Student Life to Support Services, UAH offers programs to help supplement the classroom experience. We have developed a FREE mobile application to help you and your student get connected. Download it now by searching "UAH Campus Life."



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