

**Aurora University
CyberSpartans Newsletter
January, 2009**

Welcome to another edition of CyberSpartans, Aurora University's own cyber newsletter! With the new year upon us, make the resolution to visit our campus. Read on for more information about our upcoming open house, and don't forget about this month's survey question – your opportunity to win a FREE sweatshirt. Happy New Year!

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Winter Open House: Saturday, January 31, 2009

Have you had the opportunity to visit AU? Now is the perfect chance for you to see what we have in store for you. On January 31, AU is having our annual Winter Open House exclusively for prospective first-year students considering Aurora University. During the event you will have the opportunity to:

- Meet with an admission representative
- Talk with faculty members
- Confer with a financial aid counselor
- Meet with an athletic coach
- Tour campus
- Enjoy a continental breakfast as well as lunch in the AU cafeteria

* To register for this event, go to:

<http://www.aurora.edu/prospective/openhouse/openhouse20090131.htm>

We look forward to having you on campus!

How to apply

According to our files, you have not yet applied for admission! Take some time to fill out your application to AU. The sooner you apply, the sooner you will find out about scholarship eligibility, housing availability, how to register, and other important information about Aurora University. Apply online now at: <https://www.aurora.edu/apply/ugapp-aur.htm>

There is no application fee when applying online!

Also, if you haven't done so already, make plans to come visit us by attending our Winter Open House or by scheduling an individual visit. We'd love to see you on campus!

It's the time of year to start thinking about how you are going to finance your education. Do you plan to apply for financial aid? Have you begun looking for outside scholarships? Read on to learn more about the financial aid process.

Mark your calendar now. On Tuesday, February 17, Aurora University will be holding an evening financial aid seminar. Read on to learn more in the next section!

Most importantly, you will want to apply and complete your file soon because our advising and registration days begin in February!

Attention Education Majors! Save the date: February 10

Considering a career in Education? Whether you would like to work in an elementary school or prefer to teach at the high school level, this open house is for you! During this event, you will learn more about program requirements, the types of courses you will take, and the clinical opportunities and placements. You will have the opportunity to listen to current faculty members and students who are presently enrolled in our Education program. There will be plenty of time to ask questions and learn more about why Aurora University is well known within the Education community.

Interested in attending? Click here to learn more and to register:
<http://www.aurora.edu/prospective/openhouse/openhouse20091009.htm>

Financial Aid – Filing the FAFSA / Attend AU's upcoming Financial Aid Seminar

The financial aid filing season for the 2009-2010 academic year has begun! Beginning this month, you can file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Filling out this form does not obligate you to anything. Aurora University's priority filing date is April 15, 2009. FAFSA forms are accessible online at:

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/> (simply click on this link!)

You must remember to include Aurora University's school code so that your information will be forwarded to our school. Our school code is: **001634**.

While it is best to wait until you have filed taxes to file the FAFSA, it's not too early to register for your electronic pin. The pin (personal identification number) will allow you to sign your FAFSA electronically. If you are providing parental information on the FAFSA, one of your parents must also sign your application. Your parent must apply for his/her own pin. You can apply for your pin at: www.pin.ed.gov

Upon receiving your FAFSA information, our financial aid staff will put together a financial aid package. Your package will include the total cost of attending minus academic scholarships or

grants, need-based grants and student loans. We promise to work with you so that you will fully understand the financial commitments of investing in an Aurora University education.

Once you are packaged from AU, your admission representative will be in touch to assist you in understanding costs, payment plans, and where to go from there. Do not hesitate to contact our Financial Aid office should you have any questions.

Have further questions?

Attend our Financial Aid “Melt the Stress away” Seminar

When: Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: University Banquet Hall located within Alumni Hall

- Check-in and refreshments at 6:15 p.m.
- R.S.V.P by registering online at: <http://www.aurora.edu/finaid/seminar.htm> or call 630-844-6190
- Maps: www.aurora.edu/geninfo/map.htm and www.aurora.edu/geninfo/images/aumap.jpg

We'll Help You See Through the Flurry of Financial Aid Paperwork

The AU forecast calls for clear financial aid information in February. At our seminar, we'll provide you with financial aid tips and information, such as:

- Direct Cost vs. Out-of-Pocket Expense
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) filing guidance
- Outside Scholarships
- Financial Literacy Topics, including Budget Planning, Credit Scores and Identity Theft

Audition for a Music or Theatre Scholarship

Do you enjoy performing on stage, behind the scenes or have a musical talent? Have you considered continuing your music or theatre experience at the college level? Aurora University is offering scholarship monies to selected students. Guidelines:

1. Be admitted to Aurora University
2. Contact Joy Gatz in Admission at: 630.844.3853 or jgatz@aurora.edu
3. Fill out an application packet
4. Set up an audition time within the theatre or music department

**More information will be included within the scholarship packet.

Your Chance to Win!

In each addition of CyberSpartans, readers have the opportunity to respond to a survey question and be entered into a drawing for a FREE Aurora University sweatshirt! Our newest survey question is below:

What classes have you taken that you feel will best prepare you for college level courses and why?

Congratulations to Tiffany Parillo of Roselle, Illinois. Tiffany was the winner of last month's survey question. Thanks to all who responded. We received an overwhelming response of entries and look forward to just as many this month! I encourage you to response again for another chance to win. Good luck.

Schedule a Visit

It's never too early to start visiting schools. Depending on how many schools you are interested in, it's a great time to begin narrowing down your choices. At Aurora University we are happy to set up a personalized visit for you and your family. During your visit, you can meet with an admission representative, speak to a faculty member, tour the campus and speak with current students. We will tailor the visit to fit your needs.

Looking to attend a campus visit day? Save the date:
Saturday, March 28th -this is the date of our Spring Open House. You'll receive an invitation to this event in the mail as it gets closer!

Until then, you can tour *rain* or *shine* in the comfort of your own home. Take our online virtual tour at: <http://www.aurora.edu/virtualtour/>

Questions? Contact Us!

Do you need more information about AU? Have questions about financial aid? We have answers! Have you moved, changed phone numbers or e-mail addresses? Or do you wish to be dropped from our database? We want to know so that we can keep our records current and accurate. Contact us as soon as possible to speak with an admission representative, financial aid counselor, or to update your information:

General: 800-742-5281
Office: 630-844-5533
Fax: 630-844-5535
E-mail: admission@aurora.edu
Web site: www.aurora.edu
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Aurora, IL 60506

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