Jump Start Your Career

A New Place to Call Home

Winter Safety Tips

Mix It Up! - Stress Relief Tips from the Wellness Center

Short-term Housing Options for Commuter Students

Satisfactory Academic Progress and Your Financial Aid
With temperatures outside below freezing,
It may be hard to get going.
Don’t let that slow down your career journey.

Jump Start Your Career
A career conference developed
by students for students.

Saturday, February 18, 2012
9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Institute Building

Cost is $5.00

RSVP deadline is February 10, 2012.
Make your reservation today by emailing career@aurora.edu.

Space is limited to 80 students.
You don’t want to miss this!

Business casual attire requested.

Meet professionals from the following companies:
- American Chartered Bank
- State Farm
- Sadler Training Center
- Verizon Wireless
- and many more!

A Look Ahead to the Day:

9:30 a.m. Registration and Welcome
10:00 a.m. Session I
- Resume Writing Workshop
  Learn how to write an effective resume
  OR
- Resume Critique
  Have your resume reviewed by a professional

11:00 a.m. Session II
- Interview Workshop
  Learn tips on putting your best foot forward in an interview
  OR
- Mock Interview
  Participate in a mock interview with a hiring professional

12:00 p.m. Lunch and Speed Networking

1:00 p.m. Session III
- Graduate Schools
  Learn how to manage the application process
  OR
- Financial Planning
  What you need to know when you start your first job

2:00 p.m. Session IV
- Networking Workshop
  Become more comfortable with creating professional networks
  OR
- Social Media
  A strong virtual presence is important to your job search

3:00 p.m. Concluding Remarks

Aurora University Career Services:
Catalysts for your career success
After many months of planning and a year of building, the fenced construction site between the Institute for Collaboration and Watkins Hall has blossomed into the newest residence hall at AU. This 115-bed, community-style residence hall was built by the Boldt Company.

New Hall opened to residents from the University Houses in early December, and will fully open to all residents on January 8th.

Bridget McDermott, the New Hall Director, is very excited about the opening of the hall: “As the spring semester approaches, students are eagerly transitioning into New Hall. The students have expressed overwhelming enthusiasm and appreciation for the beautiful building, its state-of-the-art design, and the amenities it offers them. I cannot wait for the spring semester to begin!”

The structure matches nicely with the newer campus buildings like the Institute for Collaboration and sits in a prime location for access to parking lots, academic buildings, and offices. One of the greatest conveniences? The mail room. Residents of New Hall receive their mail from mailboxes located in the lobby. All other resident students can pick up their mail from the new mail room located on the northeast corner of the building. Other features include a comfortable lounge on the first floor, an elevator, reception desk, and water-saving fountains.

Students will enjoy plenty of space in these open, high-ceilinged rooms. Light floods in from the windows, giving the room a natural brightness. Each resident has his/her own closet and shelves, desk, chair, bed, and dresser with plenty of space for extra seating and entertainment.

The Office of Residence Life is very excited to open New Hall this semester. Opening 115 more bed spaces will allow Residence Life to comfortably accommodate more students who want to live on campus. Residence Life hopes that the new hall will encourage more students to live on campus in the future. Will you be one of them?
It is a winter wonderland outside and it only took until the middle of January! As the winter season starts to arrive, the Office of Residence Life and Campus Public Safety would like to remind all residents of a few helpful hints in making this winter a safe season:

- As always, overnight parking (11:00pm to 7:00am) is restricted to Lot F (Retention) and Lot I (Stephens)
- A current parking permit must be properly displayed, which can be obtained at the Department of Campus Public Safety, located at 416 Calumet
- Allow time to get to campus; as travel conditions become hazardous, people tend to drive slower for safety reasons, so plan accordingly
- Be aware of students walking and crossing traffic, as it might become harder to see things with the snow fall
- Abide barricaded/coned off spots for construction and/or snow removal. Such spots will be on the West ends of Lot F (Retention) and Lot I (Stephens)
- In the event of a snowfall that exceeds 2” accumulation, students are expected to monitor their email for instructions regarding overnight parking. All students will be expected to abide by parking announcements to facilitate snow removal.
- In accordance with the City of Aurora: Motorists are encouraged to move their vehicles off-street to facilitate plowing efforts during any snow storm. For snow accumulations of 2” or more, drivers are prohibited from parking on any city street until the snow has been cleared to the curb or road edge. Per City Ordinance 27-171, violators will be ticketed and towed. Reference the City of Aurora at http://www.aurora-il.org/operations/streetmaintenance/snowplowing.php for more information.

*BUT* above all

**BE SAFE and DRIVE SLOW!!!!!!!!!!**
**Mix it up**

Pick and choose which Wellness Center STRESS RELIEF ACTIVITY is for you!

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<th>Visit our Relaxation Station</th>
<th>Try our “ropeless” jump rope</th>
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<td>Computer based software program designed to teach relaxation techniques</td>
<td>Minimal coordination required!</td>
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<th>Take a Group Exercise Class</th>
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<td><strong>YOGA (Tuesdays)</strong></td>
<td>Try Meditative Coloring</td>
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<td>12pm-1pm &amp; 9:15pm-10:15pm</td>
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Stop in or visit our online “toolbox” for more info!
A Special Offer for our Commuter Students from the Office of Residence Life

Travelling to and from campus can be hazardous during the winter months. See reverse for information on short-term residence hall contracts for the Spring 2012 semester.

Short-Term Housing Options:
Spring 2012

- Avoid traveling in winter weather
- Experience the benefits of on-campus living
- Convenient access to classes, library, and all university programs and services

Contracts available at www.aurora.edu/student-life/residence beginning January 2. Priority will be given to those submitting contracts by 4pm on Friday, January 27. For additional information, contact the Office of Residence Life at 630-844-5446.

Short-term contract periods available:
- Saturday, February 4 to Friday, March 2
- Sunday, March 11 to Saturday, April 7
- Sunday, April 8 to Friday, May 4

Standard room & meal plan* = $1140 per period

* Meal plan includes 14 meals per week per period plus $70 in points. Meals and points do not carry over.
Satisfactory Academic Progress and Your Financial Aid

Every student has commitments and life stresses that have the potential to impact academic performance, which can in turn impact financial aid eligibility. As a financial aid recipient, one of the most important responsibilities that you have is to make sure you understand the academic requirements associated with your financial aid awards. This knowledge can provide you with helpful information as you set goals for yourself and monitor your own academic progress. Federal and state regulations require that the Office of Financial Aid monitor students’ academic progress to ensure that each student receiving financial assistance meets the requirements set by the U.S. Department of Education and applicable state government. A student must maintain at least a 2.0 cumulative GPA and complete at least 66.67% of all courses attempted to be eligible to receive any type of financial aid.

In addition to those requirements, there are separate minimum GPA requirements for the renewal of the merit scholarships offered at AU; those requirements are disclosed in writing to the student upon admission to the University. This information is listed in the charts found below.

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This information may also be found at aurora.edu/financialaid

After fall grades have been submitted, you may find that you are not meeting the requirements for financial aid and/or your scholarship. You do NOT lose your eligibility at that time, unless you have already been placed on financial aid/scholarship probation. Instead, our office provides you with a financial aid warning notice that your aid and/or scholarship is in jeopardy with a reminder that you still have the spring semester to reach the cumulative GPA or completion rate that you need to achieve. If you find yourself in this situation, we encourage you to take advantage of all of the resources that AU has to offer such as the Center for Teaching and Learning, the Counseling Center, and so forth. After grades have been submitted for the spring semester, every student’s academic progress is re-evaluated at that time to determine if the necessary requirements have been met. If you are not meeting the necessary requirements at that time, you will receive a notification from our office that your scholarship or financial aid eligibility for the upcoming year must be adjusted accordingly. This notification will include information about your right to appeal as well as the dates by which your appeal must be submitted.

Every student has the right to submit an appeal to retain their financial aid and/or scholarship eligibility. In your appeal, you should explain the circumstances that impacted your academic performance and the steps that you plan to take or have already started to undertake to get yourself back on track academically. All appeals are reviewed by a committee composed of members of various campus departments. If your appeal is approved, you are allowed to retain your eligibility on a probationary basis that will include an academic plan. For example, you will be required to achieve a designated GPA and/or completion rate each semester in order to continue your financial aid eligibility.

AU is committed to helping our students succeed. If you ever have any questions or concerns about how your academic standing may impact your financial aid, please remember that the financial aid staff is available to answer those questions and address those concerns.