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Thanksgiving break is just around the corner. As exciting as it is to have a few days off from school to spend with family and friends it also means that finals will be starting soon. It is important to use the time to relax but it is equally important to take the time to prepare for the end of the semester.

The dates of your finals are set and professors have set deadlines to complete important papers, essays and projects. There is a lot due at the end of the semester and good time management will help you to get it all done. Take advantage of the break to start writing your papers, organize your notes and create a study schedule. You will be glad you did when finals week rolls around.

There is only one week of regular classes after break until finals begin. Do not save all of your assignments to do that week. No matter how well you think you work under pressure, it will show in the quality of your work. The extra stress and lack of sleep could be detrimental when it’s time to take your exams.

Planning to do work over break before it begins will help you get in the mindset to complete tasks over the long weekend. Your family and friends want to support you and will understand if you need to take time away over the holiday to catch up on your reading or start studying for finals.

On Friday, Oct. 25 a little over 90 Aurora University students, faculty and staff participated in the third annual Sleep Out on the Quad. The event is designed by students in the third tier of the L.E.A.D. program and is intended to promote increased awareness of homelessness.

Two speakers from the Chicago Coalition for the Homeless started off the evening telling their stories. From there, participants went to a series of rotating educational sessions which included finding out if you have the correct skill set to live in poverty, an interactive game about hard financial choices and a family from Hesed House speaking on their experiences. The culminating events were to actually sleep out on the quad during an uncomfortably cold evening followed by a reflective session early in the morning.

After this experience it is clear that Aurora University is transforming lives. The entire program was made possible by a significant collaborative effort from numerous student and professional organizations as well as efforts from faculty, staff, and students.
IS GRADUATE SCHOOL FOR U?

The National Center for Education Statistics projects that during the 2013-2014 academic year nearly 727,000 master’s degrees will be conferred and that number is on the rise. If you want to be among those graduate students, here are some things to think about as you prepare for graduate school.

Graduate school is a huge investment not only of your money but your time. Therefore, it is important that you do this right. It is never too early to begin considering what you need to do in order to go on to graduate school. In your junior year, identify not only what you want to study but possible graduate programs where you want to apply. This will give you ample time to talk with faculty members at the schools you are considering, tour the various campuses and ensure that you don’t miss any deadlines.

In the summer before your senior year, begin to pull together admission application materials, take a graduate exam prep class and stay on top of pending deadlines by creating a timeline for each program you are considering. Most graduate programs request the following information but check with each school as application requirements can vary greatly.

- Letters of recommendation
- Personal statement
- Application
- Transcripts of all universities attended
- Appropriate graduate school entrance exam

By the fall semester of your senior year, take the graduate entrance exam for your chosen field. Some industries have testing deadlines. For example, if you are interested in a graduate program in psychology traditionally, universities do not accept a GRE score past the November testing date. They also require not only the general GRE test but a subject matter test as well in psychology. It is important that you read admission information carefully so you understand what the requirements are for acceptance. Different industries require different graduate entrance examination. Below are some of the various graduate admission tests. For more information check out these websites:

Graduate Management Admission Test (GMAT) www.gmac.com/gmac/thegmat/
Graduate Record Examination (GRE) www.ets.org/gre
Law School Admission Test (LSAT) www.lsac.org
Pharmacy College Admission Test (PCAT) www.aacp.org
Medical College Admission Test (MCAT) www.aamc.org
Dental Admission Testing Program (DAT) www.ada.org/
Optometry Admission Test (OAT) www.opted.org

As you consider graduate school, seek advice and support from others such as your professors, family members and personal mentors. They can not only be good proof readers, excellent references, and wise sounding boards, they can also be your biggest fans as you navigate this demanding process of applying to graduate school. For more guidance about this process, contact Career Services at career@aurora.edu.
Winner of 35 major awards, including a Grammy Award and three Tony Awards, “Wicked” is the untold story of the witches of Oz. One, born with emerald-skin, is smart, fiery and misunderstood. The other is beautiful, ambitious and very popular. “Wicked” tells the story of their remarkable odyssey, how these two unlikely friends transform into the Wicked Witch of the West and Glinda the Good. You’ll be green with envy if you don’t go!

Sign-up:
Tuesday, November 19 * Noon-1:00 p.m.
Spartan Spot * Must have AU ID

Trip:
Saturday, November 23
Bus departs from the Spartan Spot at 11:00 a.m.
The University Chaplain, Jonathan Dean, enjoys meeting with students of all faiths and none. If you have an idea for a small group, a suggestion for programming, can help with worship, or just want to chat about life, he’d love to hear from you: (630)844-6866 or jdean@aurora.edu.

**What I Believe**
*On the third Thursday of the month, an AU staff or faculty member reflects on their core convictions: what matters in life? And how do we build our lives around that? 12-1pm in the Wackerlin Center, with food.*

**Regular Events**

‘Serve, Lead, Believe’
*A place to relax, make friends, and reflect with others on what matters. All welcome: food served from 5pm; conversation from 5.30pm*

**Highlights for November**

*Nov. 5*

Julie Gregg
AU Social Work and Sociology Senior; former President, AUHRO

*Nov. 19*

Growing Gratefully: A Special Thanksgiving program to cultivate gratitude!

**WCFA SPECIAL EVENT**

**Remembering Kristallnacht**

We’ll remember the 75th anniversary of the night Nazi violence against the Jews was unleashed, and reflect on genocide and its origins today.

**Thursday, Nov. 7, 3:30 – 5:00p.m.**

*Crimi Auditorium*

**Panel:**
- Magda Brown, Holocaust survivor
- Kelley Szany, IL Holocaust Museum
- Carl Wilkens, World Outside My Shoes, eye-witness to the Rwandan genocide

**Upcoming Attraction**

**Holiday Open House**

Tuesday, Dec. 3 from 4:00 p.m.

We’ll celebrate Hannukah, sing Christmas Carols, eat, drink and celebrate the season of peace, goodwill and gratitude. All are welcome!!
APPLY TO BE A 2014-2015 RESIDENT ASSISTANT!!

Applications for 2014-2015 Resident Assistant positions will be available on SpartanNet under Residence Life starting Monday, November 4, 2013 and are due Friday, January 24, 2014. at 4:00 p.m.

Info Sessions will be held Tuesday, November 5 @ 6 p.m. ; Thursday, November 14 @ noon and Wednesday, November 20 @ 6 p.m. in Watkins Hall Lobby.

Come learn more about what it means to be an RA and get a leg up in the application process!

If you have questions regarding the position or the application process, please speak with your RA or contact the Staff Selection Coordinator, Lauren M. Lutz at:

Email: llutz@aurora.edu
Phone: (630) 844-4628
Office: 435 S. Gladstone Ave.
From Sept. 30 - Oct. 5, AU celebrated the return of its alumni for Homecoming. The university welcomed the class of 1963 to celebrate their golden reunion. Activities included the annual powder puff game, comedians James Davis and Nick Pike, jazz musician John Pizzarelli and the Founders Convocation. The week culminated at the big game where Marcus Atkins and Tonika White were crowned Homecoming king and queen. AU defeated Maranatha Baptist Bible College 84-41. Go Spartans!
Michelle Arezaga will perform Saturday, November 2 at 7:30 p.m. in Crimi Auditorium as part of the Arts & Ideas series.

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Career Services has walk in hours every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.