After you have moved off-campus, it is important to us that you stay involved with our community. Here are some great events this fall semester for off-campus students:

**Eagle Living Off-Campus Orientation:**

The Community Relations Coordinating Committee will host the first Eagle Living Off-Campus Orientation on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 7:00 PM in the Abramson Family Founders Room in the School of International Service. At the Orientation you will learn your rights as renters in the District of Columbia, your responsibilities as residents of the neighborhood, and learn about resources available to you throughout the year.

To RSVP please email Andrew Huff at ahuff@american.edu

**Tenant Summit**

The D.C. Office of the Tenant Advocate will present its 7th Annual Tenant & Tenant Association Summit on Saturday, September 13th from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The event will be held at the Kellogg Conference Center on the campus of Gallaudet University, located at 800 Florida Avenue, NE. The summit serves as a forum to bring together tenants, tenant associations, housing attorneys and advocates, policy experts, community leaders, and District officials to discuss matters of concern to the District’s tenant community.

The day will include a keynote address and other remarks by prominent speakers, topical panel discussions, legal clinics and workshops, exhibits, prizes and giveaways, and lunch.

Admission, lunch, and parking are all free.

If you have not already registered, please do so at your earliest convenience. Advance registration helps with our planning and there will be no onsite registration.

There are three ways to register for the Summit:
2) Call 202-719-6567
3) In person at the OTA office located in Suite 300-North of the Reeves Center, 2000 14th Street, NW

If you need additional information about the summit you can call the office at 202-719-6560

**Be a Good Neighbor**

We hope you have a fun and safe Halloween! Please remember to be aware of your behavior, noise and language when you’re traveling to and from the American University campus. Please do not allow your good times to negatively impact the Halloween experience for others in the local DC community.

Stop by MGC on Thursday, October 30th, from 11am-2pm for a drop-in session on Being a Good Neighbor—Halloween Edition. There will be hot chocolate, cookies, and a raffle to win some pretty spectacular prizes! Representatives of the Community Relations Coordinating Committee will be there to offer you tips on maintaining healthy relations with your neighbors this Halloween.
Welcome back to the 2014 – 2015 academic year! We hope you will enjoy living in the nearby community. We are also counting on your consideration for others that forms the foundation of responsible citizenship. There are multiple tips and resources for off campus students on the Off Campus Housing Website http://www.american.edu/ocl/housing/off-campus-resources.cfm. Please take time to review them and see what can be helpful to you. We have developed a short video capturing the university’s expectations, campus resources, and local agency information that can be of help to you in the coming year. You can view the video at: www.american.edu/offcampushousing

I and my colleagues are available to provide support to you; however, we also need your cooperation in this partnership. At a minimum, we want you to be aware of the expectations American University has for you and the guests you may choose to host at your place of residence. Remember that violations of the law are also violations of the AU Student Conduct Code and will be adjudicated according to Code provisions.

We expect you to:
- know, understand and abide by local ordinances and laws;
- know, understand and abide by the terms of your lease;
- monitor and maintain the condition of your property;
- manage the behavior of your guests; and

when you choose to host friends at your residence, do so in a responsible, considerate and lawful manner. Please familiarize yourself, your roommates and friends with the "Disorderly Conduct Amendment Act of 2010," which became effective on February 1, 2011.

The amendments to DC law increase the specificity of prohibited conduct related to "preservation of the public peace and the protection of property" and impose serious penalties on convicted violators. While it is important for you to become familiar with all the provisions of the new act, one provision warrants your immediate attention:

"It is unlawful for a person to make an unreasonably loud noise between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residences. [Sec. 211. Disorderly conduct. (d)] A person who violates this or any of the other provisions of this section will be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction, will be fined up to $500, imprisoned up to 90 days, or both."

The majority of our students living off campus do so without causing disturbances to neighbors, but those who do cause disturbances create a negative reputation for their peers and the university as a whole. We want to prevent this from occurring. If you would like assistance in communicating with your neighbors, or if you want to discuss ways to effectively manage your off-campus residence, please call the Office of the Dean of Students at (202)885-3300 and schedule an appointment to meet with me. I would be glad to help you develop strategies for living successfully in the local community.

The American University Alumni Association offers several exciting programs designed to bring students and alumni together, inspire learning, motivate school spirit, and encourage lasting relationships.

Students benefit from the advice and guidance from experienced professionals, and alumni remain connected to AU.

At the beginning of every year, freshman are welcomed to campus with the Freshmen Convocation Bagel Breakfast and the traditional march into Bender Arena.

Maybe one-on-one interaction suits you better? Learn how AU alumni crafted their pathways to success through programs like the Alumni in the Know series, SIS Industry Days, or the Dinner with Alumni program. Or, put yourself in the best position to find or land a job with help from the AU Career Center. Don’t forget to show your school spirit by supporting all of our athletic programs. You could even get lucky and stumble upon a pizza giveaway at one of our men’s or women’s basketball games. These, and other student alumni programs are at your disposal, and offered throughout the school year.

For more information on how you can stay connected, be sure to visit our student-alumni programs page at http://alumniassociaiton.american.edu/

Please respect the private property of your Embassy Park neighbors. If walking through the property, please stay on the main road and sidewalks. Please do not cut through buildings on the brick paths, which are private property. If walking through at night, please keep your voices low and quiet. Thank you for doing your part to be a good neighbor!
We know that your second year will be exciting, challenging, and full of opportunities to shape your path at AU, so we are here to help you prepare! During the fall and spring semesters, you are invited to take part in our Year2@AU: Sophomore Success events to help you prepare for and make connections with faculty, navigate academic, internship, and career choices, and decision making. These events are open to all second-year students and will be facilitated by upperclass students.

"Sophomore September"
AU Student Involvement Fair Wednesday, September 3, 2014 11am-2pm AU Quad

Federal Work Study Fair Wednesday, September 3, 2014, 9am-4pm

Year2@AU: Panel in the Perch - Faculty as Mentors Join upperclassmen for a discussion on the importance of meaningful relationships with faculty and tips on how to obtain them. Monday, September 15, 2014, 8:00 pm The Perch (Centennial Hall)

October
Year2@AU: Helpers in the Hatch "Careers and Internships" - Upperclassmen discuss how to take the first steps into utilizing the Career Center to help get an internship. Monday, October 6, 2014, 8:00 pm The Hatch (Leonard Hall)

November
Year2@AU: Spring Forward: Sophomore Social Gear up for the end of the semester and learn about upcoming spring events. Monday, November 10, 2014, 8:00 pm

January
Year2@AU: Panel in the Perch - Leadership and Self-Discovery. Join a panel of upperclassmen as they share how they found their niche during their second year and got the most out of their experience. Monday, January 26, 2015, 8:00 pm The Perch (Centennial Hall)

February
Year2@AU: "The Major Games" - Visit the Major Games, an academic and resource fair, to hear from departments from across the university about how they are here to help you succeed. Wednesday, February 4, 2015, 11:00am-2:00 pm MGC 2-5

March
Year2@AU: Helpers in the Hatch – Decision Making, semester Wrap-Up. Explore the art and process of decision making. Monday, March 16, 2015, 8:00 pm The Hatch (Leonard Hall)

We hope to see you there!

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**Conflict Resolution Services**

Do your upstairs neighbors vacuum their floors in the middle of the night and wake you up? Are you having trouble deciding how you and your roommates are splitting utility costs? Do you and your landlord disagree about whether the refrigerator should be replaced? We’re here for you. AU Conflict Resolution Services can help with both on- and off-campus conflicts.

AU Conflict Resolution Services provides both mediation and conflict coaching to help manage conflicts. Mediation is a process in which two or more conflicting parties agree to sit down and talk about the issue and how to address it in a mutually acceptable way with the help of an impartial mediator. Conflict coaching is an option for individuals who would like to explore ways to address their conflicts on their own in one-on-one meetings. Best of all, AU Conflict Resolution services are free, voluntary, and confidential.

AU Conflict Resolution Services hopes you have a fantastic semester living off-campus, but when problems arise, we're here for you. Contact us at conflictresolution@american.edu.

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**Renting Licensed Spaces**

**IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!! IMPORTANT!!**

Residential Housing licenses are required for all rental properties in the District of Columbia including homes, apartments, condominiums, basement apartments and apartment buildings.

It is important to make sure that the person you are renting from has the appropriate license to rent. A licensed space is up-to-date with fire and safety codes. It also means that there are no structural issues with the space. If you currently reside in a space that does not have a rental license, it’s possible that you may be forced to leave.

We are currently working with Off-Campus Partners, the host of our off-campus posting site, to verify that all off-campus housing opportunities posted on the site have the proper license to rent.

You can find more information through the Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs at dc.gov/DC/DCRA.
A Guide to Eaglebucks and Dining Dollars on Campus
Contributed by Alannah Johnson, Dining Programs Coordinator

What are EagleBucks? An EagleBucks account is a prepaid stored value account associated with your AU One Card. All American University students, faculty and staff have an EagleBucks account.

What are the advantages of using EagleBucks? Whether you are a student, staff, or faculty member, EagleBucks remain on your account until you leave AU. EagleBucks don't "expire."

How can I add funds to my EagleBucks account? You may add EagleBucks to your account at EagleBucks.com, at any Value Add station located around campus, or in person at the Housing and Dining Programs office.

What are Dining Dollars? A Dining Dollars account is a prepaid stored value account associated with your AU One Card used exclusively for food purchases. All American University students have a Dining Dollars account. As of January 2014, the Dining Dollars program is only available to students. Faculty and staff are no longer eligible to participate in the Dining Dollars program.

What are the advantages of using Dining Dollars? Dining Dollars are accepted at dining locations on main campus. Many locations on campus offer a discount for using Dining Dollars.

Can Dining Dollars be transferred to EagleBucks after they have been deposited? No, Dining Dollars cannot be transferred into EagleBucks.

Can I get a cash refund for all or part of the balance on my EagleBucks account? Cash withdrawals from a student's EagleBucks account are not permitted at any time. Refunds are only processed upon separation (graduation, transfer, withdrawal) from American University. To request a refund of your EagleBucks account balance please contact AU Central. Refund checks are issued by the cashiers at Student Accounts, located in the Asbury Building. No refunds are issued by Housing and Dining Programs.

Can I use EagleBucks for ordering food for delivery over the telephone? Yes! Any off-campus merchant that accepts EagleBucks can manually type your AU One Card number into their card reader when you order your food. You can also add a tip with EagleBucks. The merchant's delivery staff should verify your identity by asking to see your AU One Card prior to completing the delivery. If a merchant does not verify your identity, please send an email to the EagleBucks team so that we can ensure the security of our students’ and staff members’ information. Prior to accepting a delivery you should check your receipt to confirm that the correct amount has been charged to your EagleBucks account.

Eaglebucks and Dining Dollars Merchants

On-Campus EagleBucks Merchants
American Café, Argo Tea, Asian Flavors, Bene Pizza and Pasta, Campus Bookstore, Davenport Lounge, Einstein Brothers Bagels, Freshii, Global Fresh, Megabytes Café, The Mud Box, P.O.D. (Provisions on Demand), featuring Subway and Red Mango, P.O.D. Express, Starbucks, TDR (Terrace Dining Room), TIGI Boutique, The University Club, The UPS Store, WCL Dining Room

Off-Campus EagleBucks Merchants
Angelico’s Pizzeria, Booymonger, Cava Grill, Chipotle, Crisp and Juicy, CVS (Tenleytown), Domino’s Pizza, Manny & Olga’s, Murasaki, Papa John’s Pizza, Pizza Boli’s, Pizza Movers, Robeks Smoothies, Satay Club, Spring Garden, Subway, Supercuts (Tenleytown), Take-Out Taxi, Tenley Nails, Wagshal’s Deli, Wagshal’s Market, Whole Foods Market Vamoose Bus, Inc., Wingos, Z-Burger

On-Campus Dining Dollars Merchants (with discount)
American Café, Asian Flavors, Bene Pizza and Pasta (10%), Davenport Coffee Lounge, Einstein Brothers Bagels (10%), Elevation Burger (10%), Global Fresh (10%), Freshii (10%), Megabytes Café, P.O.D. (15%), P.O.D. Mini (15%), Subway (10%), The Mud Box, Terrace Dining Room (15%), The University Club
Clawed’s Corner
By Clawed Eagle
AU Mascot & Housing Expert

Clawed, do you have any pointers for visiting properties? You always want to visit properties with another person. Not only is another set of eyes helpful but you never want to be in a stranger's home by yourself.

Clawed, How much can my landlord require me to pay as a security deposit?

Security Deposits cannot be more than one month’s rent. No landlord should charge you two or three times one month’s rent as a Security Deposit fee. Additionally, your landlord cannot ask for your Security Deposit after you have moved into the space.

Clawed, What should I do if I have a suspected housing violation?

If you feel that your apartment or building does not comply with the standards outlined by the D.C. Housing Code, please contact The Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs at (202) 442-9557. You can also request an inspection via email at dcra.housingcomplaints@dc.gov. Please include your name, phone number, and summary of your issue.

Clawed, What does it mean that my apartment is exempt from “Rent Stabilization”?

Rent Stabilization, commonly referred to as “Rent Control” is the regulatory policy that limits and/or restricts the rental amount and frequency of rent increases in property deemed non-exempt to the provisions of the Housing Act of 1985. If your property is exempt, it means that it is not subject to rent stabilization.

Got questions for Clawed??? Email him at offcampushousing@american.edu

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A copy of the act is available through this link: www.dccouncil.washington.dc.us/

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