Registration for Parents and Family Members of Current Students

In continuing the green initiative of last summer’s Eagle Summit, registration for All-American Weekend 2014 will be online. Please help us conserve paper by registering at american.edu/family/allamericanweekend. The registration deadline is Friday, October 10.

If you have any questions or difficulty registering, feel free to call the Dean of Students’ office at 202-885-3303.

Note that all tickets purchased through the All-American Weekend website (for family registration) will be distributed at the hospitality center (Friedheim Quad) during registration hours on Friday, October 17, and Saturday, October 18.

Registration Fee for Parents and Family Members of Current Students

A registration fee of $35 per family covers the cost of publications, postage, and registration materials. All families of current AU students participating in any All-American Weekend event must pay this fee. The weekend includes events and activities not requiring a ticket, indicated by a star on the schedule of events.

Hotels

October is a busy month in Washington, D.C., so we suggest you make your hotel arrangements as soon as possible.

For a list of suggested hotels, please visit american.edu/family/allamericanweekend.

Getting to AU

We encourage our guests to use public transportation and ask you to consider alternative methods such as the Metro and the AU Shuttle to get to campus. Temporary parking passes are available for those who need to park on campus on Friday, October 17. Passes are complimentary and should be requested when you register for the weekend. You will receive additional instructions and the parking location with your pass via email the week prior to All-American Weekend.

Parking will be open on Saturday, October 18, and Sunday, October 19. For directions to campus, see american.edu/maps.

Refunds, Cancellations, and Changes to Your Registration

Cancellations must be made in advance, with requests for refunds submitted in writing by October 10. Please note that all refunds will be credited back to your charge card following the conclusion of All-American Weekend.

If you wish to make any changes to an existing registration, please email your request to family.allamericanweekend@american.edu. Changes cannot be made online.

Accommodations

If you have questions about access or need to request sign language interpreters, please contact the Academic Support and Access Center by email at asac@american.edu or by phone at 202-885-3360.
WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

REGISTRATION AND CHECK-IN

FRIDAY: 10 a.m.–6 p.m. | SATURDAY: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Friedheim Quad in front of Mary Graydon Center (rain site: Mary Graydon Center, Room 200)
Stop by the hospitality center to pick up your registration packet, name tags, preordered tickets, and final schedule of events.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17

8 a.m.–9 p.m.
Exhibitions at the American University Library
Bender Library, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Floors
The library showcases materials from the American University Archives and Special Collections year-round. Visit the library’s website to learn more about exhibits.

11:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.
Lunch in the Terrace Dining Room (TDR)
Mary Graydon Center
Join your student for lunch in TDR. Students can treat family members using their meal plan, or guests can pay a discounted rate of $10 at the door.

11 a.m., 1 p.m., and 3 p.m.
Arboretum and Sustainability Tours
Meets in Front of Bender Library
Join AU’s landscape architect, arborist, and sustainability staff for a 45-minute guided tour through our award-winning Arboretum and Gardens. Learn about the diverse collection of plants found on campus as well as the many sustainable features and initiatives underway.

11:30 a.m.–12:45 p.m., 1:00–2:15 p.m., and 2:30–3:45 p.m.
AU Neighborhood Bus Tours
Sign Up at Registration and Check-In
Departs from Hughes Hall
Discover the historical background of popular sites in the neighborhood surrounding AU with representatives from the American University Library. Sites may include the former homes of Lyndon Johnson and Richard Nixon, Embassy Row, the National Cathedral, and Civil War forts. Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please note that tours fill up early. Sponsored by the American University Library.

11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Exhibitions at the American University Museum
Katzen Arts Center
Exhibiting the best of local and international art, the museum has five engaging exhibitions on view—READYMADE@100; Bridging the Past, Present, and Future: Recent Works by Sandra Ramos; Memorial Modeling: Peter Belyi and Peter Shvetsov; Some Uses of Photography: Four Washington Artists; and SAM NOTO, SCULPTURE/Anxiety and Hope.
11:45 a.m.–1:00 p.m., 1:10–2:25 p.m., and 2:35–3:50 p.m.
Open Classes
Various Locations
Travel back in time to your own school days when you take a Friday afternoon class. A listing of the courses and their locations will be available in the hospitality center. If you would like to attend your student’s class, please have him or her ask the professor for permission beforehand.

2:00–2:45 p.m.
Historical Walking Tour of Campus
Departs from Mary Graydon Center Lobby
Explore AU’s past with this historical walking tour through campus with staff from University Archives.

3–4 p.m.
Transitioning to AU for Students with Disabilities
Letts Hall, Formal Lounge
Get the facts from students and staff from the Academic Support and Access Center (ASAC) about transitioning to college with a disability, and learn strategies for success from both student and university perspectives. If you have questions, please contact ASAC at 202-885-3360 or asac@american.edu.

4:00–5:30 p.m.
All-American Weekend Welcome Reception
Mary Graydon Center, University Club
Chat over refreshments with parent volunteers and staff from the Parents Leadership Council and the Office of Campus Life as you get ready for the weekend’s events.

6 p.m.
Shabbat Services and Dinner
Kay Spiritual Life Center and McDowell Hall, Formal Lounge (registration required for dinner)
Join the AU Hillel community for student-led Reform or Conservative services at the Kay Center, followed by a delicious kosher Shabbat dinner in McDowell Formal Lounge. Services are open to all; those planning to attend dinner are asked to register in advance (free for AU students and guests under 18; $25 for each guest over 18). To register, please contact AU Hillel at 202-885-3324 or hillel@american.edu. Sponsored by AU Hillel.

6-8 p.m.
Discover the Sciences at AU!
Battelle-Tompkins Building Atrium
Join Peter Starr, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, at a special reception featuring the sciences at AU. The reception will include poster displays of student research and a panel discussion highlighting select faculty in the sciences. We hope that alumni from the fields of science, mathematics, and psychology, as well as parents and families with students who have an interest in the sciences (or just wish their students did!), will join us for a fun and informative overview of what makes AU a great place for the sciences.

7 p.m.
AU Volleyball vs. Navy
Bender Arena
Come out and support the women’s volleyball team as they take on Navy. Tickets are $4 for youth and $6 for adults. Students get in free!

8 p.m.
Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown
Book by Jeffrey Lane
Music and Lyrics by David Yazbek
Based on the film by Pedro Almodóvar
Presented by special arrangement with Musical Theatre International
Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre
A musical adaptation of Pedro Almodóvar's beloved film of the same name, Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown is a story about women and the men who pursue them...finding them, losing them, needing them, and rejecting them. For tickets and more information, please call 202-885-ARTS or visit american.edu/auarts ($15 regular admission, $10 AU community and seniors). Presented by the Department of Performing Arts and directed by Carl Menninger.

9 p.m.
SASA Cultural Show 2014
Mary Graydon Center, Tavern
Join the South Asian Student Association for singing and dancing at its seventh annual culture show. Admission is free. For more information, contact sasa@american.edu.
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

9 a.m.–9 p.m.
Exhibitions at the American University Library
Bender Library, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Floors
See Friday, 8 a.m., for description.

10–11 a.m.
The President’s Welcome
Ward Circle Building, Room 1
American University’s president, Neil Kerwin, SPA/BA ’71, discusses his more than 40 years at AU as a student, teacher, parent, alumnus, and administrator and his vision for the future of the university.

11 a.m.–Noon
Receptions with the Deans
A listing of the receptions and their locations will be included on the final schedule of events.

11 a.m.
AU Men’s Basketball Open Practice and Chalk Talk
Bender Arena
Head Coach Mike Brennan will visit with alumni, families, and fans; share his insights on this year’s team; and answer questions about the basketball program as the team seeks to defend the 2014 Patriot League Championship.

11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Exhibitions at the American University Museum
Katzen Arts Center
See Friday, 11 a.m., for description.

Noon
AU Field Hockey vs. Colgate
Jacobs Field
Come out and support the women’s field hockey team as they take on Colgate at Jacobs Field.

1–2 p.m.
Internationalizing an AU Education
Ward Circle Building, Room 2
Gaining international experience is an essential component of educational and professional development and a rewarding personal experience. Learn about global opportunities for students from AU Abroad.

1 p.m.
AU Men’s Soccer vs. Army
Reeves Field
Come out and support the men’s soccer team as they take on Army. Tickets are $4 for youth and $6 for adults. Students get in free!

1 p.m.
Art at Katzen
American University Museum, Katzen Arts Center
Expand your imagination by engaging in a fun, creative art class inspired by one of the current exhibitions. Guests of all ages are invited.

1–2 p.m.
Library Geospatial Idea Space
Departs from Bender Library, Globe on the First Floor (tours leave every 30 minutes)
Tour the library’s new Geospatial Idea Space, designed to provide a collaborative environment for faculty, students, and staff to learn and apply geospatial methodologies, technologies, and data to their research topics. See how geospatial data visualization methods can bring research results to life and how this knowledge might be applied in various professional and research-oriented workplaces.

1:30–2:15 p.m. and 2:30–3:15 p.m.
Historical Walking Tour of Campus
Departs from Mary Graydon Center Lobby
See Friday, 2 p.m., for description.
2–3 p.m.  Classes without Quizzes  
Various Campus Locations  
Join some of our top faculty for an authentic AU classroom experience. The “classes” and their locations will be listed in the final schedule of events available at the hospitality center.

2–3 p.m.  The State of Multicultural Students at American University  
Kogod Student Lounge  
Learn more about the recruitment, retention, and transition efforts of current multicultural students.

2–3 p.m.  Books That Shaped America: The Legend of Sleepy Hollow  
Bender Library, Mud Box Café (lower level)  
Led by Washington College of Law Professor Lewis Grossman, this engaging conversation will cover what makes the Headless Horseman and Ichabod Crane such enduring figures in the American imagination—and how the book relates to modern-day adaptations like Fox’s Sleepy Hollow. This event is adapted from the library’s ongoing “Books That Shaped America” series and was so popular when first offered that representatives from the Library of Congress asked Professor Grossman to offer it for them. Light (spooky) refreshments will be served.

2 p.m.  Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown  
Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre (tickets required)  
See Friday, 8 p.m., listing.

3–5 p.m.  SPA Leadership Program Alumni and Family Reception  
McDowell Hall, Formal Lounge  
Meet current members of the program and families of students while reconnecting with friends you haven’t seen in years.

3–5 p.m.  Celebrate! Multicultural Student-Alumni Reception  
Katzen Arts Center, Rotunda  
AU parents are invited to connect with alumni and learn about the passions of current students at this third annual reception. The reception is hosted by President Kerwin and presented by AU’s Black Alumni Alliance and Latino Alumni Alliance.

5 p.m.  A Gospel Extravaganza  
Kay Spiritual Life Center  
Enjoy the vocal talents of our students with a performance by the AU Gospel Choir.

8 p.m.  Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown  
Harold and Sylvia Greenberg Theatre (tickets required)  
See Friday, 8 p.m., listing.

8:15 p.m.  Kennedy Political Union Speaker  
Bender Arena (tickets required)  
The Kennedy Political Union (KPU) is the nonpartisan campus lecture series run and funded by students at AU. Widely recognized as one of the country’s premier college lecture series, it was founded in 1968 to engage the university community and to focus on important topics across the political spectrum. Among the many guest speakers have been Madeleine Albright, Newt Gingrich, Rudy Giuliani, and John Legend.

We will announce the speaker on our website along with event updates. Tickets are $12 and may be purchased online; admission is free for AU undergraduate students with a valid AU ID.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19

10 a.m.–3 p.m.
TDR Brunch
Mary Graydon Center, Terrace Dining Room
Experience brunch the student way in TDR. Students can treat family members using their meal plan, or families can pay cash ($11) at the door.

Seatings at 10 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and Noon
Jazz Brunch
Mary Graydon Center, University Club
(reservations and tickets required)
Enjoy a sumptuous brunch created by AU Dining Services. Indulge in crawfish Eggs Benedict, jalapeno cheddar grits, smoked chicken gumbo, Creole-style potatoes, fried beignets, and more. Tickets must be purchased in advance through online registration ($25 per person). Student meal plans will not be accepted.

11 a.m.–4 p.m.
Exhibitions at the American University
Museum
Katzen Arts Center
See Friday, 11 a.m., for description.

1:30 p.m.
A Cappella Showcase
Kay Spiritual Life Center
Enjoy the sounds of AU’s student a cappella singing groups—Dime a Dozen, On a Sensual Note, Pitches be Trippin’, and Treble in Paradise.

Events marked with ☀️ are included with your registration fee.

For updated information, visit american.edu/family/allamericanweekend.

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