



AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
WASHINGTON, DC

FAMILY WEEKEND

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024

Friday, September 27

#AUEagleFamily

8:30 AM	Catholic Mass	Join the AU Catholic community for mass.	Kay Spiritual Life Center
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM	Family Weekend Check-In	Check in for AU Family Weekend! Stop by to grab a program and enjoy coffee, snacks, and giveaways.	Mary Graydon Student Center, Rooms 126-128
10:30 AM - 11:30 AM	WAMU Tours SOLD OUT	Tour WAMU 88.5, Washington, DC's NPR station. Visit WAMU's radio production studios, performance spaces, and work areas. Space is limited. Free shuttle transportation provided.	McKinley Hall (meet at 10:00 AM for the shuttle)
11:00 AM - 4:00 PM	AU Museum Open Hours	Visit AU's art museum during regular hours! Featuring three floors focusing on regional, national, and international contemporary art, the museum also plays a critical role in preparing AU students to pursue arts careers.	Katzen Arts Center, American University Museum
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11:30AM - 12:30 PM	Nest Network Meeting (current AU parents/families)	Join in conversation with other AU parents and families to foster community, enhance engagement, represent the interests of AU families and support student success and the University, in partnership with New Student and Family Programs.	Mary Graydon Student Center, Rooms 305-306
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Family Art-Making at the Museum	Drop in and enjoy family-friendly art-making activities and learn more about how hands-on arts education at AU benefits our students across disciplines.	Katzen Arts Center, American University Museum
1:00 PM - 1:30 PM	AU Museum Gallery Tour	Explore AU Museum's exhibitions with a guided gallery tour featuring local and international contemporary artists!	Katzen Arts Center, American University Museum
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM	Sine Institute of Policy and Politics Distinguished Lecture Series SOLD OUT	Join us for an exclusive conversation between Bloomberg's Jason Kelly and Sine Distinguished Lecturer, NBA legend, and entrepreneur Jamal Mashburn. Reception to follow.	Constitution Hall, East Campus
1:30 PM - 2:30 PM	Jummah Prayer	Muslim families are welcome to join our weekly Friday prayers in the KSLC lounge across from the Muslim Prayer Room!	Kay Spiritual Life Center Lounge
2:00 PM - 2:30 PM	AU Museum Gallery Tour	Explore AU Museum's exhibitions with a guided gallery tour featuring local and international contemporary artists!	Katzen Arts Center, American University Museum
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Self-Defense Workshop	This class will provide information, tactics, and considerations useful for various types of dangerous encounters. No experience necessary, dress comfortably	Don Myers Technology and Innovation Bldg, Public Safety Training Room, Terrace Level
2:30 PM - 4:30 PM	MCAR Celebrate! Uplift. Connect. Empower.	Celebrate our differences while connecting through our sameness through music and the fine arts. Recognize AU's commitment to Inclusive Excellence and steadfast interest to promote a more diverse, inclusive, and equitable Eagle community. This event will feature remarks from President Jonathan Alger and Dr. Nkenge Friday, Vice President for Inclusive Excellence, and cultural performances from student groups.	Friedheim Quad
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Arboretum and Sustainability Tour	AU's Arboretum & Gardens are some of the most noteworthy features on campus. Enjoy a guided tour that highlights some of our sustainable and award-winning practices. Tours last one hour on accessible pathways.	Meet at Mary Graydon Student Center Info Desk (at 2:55 PM)
3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Campus Tour	Tour the campus with an AU student ambassador.	Meet at Mary Graydon Student Center Info Desk (at 2:45 PM)

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3:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Faculty Lecture "No Option But Sabotage: The Past and the Future of the Radical Environmental Movement"	Faculty member Thomas Zeitoff will present. After 9/11, the radical environmental movement was labeled the number one domestic terror threat in the U.S. But within 10 years the movement had largely gone silent—why? This talk will help us understand what happened to the radical environmental movement and what the future holds.	Kerwin Hall, T1
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	College of Arts and Sciences (CAS) Meet & Greet with the Deans	Start your weekend with a warm welcome from the College deans! They can answer questions you might have, share their vision for undergraduate liberal arts and sciences at AU, and hear a little about your interests and what you hope to get out of the College experience. Sponsored by College of Arts and Sciences (CAS).	Hall of Science, Room 113
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	Kogod School of Business (KSB) Reception and Open House	Join the Kogod community of faculty, staff, and students for a reception in the KSB Student Lounge. We encourage you to peruse the building, get to know your student's classmates and teachers, and enjoy delicious bites provided by Kogod MBA alumna Lisa Francis, owner and operator of The Federal Lunch. Sponsored by Kogod School of Business.	Kogod Student Lounge
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	School of Education (SOE) Open House	Please join two SOE faculty members as they share dynamic topics on stress and healing and the benefits of college in the 21st century. The presentations will be followed by a reception and open house to meet other students, families, and SOE faculty and staff. All are welcome! Sponsored by School of Education (SOE).	Spring Valley Building, 401 (Take the AU Shuttle)
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM	School of Communication (SOC) Open House and Student Panel	Moderated by our new SOC Dean, Dr. Marnel Niles Goins, this panel will provide a roadmap of the unique opportunities on and off campus to make the most out of your college experience. Dessert reception and open house with Dr. Niles Goins and members of the SOC faculty and staff to follow. Sponsored by the School of Communication.	Malsi Doyle and Michael Forman Theater (MCK 201)
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	School of Public Affairs (SPA) Open House	Visit with SPA faculty and staff and help us celebrate our 90th anniversary! Sponsored by School of Public Affairs (SPA).	Kerwin Lobby
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM	School of International Service (SIS) Open House	An opportunity for families of students in the School of International Service to meet the SIS dean, faculty, staff, and alumni. Sponsored by School of International Service (SIS).	SIS Atrium
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM	Airlie/AU Kitchen Farm to Table Dinner SOLD OUT	Airlie Berkshire Farm and AU Kitchen Present the Third Annual Farm to Table Dinner. Join us as our AU Kitchen Culinary team prepares a farm to table dinner using fresh produce and meat grown on AU's Airlie Berkshire Farm in Warrenton, VA. A portion of the proceeds support The Market, AU's Food Pantry. (\$100/ticket)	Katzen Arts Center, Rotunda
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM	Family Shabbat Service & Dinner	Jewish families are invited to join for services and dinner. Registration for dinner is requested through AU Hillel.	Kay Spiritual Life Center (service), McDowell Formal Lounge (dinner)
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM	Presidential Election 2024: Expecting the Unexpected	Sine executive director Amy Dacey, journalists and strategists will share their thoughts on the trends before the election, potential surprises on the horizon, and the current state of play in key battleground states. SPA's Women & Politics Institute executive director Betsy Fischer Martin moderates. Sponsored by the School of Public Affairs and the Sine Institute.	Kerwin Hall, T1
7:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Music on the Green!	Enjoy live music on the Quad on a Friday fall evening with Eclectic Company!	Friedheim Quad
7:00 PM - 3:00 AM	DC Art All Night	Enjoy 'Art All Night' at various locations around the city! Visit www.dcartallnight.org/map for more info.	Various locations, Washington, DC
8:00 PM - 9:30 PM	OVERTURE	Welcome to the stage AU's newest actors from the dynamic class of 2028! Performance piece features dialogue, music, and movement, under the direction of faculty member Nancy Bannon and performed by the student company. Free for AU students with ID, \$10 for alumni, staff, faculty, children (under 18), and senior citizens (55 and older), \$15 general public. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences.	Katzen Arts Center, Studio Theatre

Saturday, September 28

8:30 AM - 11:30 AM	Family Weekend Check-In	Check in for AU Family Weekend! Stop by to grab a program and enjoy coffee, snacks, and giveaways.	Bender Arena Lobby
9:45 AM - 10:30 AM	President's Welcome Breakfast	Join us for a continental breakfast and mingle with campus representatives prior to the President's Welcome.	Bender Arena
10:30 AM - 11:45 AM	President's Welcome	President Alger speaks to AU families, alumni, and students. Campus representatives will be on hand to answer family questions.	Bender Arena
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	The Red and Blue Table Talk: Books & Brunch with the ARPC	Join the Anti Racist Policy Research Center with host Sara Kaplan Clarke, ARPC Executive Director, as we explore trends and shifts in DEIB in higher education with members of the AU Alumni community.	SIS Founders Hall
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM	Meet the Faculty: "Bridging arts & sciences research into classroom and student experience"	Hear from arts and sciences faculty about how their research connects to course curricula and what students learn. Examples include "Swiftonomics" from an Economics professor; music and culture from a Cello professor; and more.	Don Myers Technology & Innovation Bldg, Room 111
11:00 AM - 1:00 PM	Passport to the Archives	Passport to the Archives opens the vault from the American University Archives and Special Collections! Students and families can explore treasures while racing each other to find images hidden in the collections and win prizes. Also, join us to make keepsake magnets using images from our Japanese Woodblock Print collection.	Bender Library 3rd Floor
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM	Forest Hike from AU to Fletcher's Cove & Picnic on the Potomac	Join Biology Professor Rebecca Hazen for a hike to Fletcher's Cove through the National Forest and to the banks of the Potomac River. Wear comfortable clothing. Restrooms and vending are located at Fletcher's Cove. Younger siblings are welcome if they are accustomed to long hikes. Hosted by Department of Biology, CAS.	Starting point: School of International Service (SIS) entrance near Davenport Lounge
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12:00 PM - 2:00 PM	AU Change Can't Wait Festival	Join the American University community to celebrate the impact of Change Can't Wait: The Campaign for American University. This community event will celebrate how Change Can't Wait has changed the way students thrive, faculty and staff advance discovery, and how we connect with our region and the world. Come and enjoy complimentary food and beverages, music, lawn games and other entertainment on the Quad.	Friedheim Quadrangle (rain site; Mary Graydon Student Center 1st floor)
1:00 PM - 2:15 PM	SIS Expert Panel: Global Elections in a Charged- up World	This session focuses on trends in democratic controversies, populism, and disinformation.	SIS Founders Hall
2:00 PM - 2:45 PM	Teaching Kitchen SOLD OUT	Enjoy a healthy and collaborative cooking experience with Executive Chef Robert Marquez.	Terrace Dining Room
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2:30 PM - 3:30 PM	SIS Trivia Bowl	Play for prizes—individually or as a team of up to six! Part 1: Global Policy, Culture, & Diplomacy. Part 2: SIS Trivia—history, people & places.	SIS Founders Hall
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5:00 PM - 6:30 PM	AU Gospel Choir Family Weekend Concert	A no-miss campus tradition. Join us for a joyful performance and prepare to be moved! Tickets are \$5 each (free for AU students).	Katzen Arts Center, Abramson Family Recital Hall

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6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Studio Art MFA Open Studios	Meet our studio art MFA students and to see their artwork. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences.	Katzen Arts Center, Studios
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM	AU Museum-Extended Hours and Student Performances	AU Museum open for Art All Night in partnership with Tenleytown Main Street event. Student performances throughout the evening to be announced. Sponsored by the American University Museum.	Katzen Arts Center
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM (doors open at 7:00 PM)	KPU Presents: Comedy Show with Roy Wood Jr.	Join us for a free, stand-up comedy show hosted by the Kennedy Political Union (KPU) in collaboration with the Spirits and Traditions Board, AU Student Government, and the Center for Student Involvement, featuring special guest Roy Wood, Jr. Join us for a night of laughter and fun with one of the best in the business! Seating is first-come, first-served, bag check required upon entry.	Bender Arena
7:00 PM - 11:00 PM	The Formal Red Carpet: Mosaic Gala	Our signature formal celebration of the Multicultural Alumni Reunion weekend. Join with alumni in a red-carpet photo welcome, live entertainment, cocktails, passed hors d'oeuvres, buffet reception, dancing, and celebration of community. Formal, Black tie optional.	SIS Atrium
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8:00 PM - 10:00 PM	Group 93 Exhibition	Features visual arts group formed around former AU professor and AU alumni. Sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences.	Katzen Arts Center, Rotunda

Sunday, September 29

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM	Student Musical Showcase & Farewell	Listen to the sounds of AU's student a cappella groups and the Singer-Songwriters Hub during this Family Weekend grand finale! Light breakfast and beverages provided.	Amphitheater (rain location; SIS Atrium)
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM	The Greeks Return to the Yard: MCAR Multicultural Fraternity & Sorority Brunch	Join us as we celebrate excellence within the multicultural Greek community and their collective impact at American University and beyond. Celebrate the power and influence of a community of changemakers with a full brunch buffet, mimosa bar, fun games, interactive activities, and giveaways.	Constitution Hall East Campus
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12:00 PM	Family Weekend Mass and Brunch	Join AU Catholic for brunch following Sunday Mass!	Kay Spiritual Life Center

AU Campus Store Discount



Join the email list and receive 10% off. Note: first time subscribers only!

On-Campus Dining



Family Weekend Deal: Families and guests can dine in the Terrace Dining Room for \$10.99 lunch/\$12.99 dinner. Enjoy the TDR or other options on campus.

RecFit Passes



Registered families and adult guests are welcome to use AU fitness center facilities during Family Weekend. Scan the QR code to get your pass!

Tobacco-Free and Smoke-Free Campus

AU is proud to be a tobacco-free and smoke-free campus. We thank you for your cooperation.

Guests in the Residence Halls

We are happy to welcome parents and family members into the residence halls during Family Weekend. All guests must sign in at the front desk and provide a valid picture ID.

Animals/Pets on Campus

AU does not allow pets inside campus buildings or on athletic fields (with exceptions for service animals as defined by the ADA). Your leashed pet is welcome on outdoor campus grounds.

In case of emergency while on-campus, call 202885.3636

Guest Information



Family Weekend Schedule

View the full program of weekend offerings!



AU Main Campus Map

Find campus locations

The Market: AU's Food Pantry



The Market

Family Weekend is proud to support The Market. At AU, we believe that students should never go hungry or skip meals because they can't afford enough to eat. To assist students who are facing food insecurity, AU offers the Market Food Pantry, providing free groceries and limited personal-care items to all students in need. If you are looking to make a difference, we ask that you consider this wonderful opportunity by donating purchased goods via The Market's Amazon Wishlist!



Amazon Wishlist

Photos with Clawed

Our beloved mascot loves to be on the move playing with other Eagles! You'll spot Clawed at lots of different events throughout the weekend and they're always happy to pause for a photo, but please do not form a line.

Parking

Guests may use any general parking spaces and overnight parking is allowed. Family Weekend guests must display the Family Weekend parking permit on Friday, 9/27. Permits are not required on Saturdays or Sundays. In accordance with our "Good Neighbor Policy," parking on neighborhood streets is prohibited - please use university parking options.

Self-Guided Tours

Campus Fitness Trail



Find the fitness trails (2-mile loop or 1-mile alternative route) on our beautiful campus.

Top of the Town: Tenleytown Heritage Trail



Take a leisurely walk through a neighborhood rooted in deep family ties that also boasts unique contributions to DC and national history.



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OCTOBER 3 - OCTOBER 5

AU Family Engagement




Scan for details

Parents and families are important partners on a student's academic journey. We are dedicated to help you find the answers and guidance you are looking for -- from college admission to graduation, and everything in between. To help you on this journey, we provide a single point of contact for parents and families and resources designed just for you:

- Dedicated AU Families website featuring links to key resources
- Facebook community @American University Parents and Families
- Eagle Families Webinar Series
- Bi-weekly Family Update newsletter
- Parent & Family Orientation
- Nest Network for current families
- American University's annual Family Weekend

New Student and Family Programs | 202.885.3303 | eaglefamilies@american.edu

 Family Weekend event location



Directory

27	Anderson Hall
34	Asbury Building
40	Bumelle-Tumpkins
31	Begbly Building
13	Bender Library
36	Butler Pavilion
46	Cassell Hall
26	Centennial Hall
24	Child Development Center
14	Clark Hall
7	Constitution Hall
8	Don Myers Technology and Innovation Building
10	Duber Hall
11	East Quad Building
9	Federal Hall
4	Friedheim Quadrangle
16	Gray Hall
30	Hall of Science
20	Hamilton Building
42	Hughes Hall
6	Hurst Hall
19	Jack Child Hall
23	Jacobs Recreation Complex
2	Katten Arts Center
	Wilson Center
3	Key Spiritual Life Center
5	Kerwin Hall
41	Kogod School of Business
21	Kreeger Building
44	Leonard Hall
28	Letts Hall
35	Mary Graydon Center
17	McCabe Hall
43	McDowell Hall
29	McKinley Building
25	Media Production Center
1	Nebraska Hall
33	Osborn Building
46	President's Office Building
32	Reeves Field
18	Rockwood Building
15	Roper Hall
12	School of International Service
37	Sports Center
	Isaiah Allen
38	Sports Center Annex
22	Watkins Building
39	Woods-Brown Amphitheater

Accessible Buildings and Paths

Barrier-Free

- Accessible entrance to building
- Accessible path throughout building to main entrance on all floors
- Accessible restrooms

Not Accessible

- No accessible entrance to building
- No elevator
- No accessible restrooms

Some Barriers/Partially Accessible

- Accessible entrance to building
- Accessible path to main entrance on some level floor only
- CE
- Elevator is not fully available

Accessible Paths

