Homework for Parents

Being the parent of a college student is not an easy task. Below is a homework assignment that will help prepare both you and your student for a smooth transition and a successful year ahead!

1. JOIN THE AUBURN UNIVERSITY PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION (AUPA).
The AUPA is a great way to stay up-to-date with what is going on at Auburn. By joining you will have access to the Family Portal that will customize relevant Auburn information to fit your needs and interests.

2. COMPLETE THE COLLEGE CONTRACT WITH YOUR STUDENT.
Take time to have a discussion with your student about what is expected next year. Then, mutually sign the agreement before the fall semester begins.

3. FILL OUT THE SEMESTER BUDGET WORKSHEET.
Know exactly where the money is going each semester. Plan out how much your student should spend and save. After the first semester, you can readjust based on the numbers.

4. CONNECT TO YOUR STUDENT IN THE FAMILY PORTAL
Connect to your Auburn University student in the brand-new Family Portal. Through this connection, you can access grades, schedule, bills, and more! To request a connection, visit familyportal.auburn.edu and create an account. Once created, click the graduation cap in the top right corner to initiate the request. Remember – your student must be registered for classes in order to create a connection.

5. UPDATE EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION.
Encourage your student to fill out contact information should an emergency ever occur. To update information, your student can fill out the My Contacts form within the Campus Life tab of AU Access.

6. BECOME AN AUTHORIZED USER ON YOUR STUDENT’S EBILL ACCOUNT.
Though the Family Portal will allow for you to view your student’s financial information, becoming an eBill Authorized User will allow for you to pay bills. Your student can add you as an authorized user through AU Access.

7. ATTEND HOME SWEET AUBURN.
Home Sweet Auburn is the perfect last hoorah for you and your student to be together before they begin classes this fall. The event will follow move-in on August 16.

8. PLAN A TRIP FOR FALL FAMILY WEEKEND.
Mark your calendar for September 28-30 for a weekend of fun events and a tailgate three hours prior to the Southern Miss football game.

* Instructions on all homework assignments and extra credit opportunities can be found at auburn.edu/aupa.

Extra Credit: Like the Auburn University Parents’ Association on Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn.