Important Dates and Deadlines

Admissions Decisions
Beginning October 1, 2008
(continuing every 4 to 6 weeks)
www.auburn.edu/admissions

Campus Visitation
Monday–Friday
9:00 a.m and 11:00 a.m.
1:00 p.m and 3:00 p.m.
www.auburn.edu/visit

Scholarship Deadline
December 1, 2008
(Freshman Scholarship priority
deadline for Spirit of Auburn,
Academic and General
scholarships)
www.auburn.edu/scholarship

Financial Aid Deadline
March 1, 2009
www.auburn.edu/finaid
How We Spent Our Summer Vacations

Auburn University students take summertime seriously. Sure they have fun, but they take time to get ahead too. Some enhance their education with summer courses or a study abroad trip. Others build their resumes with internships and part-time jobs for a successful, future career. In this issue are tales of four different summer choices for Auburn students.

Study Abroad Adventures

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A record number of AU students participated in Study Abroad during the 2007-2008 academic year, and the opportunities for unique experiences continue to increase in all of Auburn’s colleges and schools.

A group of Building Science students spent the summer of 2008 in Europe and Northern Africa “deconstructing” significant structures and buildings, such as the Pyramids of Giza near Cairo, Egypt. At the end of the semester, the group wrote a new textbook, under the direction of Professor Linda Ruth, explaining design and construction using modern technology and formats. Study abroad sites included visits to Athens, Rome, Venice, Paris, Barcelona, Cairo, and Luxor. The textbook contains chapters on all of the structures the students visited. Michael McDaniel wrote the chapter on Egyptian burial methods and the Great Pyramid. Erin Thompsons’ chapter about the Leaning Tower of Pisa is titled “When Bad Things Happen to Good Builders.”

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Building Science textbook writers in front of the Great Pyramid in Giza, Egypt.
Another summer is coming to an end and another school year beginning! Where does the time go? As I reflect over my last 18 months in the Admissions and Recruitment Office, I am amazed at all that has taken place.

We have added four positions: three admissions advisors and an assistant director. Joining our team this year as advisors are Ashley Felder, Louisa Thompson and Jake Williamson. All three are recent Auburn graduates and enthusiastic about getting on the road to meet you and your students. They were very involved on Auburn’s campus in Greek Life, Student Recruiters, AU Singers and SGA. Jim Parrish, who has served as a Birmingham Regional Recruiter for the last two years, has been promoted to Assistant Director for Territory Management. Jim is a 2002 Auburn graduate and brings experience, creative ideas and a love for Auburn and students to the position. He will be working directly with the recruiters as they serve you and your students. Jim will also be managing the activities of our High School Counselors Advisory Board and this publication.

This past recruitment year has been a busy one and we expect the upcoming year to be the same. During the 2008 recruitment year we held many on-campus events, including: ten War Eagle Days, five TALONS Days, a Presidential Scholars Day, ten receptions around the country, a football and tailgate event, plus campus tours for more than 10,000 guests! We are ecstatic about the interest in Auburn from prospective students all over the country! Through all of these efforts, the partnership with you and our campus partners, we received more than 17,000 applications and will enroll a class of around 4,000. We expect the average ACT to increase by a little more than half a point to just over 25 (1150 SAT). We also were excited to award over $18.5 million in freshman, transfer, general, and departmental scholarships!

Thank you for being our partner as we visit your schools and students. Please let us know if you need anything as you advise your students during the college selection process. We know they have many excellent options for their college career and appreciate anytime we can let them know about the institution we love – Auburn University!

We hope you’ll share with your students the stories about AU students and their exciting summer opportunities presented in the pages of this issue.

War Eagle!

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When Joshua Martin was playing golf for his Dothan, Ala., high school, he decided he wanted a career that would let him work outside, preferably on a golf course. With that goal in mind, he found the perfect major—the AU College of Agriculture’s turfgrass management degree program.

The turfgrass program trains students to protect their turf—turfgrass that is—in yards, in public parks, on athletic fields (such as AU’s football stadium) and, yes, on golf courses. And the degree program ensures that students graduate with real-world experience by requiring students to complete an internship before they graduate.

Martin, who will graduate in spring 2009, has garnered lots of hands-on experience during his college career. He worked one summer at the AU Turfgrass Research Unit and another summer with AU turfgrass researcher Beth Guertal, which he said exposed him to several different aspects of the industry.

But 2008 was a truly pivotal time for Martin. Beginning in January of 2008, he interned for six months at The Country Club of Birmingham’s world-class golf course—an experience that opened Martin’s eyes to his future and the value of his education.

“My time at the country club was an extremely valuable learning experience,” he said. “I would be lost without it. My internship showed me the value of the knowledge I gained from my classes and illustrated how important it was for me to learn and comprehend everything I am taught. It actually made me excited to go back in the fall to take my last year of classes.”

“I am a rising senior at Auburn University majoring in Public Relations and just completed my minor in Business. This summer I am enrolled in a journalism class while also working on campus as the intern for the Office of Communications and Marketing. In addition, I am volunteering with different campus organizations including the orientation program, Camp War Eagle, while also being a part of SGA Cabinet. Not only do these different summer involvements help boost my resume, they also allow me to have a less stressful fall semester while getting to know more people on Auburn’s campus. I will not have to take as many hours as normal and will have completed my internship while learning valuable lessons concerning my major and career. Summer in Auburn has really been a great time for me to make new friendships and further my academic and career goals in a more relaxing setting. Class sizes are smaller and it is definitely a great way to meet faculty and students who you may not get the chance to meet during a fall semester. If everyone has a chance to spend at least one summer in Auburn, I would highly recommend it!”

- Whitney Prothro, Public Relations, Danbury, CT

Whitney volunteers with Project Uplift, serves as a transfer orientation counselor, and holds a campus job.