

**Aurora University
CyberSpartans Newsletter
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Welcome to CyberSpartans, Aurora University's own cyber newsletter! This special issue of CyberSpartans is designed to provide you with an opportunity to learn more about Aurora University and what we have to offer our prospective students—that means **you!** Take a moment to read through the newsletter and feel free to contact us if we can be of more help to you.

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It's not too late to apply!

According to our files, we still haven't received your application! The fall semester will be here before you know it. Don't wait too long. The sooner you apply, the sooner you will find out about scholarship eligibility, housing availability, freshman registration, and other important information about your first year in college.

Applying to Aurora University is easy. There are two ways that you can apply: **1) visit our Web site and apply online or 2) send in your application by mail.** *Note:* If you apply online, there is no application fee! If you do not have an application yet, request one by calling our Admission Office at (800) 742-5281, or e-mail us at admission@aurora.edu. Once you apply, send us an official copy of your high school transcript and ACT or SAT scores. Your high school guidance counselor should be able to help you with this part of the application process.

In order to receive further information on things such as campus housing, registration and orientation, financial aid packaging, you must be admitted to the university!

Please call the Office of Admission and ask to speak to your admission representative today.

Schedule a Visit

Have you had the chance to visit Aurora University's campus? If you just answered "no" to this question, you are in luck! You will soon be receiving an invitation to our upcoming Spring Open House. Check your mailbox, we want you to visit campus and see what Aurora University can offer you. So, save the date! Saturday, **March 28**, is the perfect opportunity for you to meet with faculty, tour campus, and listen to presentations from admission and financial aid staff.

Spring break is right around the corner. While you have a week of vacation, our campus is still open. At Aurora University, we welcome visitors during the week, Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. We want to set up a personal visit for you. We can tailor the visit to fit your needs. Whether you want to sit in on a class, meet with a faculty member or a coach, we can arrange whatever you would like.

Visiting campus will allow you to see our residence halls and what living on campus is like. Aurora University will introduce you to ideal class sizes that allow interactive discussion between professors and their students. You will quickly learn that AU provides a personalized atmosphere for learning.

Take a tour rain-or-shine from the comforts of your own home. Visit our Web site and take a virtual tour. A campus tour is at your fingertips – log on now to: <http://www.aurora.edu/virtualtour/>.

New Web site!

Aurora University is proud to announce that it will launch a newly designed Web site within the next few weeks. Check out www.aurora.edu in the coming weeks to see the Web site's new look and improved features!

Chat with a current AU student

Do you have a quick question? Want to ask a current student? You don't need to wait any longer. Add the AIM screen name: **AUstudento6** to your buddy list.

Current students will be available during the day, as well as Monday-Thursday from 5:30-8:00 p.m. (CST).

Students will be happy to answer your questions about classes, living on campus, and activities/athletics.

What is there to do at AU?

You may wonder....what do students do for fun at AU? Interested in getting involved? Not a problem! Aurora University has over 60 clubs and organizations to interest students. There is something for everyone at AU.

The Student Activities department hosts a number of things to do on campus for students. Go to: <http://www.aurora.edu/osa/twowkpk0208.pdf> to check out our **Two Week Peek**. The *Two Week Peek* lists what's happening on campus and events that students can participate in. In addition, the student activities calendar includes on campus concerts, Coffee House night, comedians, mentalists, trips to Chicago, and much more!

Are you an athlete hoping to participate on one of our athletic teams? Check out our athletics link at: <http://www.aurora.edu/athletics/index.htm>. We also offer a variety of intramural sports for those students who prefer this level of competition.

Financial Aid

Financial Aid packages will begin going out on **March 1st**.

Now is the time to file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) if you are interested in need-based federal and state grants, work-study, and/or student loans. The FAFSA is available at your high school. You can also send us an e-mail at admission@aurora.edu to request a FAFSA and we will send you one right away. To speed up the process by two weeks, we encourage you to file electronically. Don't delay—click here: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Remember, we will not be able to process your financial aid package until you have been admitted to Aurora University. If you are unclear as to what you are missing, contact our admission office and make sure to complete your file as soon as possible.

Make sure you list **Aurora University** (school code 001634) on your FAFSA so we may receive your information electronically. Don't forget to explore outside scholarship opportunities. Check with your academic advisor and search the Web.

Audition for a Scholarship: Music and Theatre Scholarships for 2009

Are you involved in choir? Do you have a talented singing voice? If so, you are in luck! The Aurora University Chorale is seeking new members for the 2009-10 academic year. The Chorale will be composed of new and continuing students as well as members of the community.

In addition to having the opportunity to sing in the chorale, music scholarships will be awarded to singers based on their auditions. These awards will be over and above any other scholarship, provided overall gift assistance does not exceed the cost of tuition and room and board. You will need to come prepared with a piece to perform if you have one; otherwise, you will be given music to sing.

AU will also hold auditions for students looking to participate in our Theatre program. To qualify for a scholarship a student must either major **or** minor in Theatre as well as **participate in theatre productions on campus.**

If you have an interest in auditioning for the University Chorale or are considering a major or minor in Theatre, please e-mail jgatz@aurora.edu. Please specify which area—Chorale/Theatre/Both you are interested in so we may forward your request to the appropriate contact person.

You must be admitted to Aurora University in order to qualify for an audition time.

Your Chance to Win!

In each edition of CyberSpartans, readers have the opportunity to respond to a survey question and be entered into a drawing for a **FREE** Aurora University sweatshirt! Our newest survey question is below:

“Do you feel that participating in extra-curricular activities will enhance your college experience? If so, why?”

Please e-mail your response to Joy Gatz at jgatz@aurora.edu on or before March 20th to qualify for the drawing. Please make sure to include your name and

address! Watch for the name of the winner and the results of this survey in the next CyberSpartans Newsletter.

Questions? Contact us!

Do you need more information about AU? Have questions about a specific program or athletic team? Our admission representatives would be happy to help in whatever way they can. Remember, it is our mission to make your college search a successful one. Contact us via e-mail at admission@aurora.edu. You may also call us at (630) 844-5533 or (800) 742-5281.

If you are no longer interested in Aurora University and would like to be taken off of our mailing list, simply e-mail jgatz@aurora.edu and include your full name, e-mail and address.