

Hi everyone!

I am a third year student at Austin College and a 2018 Sam Houston graduate. I am majoring in English and double minoring in Communications and Education. I wanted to reach out to you all to welcome you to Austin College and to hopefully comfort you guys in your process of becoming college students!

First and foremost, congratulations on successfully graduating!! This year was honestly chaotic and weird for all of us so I, personally, and everyone around you are extremely proud of you all for making it this far!

Austin College has become a home for me and I have become accustomed to the way things work on campus. I am here to help you along your journey of becoming a Roo! I am more than positive you guys have mentors and other adults along your side to help you through this process, but I thought as a student myself, I can be of help to you all as well because of my college experience and perspectives.

I will provide you all with my contact information if you ever have any questions or concerns about majors/minors/locations on campus/anything regarding AC or just anyone to talk to during those late nights of endless homework or early morning coffee conversations. I am here for you!

Lastly, here are a couple of need-to-know tips as the school year begins!

* Austin College is such a friendly and positive environment, do not fear conversation (while also social distancing) and I promise, you all will build really great friendships here!

* YOUR SYLLABUS IS YOUR BABY! When you receive your syllabi, it is important that you go through every little detail in order to understand what your class will consist of and to keep up with deadlines (I'll let you know more about that soon!)

* Please be sure that you have these icons downloaded on your phone or pinned (tabbed) on your computer!

- AC Mobile app
- Zoom
- Outlook 365
- AC Moodle
- AC Webhopper

* It is extremely important that you are checking your email at least twice a day, if not once a day, to make sure you are not missing any important updates, events, or emails.

* I've saved tons of money during the school year purchasing (renting) my books through Chegg.com!! While I have purchased a few from the AC store because Chegg or other websites may not have what I'm looking for, it is always important to rent and not buy! Renting is a smarter and cheaper way of getting your books.

* As far as your health and safety, please remember to keep yourselves hydrated, make sure you are eating, get your 7-8+ hours of sleep in, and ALWAYS wear a mask and sanitize! We are currently in difficult times, and I can't stress enough how important it is to keep not only yourself safe but others as well.

If you guys ever need to reach out, please don't be shy and feel free to at any time!

Enjoy your move in and hope to see or hear from you all soon!! Go Roo's!!

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