



WELCOME MIAMI STUDENTS Fall Semester 2009-2010

IMPORTANT NOTICE

August, 2009

Dear Miami Student:

Welcome to the beginning of the 2009-10 academic year! As we continue Miami's celebration of its 200th birthday, we look forward to several exciting events this semester. Our university lectures, athletic events and co-curricular experiences will continue to highlight the history and future of Miami. I encourage you to participate fully in each event. You can begin on September 5th by attending the "Rumble at the River" when Miami takes on the University of Kentucky Wildcats at Paul Brown Stadium. Other events to look forward to early in the semester are, MegaFair on August 30, the Associated Student Government housing fair on September 14, and the bicentennial symposium on "*The Engaged University: The vision for the Next Centennial*" on September 23-24.

As you settle in, there are several important things to remember. As a community of learners, it is important for us to honor the practices that keep us safe, preserve the integrity of the learning environment, and maintain a climate for learning that is conducive to achievement. Further, we must all be mindful of the impact that Miami University has on the community of Oxford, and be respectful of city ordinances designed to ensure a safe and healthy city. Below we remind you of key initiatives or practices designed to create a healthy and safe climate.

Wishing you a successful year,

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Associate Vice President & Dean of Students

EMERGENCY TEXT MESSAGE INITIATIVE

- We again encourage you to sign up to receive an **emergency text message** in the case of a campus-wide emergency through the "Miami Emergency Text Messaging System," you must sign up in order to participate. If you don't have a cell phone, you can register to receive an emergency e-mail instead. Messages will only be sent in situations that pose immediate danger or the closing of an entire campus. This notification service will not eliminate or replace existing emergency reporting procedures, but will add to them. To register, go to the Miami University police Web site

(<http://www.muohio.edu/emergencytextmessaging>) or, from myMiami, find Emergency Text Message System in the Miami Web Page Index.

INTEGRITY POLICY CHANGE

- Per the Student Handbook Chapter 5.C.4 (Procedures for adjudicating cases of academic dishonesty) and the Code of Student Conduct section 2.3.F (Penalties for Dishonesty Violations), the University will now consider violations of both the in-class dishonesty policy and the out-of-class dishonesty policy when making decisions regarding student conduct matters. If a student has a prior out-of-class dishonesty violation (Code of Conduct Section 102) and is found to be in violation of the in-class dishonesty policy (plagiarism, cheating, etc.) he/she is subject to a mandatory suspension for a minimum of one semester. Likewise, if a student has a prior in-class dishonesty violation and is found to be in violation of the out-of-class dishonesty policy he/she also would be subject to a mandatory suspension for a minimum of one semester. One in-class violation sanction may vary from grade reduction to ethics seminar. One out-of-class violation could result in ethics education. Visit the integrity website at <http://www.muohio.edu/integrity/>.

HEALTH & SAFETY

- Federal law requires that we send campus –wide notices about certain crimes that may occur in our community, when you see a “Crime Alert” or “Information Bulletin” please pay attention
- You are required to provide your **local contact information** and the name of a **family member/guardian/spouse or another significant person to contact** in the case of an urgent situation or emergency.
- The student counseling service and health service are available to you. They are in the Student Health Services Center on Campus Avenue.
- Procedures for handling **H1N1 cases** can be found on the Student Health Service website at <http://www.muohio.edu/saf/shs/>
- Make yourself aware of and **adhere to the rules** established by your residence hall living community or neighborhood housing authority.
- Maintain **locked doors** at all times.
- Report **unknown persons** to appropriate authorities.
- Remember there are **escort services** (details at <http://www.units.muohio.edu/prk/transportation.html>) (& use the buddy system).
- **Under-age alcohol consumption** is prohibited. Two alcohol violations may result in suspension
- **MISSING STUDENT**: Any person who believes an Oxford campus student is missing should notify the Miami University Police Department.