

MAIN Minutes

(Minority Alumni Involvement Now)

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Upcoming Events:

Just announced: 12:30 p.m. kick-off for homecoming game against Furman 10/7/09.

Lionel James to speak at MAIN Event Homecoming Weekend - November 6-7, 2009

The 2009 MAIN Event Homecoming Weekend will be November 6-7. Registration is now open for all three events at www.aualum.org/MAINevent. Keynote speaker, Lionel 'Little Train' James '89, will share his story at the Saturday morning brunch. James played running back at Auburn University from 1981-1983 and spent his entire five-year NFL career with the San Diego Chargers from 1984-1988. To read more, check out [Lionel's story](#).

Hotel Accommodations for AU Football Weekends

A special rate has been negotiated at the Hampton Inn in Auburn for attendees of the MAIN Event Homecoming Weekend. Availability is limited and you must register for the event. Make your reservations today with this [form](#). On other game day weekends, hotel availability can be found at <http://www.aotourism.com/gameday/>. This site is sponsored by the Auburn/Opelika Tourism Bureau.

Notable News:

Online Career Resources Available for Alumni

The Office of Alumni Affairs has launched a career services Web site with information and resources for alumni who may be looking for a career and/or job change. For resume-writing and interview tips, interest inventories, articles and more, see www.aualum.org/careers/career_resources.html.

Liberty Mutual Coach of the Year News

Last year Coach Saban grabbed the #1 spot, but Coach Pat Dye has a plan for Auburn and Coach Chizik this year. Vote daily to bring more scholarships to Auburn.

<http://www.coachoftheyear.com/Coaches.aspx> [Pat Dye's message to you.](#)

Auburn University Posts Highest Enrollment and Increase in Minority Students

This fall, Auburn University achieved its highest enrollment in history, and its freshman class boasts the top ACT score of any previous class, according to numbers released by Auburn's Office of Institutional Research and Assessment. Enrollment is 24,602 among all student groups -- undergraduates, graduate students and those enrolled in professional schools -- which is up from 24,530 in fall 2008.

This year, 477 new minority students are enrolled, up 15 percent from last year's 416, a number which includes all students of color. The number of new transfer students also increased, with 1,377 enrolled as compared to last fall's 1,305. The university has been working through its Office of Multicultural Affairs and Diversity to increase Auburn's number of students of color, and the effort appears to be paying off.

[To read more](#)

Touring with the War Eagle Travelers

If you like to soar with the eagles, you'll love touring with the War Eagle Travelers. Next year's destinations span the globe and include Austria, Greece and Costa Rica for young alumni. For the adventurous, we offer exotic locales in Australia, New Zealand, China, Japan, Taiwan and South Korea - even a Tanzanian safari! Call (334) 844-1143 or visit www.aualum.org/travel for a complete tour list.

Minority Spotlight:

The October *Minority Spotlight* is – **George Sneed '96**

A graduate of the Nursing school, George Sneed has remained in the service industry with a career at Emory University and as the owner of a franchised restaurant. He is now running for state Senator in Georgia. To read more, go to [Minority Spotlight](#).

The *Minority Spotlight* is a feature focusing on the careers and accomplishments of minority alumni and friends. If you know someone we should consider for the *Minority Spotlight*, please submit their name, contact information, and notable facts to Tanja Matthews at tanjamathews@auburn.edu.

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