

## MAIN Minutes

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July 2009

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### *Upcoming Events:*

#### **MAIN Birmingham End of Summer Picnic**

Please join the Auburn Family for an end of summer picnic on August 16, 2009 at Oak Mountain State Park. The picnic will be from 2-6 p.m. at the Magnolia/Sycamore Pavilion right by the beach. **Pre-register and get your FREE admission ticket.** Regular admission is \$3 for Adults; Children 6 to 11 years of age: \$1; Senior Citizens 62 years of age and older: \$1. We'll provide the meat; you bring a side dish or dessert to share and your own drinks.

There will be swimming, children's activities and give-aways. Members of the association will also receive a special gift- not a member, JOIN TODAY!

We look forward to seeing you, your family and friends for some great Auburn family spirit on August 16<sup>th</sup>. To register, go to [www.aualum.org/main](http://www.aualum.org/main)

#### **AUsome ticket deal for Braves outing - Come join US on August 1st**

How many Auburn Tigers can we fit onto Turner Field? The Atlanta Auburn club is headed to "the Ted" on Saturday, August 1, for Braves -vs- Dodgers - Game time: 4:10 p.m. And we have an AUsome deal (we're even hoping some other Auburn clubs and Tigers from Auburn will join us).

For a limited time, you can get special Club Pavilion seats -behind the first base line- for an AUsome Auburn Advance Ticket Purchase price of only \$6 each! Also, upper level seats (right above our other group) for only \$8 each. And if you prefer lower level field pavilion - we've got that option too!

Download a pdf order form in the events section of the Atlanta Auburn Club website by clicking the link below. Complete the form and fax or email to our Braves sales representative Justin Johnson (information is on the order form). \*Make sure to indicate your second option seating choice in case the Club Pavilion sells out.

Question? Contact the club by email at: [communications@atlantaauburnclub.org](mailto:communications@atlantaauburnclub.org)

<http://www.atlantaauburnclub.org/aac/Events/tabid/55/ModuleID/382/ItemID/54/mctl/EventDetails/Default.aspx?selecteddate=8/1/2009>

## *Notable News:*

### **Dean of Students Dr. Johnny Green Resigns**

Auburn University's Dean of Students Dr. Johnny Green has resigned. Green sent an e-mail to students Monday announcing his decision. In a brief phone call with the Opelika-Auburn News, late Monday evening Green did not give a specific reason for resigning, saying only that "it wasn't something bad. It's just something I needed to do for myself," he said. Green said he plans to remain a local presence and is looking at other opportunities on campus where he could "continue serving students."

"Auburn is a wonderful place," he said, "but it was reaching a time that I just needed to ease on." In a copy of the e-mail forwarded to the Opelika-Auburn News, Green said "It has been my pleasure and absolute delight to lead the Student Affairs area this past three years.... The one thing you need to understand about me is this: I believe in Auburn, and LOVE it! War Eagle!" (Published in the Opelika-Auburn News by staff writer Jaime Lakin on July 13, 2009)

### **Governor Riley encourages applications for Auburn University Trustee position**

The Auburn University Board of Trustees will soon have a vacancy, and Governor Bob Riley is encouraging interested individuals who meet the residency requirements to apply. The open position is for a trustee representing District 6, which includes Bibb, Chilton, Greene, Hale, Perry, Shelby, Sumter and Tuscaloosa Counties. Applicants must be a resident of one of those counties and less than 70 years of age when appointed to the Auburn Board. The District 6 position is currently occupied by Paul Spina of Pelham, an Auburn trustee since 1995. In a letter addressed to members of the Auburn family, Riley said trustee candidates should be "leaders who are forward-looking, service-oriented and dedicated to furthering Auburn's instruction, research and extension missions." Click [here](#) to read more. A copy of the Governor Riley's letter to the Auburn family is attached.

### **New vice president for student affairs**

Ainsley Carry joined the Auburn University administration as Vice President of Student Affairs on June 15<sup>th</sup>. He is a graduate of the University of Florida and has been in higher education administration since 1992. Carry was chosen from a final group of three very qualified candidates.

For more on Dr. Ainsley Carry go to <http://wireeagle.auburn.edu/news/899>

## *Get involved:*

### **The Auburn Alumni Association PLUS Scholarship supports minority students**

In an effort to increase diversity among the undergraduate student population at Auburn University, the Provost has created, with the help of generous financial support from corporate partners and the Auburn Alumni Association, the Provost Leadership Undergraduate Scholarship (PLUS) Program. The PLUS program assists participants financially by providing them a \$2,000 scholarship per academic year renewable up to three years, and supports them academically and socially to ensure that they succeed at Auburn University. The Auburn Alumni

Association has joined this effort by supplying funding from the Auburn Alumni Association Scholars Endowment. This program has been developed to complement goals of the Auburn University Strategic Diversity Plan. The 2 Alumni PLUS Scholars for 2008-2009 are: [Jeanetta Thomas of Attala, AL](#) and [Demetrius Garner of Town Creek, AL](#). The association is looking forward to adding a third Alumni PLUS Scholar for the 2009-2010 academic year. You can make donations to support the Alumni PLUS scholarships by sending your check, made payable to AUBURN UNIVERSITY FOUNDATION. In the memo line indicate ALUMNI PLUS SPENDABLE and send it to:

Auburn Alumni Association  
Attn: Scholarships  
317 S. College St. • Auburn, AL 36849

[DONATE ONLINE](#) Choose: *Auburn Alumni Association Endowment* and note: ALUMNI PLUS SPENDABLE in the 'special gift' section.

### **Nominate a deserving Auburn professor or staff member**

The Auburn Alumni Association seeks nominations from alumni and current students by August 28 for faculty members who deserve recognition for excellent teaching. Nominations also are being accepted for potential recipients of the Minority Achievement Award, which honors faculty who have done the most to recruit minority students to the university or improved race relations in the university community.

The Alumni Undergraduate Teaching Excellence Awards and the Alumni Minority Achievement Award each carry an honorarium of \$1,000. Recipients will be recognized at a ceremony this fall.

A description and link to the nomination form follows:

<http://www.aualum.org/awards/minority-achievement.html> Minority Achievement Award  
<http://www.aualum.org/awards/undergrad-teaching.html> Undergraduate Teaching Excellence

### *Minority Spotlight:*

*Coming in August: A closer look at Dr. Ainsley Carry*

The Minority Spotlight is a feature that will focus on minority alumni or friends of Auburn who have interesting and notable careers or accomplishments. If you have someone you would like for us to consider for the *Minority Spotlight*, please submit their name, contact information and their notable fact to Tanja Matthews at [tanjamatthews@auburn.edu](mailto:tanjamatthews@auburn.edu).

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