



A.U. Chapters

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The Green Team

The green team is an environmental science club. We will go on field trips to go rock climbing, climb trees, visit plant museums, clean up Mill Creek, plant flowers here at school, and go on science trips.



If you want to join the **Green Team**, you need to talk to the 10th grade Environmental Futures teacher, Mrs. Thompson. We meet every Thursday from 2:00 to 2:30 in the conference room in building 3, we will have refreshments at the end of the meeting.

~Rose J. Kahn

Big Things Poppin' at AU Tonight!



Don't miss AU's first talent show! It's our first annual talent show, and the winner takes home a \$500 prize. Come on out and let the judges know who you think is the most talent. They'll be singing, dancing, hairstyling, and fashion. Our students and

staff will be there to entertain you.

The show starts at 7 PM. Tickets are \$10. Don't miss out on the event of the year.



Teacher Feature: Mrs. Thompson

There are some new teacher faces around AU this year, so I decided to sit down with one of them, Mrs. Thompson to get to know her better.

Mrs. Thompson transferred to AU from Winton Woods. She came to AU because she lives in Cincinnati, her children went to school in Cincinnati Public Schools, its closer to home, she likes the smaller schools in CPS, and she likes the idea of having "teams." She feels that, overall, students here know to be respectful, and are. Students apologize and try to do better.

Mrs. Thompson came to AU to teach environmental science courses and help with our new environmental focus. Dr. Rhodes, and other people within the District, told her about the new focus, and she made the move to come here and teach environmental science.

So far, she is enjoying Aiken. The teachers are committed and the students have a lot of energy and ideas. Everyone is very helpful in the school, and Dr. Rhodes has a lot of vision for the school.

She plans to stay at Aiken. She wants to help develop the Environmental Science program, and she wants to help develop the plans for the new, environmentally friendly building.

~Rose J. Kahn



Aiken Falcons Student Participation Program

Points will be awarded based on the following:

For each team you are part of: 50 pts
 For each club/activity you are part of: 20 pts
 For every game you attend: 3 pts

Team and club rosters will be used to determine participation.

*Coaches and club advisors will make final decisions.

*If a student attends a game, he or she must check in with Mr. Rossi, Mr. Shumar, or a designated teacher to get credit.

Prizes will include: MP3 player, Winter sports passes, T-shirts, gift cards, movie passes, sporting event tickets, plus more.

A trophy will be awarded to the student who has the most points for the year.



Luxury

Luxury is not always glamorous,
 Nor' is it always filled with imaginations.
 I guess I didn't have my future set towards its goals,
 So now I'm trying to pick up the pieces.
 My endings are my beginnings,
 That'll never be my endings.
 Never will I give up,
 But provide myself with more.
 Feeding off people comments and negativity only en-
 hances my ability to stand up
 And say that I am proud to be acknowledged by both
 sides of the road.
 But luxury is always not easy;
 Though I think you should know.

~Marvin Brooks, 12/8/05

Quote to Consider

" The dark clouds of the past must be put behind in order to see the sunshine of the future."

Written in 2007 by Otobong Adaise --- Nigeria

ACT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
October 27, 2007	October 1, 2007
December 8, 2007	November 2, 2007
February 9, 2008	January 4, 2008
April 12, 2008	March 7, 2008
June 14, 2008	May 9, 2008

Slavery Child

Slavery child
 With hands so soft, and a heart so fragile
 Slavery child
 Chained in thick chains with an organized brain of
 how to be a
 Slavery child
 Beaten and stolen from their tears
 Left in the desert and patient as a
 Slavery child
 For years

~Marvin Brooks, 9/28/05



Hey, What's this Mean?

I asked students around the school what solubility meant. Here are the answers I received. Do you know the right answer?

1. Deluting the water
2. A law
3. Water or Air
4. Force of gravity
5. Being Stable
6. Soul mate
7. Living on your own
8. Something about your soul
9. I dont know
10. Science
11. Solar system
12. Working alone
13. Your ability being low
14. adding or subtracting
15. Eye sight
16. African-American

~Brittany Whittaker

SAT Test Dates

Test Date	Registration Deadline
November 3, 2007	October 2, 2007
December 1, 2007	October 30, 2007
January 26, 2008	December 26, 2007
March 1, 2008	January 29, 2008
May 3, 2008	April 1, 2008
June 7, 2008	May 6, 2008

Listen Up!

Okay listen up all classes! First I would like to say welcome to the school year of 07-08. I think that we all know this is going to be an interesting year, especially with the class of '08 leading it on, but in order for us to succeed we have to consider some critical facts about GPAs and student fees.

Number one, many students are unaware of the actual importance of their GPA. Consider that you need at least a 3.0 average in order to get into the college of your choice. If your GPA is less than a 2.0, you are going to have a series of problems paying for college. Yeah, I said paying for college. Believe your teachers when they say your grades are important. A low GPA can not only limit your choices of where you go to college, but will also limit the scholarships you qualify for. Make no mistake, you will end up working in the fast food industry, making that fast food industry wage until you step it up and find a way to pay that tuition.

In actuality, you shouldn't even have to worry about that GPA if you stay on top of your game during your freshman year. Underclassmen (freshmen and sophomores), ask any senior about GPA and all seniors will tell you to, "Get on it, and stay on top of it." To be honest, why wouldn't you stay on top of everything as an underclassman? During these years you have the ability to obtain higher GPAs and grades in order to make your junior and senior years as easy as possible. If you stay on top of your work, you will not have to worry about passing an Apex class or going to summer school to graduate on time; you will already have over half of the credits you need to graduate and an excellent GPA. How many seniors do you think are in jeopardy of not graduating? How many seniors are taking Apex classes, trying to make up credits they should have earned as underclass men? How many seniors have finally realized how important GPA is, and are finally trying to raise their GPA from a 1.0 to a 3.0 by January? Way too many. Do yourselves a favor and take the workload off your shoulders by staying on top of your work now!

Secondly, your student fees must be paid. Juniors, and especially seniors, this is directed specifically to you. Many of us have over two-hundred to four-hundred dollars in student fees. I am sure that everyone knows the routine, you don't pay your student fees, then you don't walk; it is as simple as it is said. You don't want to wait until the end of your senior year to deal with this. Start paying those off now to get them out of the way; eliminate one of the small debts that can cost you your biggest day of your year. Seniors, I would prefer for all of us to walk down that aisle, wouldn't you? Juniors and sophomores, take care of that business now so that you will not end up like so many of us seniors who seem to be nonchalant about that ceremonial day. These fees can, and will, hurt you in the future if you are not on top of them starting now. I hope that all classes will take it upon themselves to handle this situation in the best and fastest way possible. Our strong, powerful futures are coming right around the corner, don't let fees hold you back. Take care of business now, so you can take the next step into the world as the next generation's leaders.

So to all classes, let's get focused! The school year is shorter than you think, and the freshmen will find themselves wishing that they had the time to make up for their horseplay sooner than they can imagine.

Let's make this year live and represent for the class of 2008. To all juniors let's get ready for that last year, sophomores keep on working hard, freshman get on top, and seniors, of course, do it big.

~Creanna Martin

Looking at Me

I smile at the things that stand in my way;
 I laugh at the ignorance every single day.
 I walk away from the things that try to hold me back;
 I love the things that keeps me focused and on track.
 I am a role model to the things that have a life to find;
 I am an enemy of the things that tries to corrupt my mind.
 I admire the things that give me a chance to grow.
 I am a stranger to the things that are ranked so low.
 I look down on the things with no self-esteem;
 I step on the things that try to crush my dreams.
 I succeed in the things that others seem to fail;
 I stay on top of the things that keeps me motivated and on the right trail.



~Nadia Ray, 8/29/06

SAT Question of the Day

Submit the right answer to Ms. G-P, room 826, and be entered in a drawing to win prizes!

Choose the word or set of words that, when inserted in the sentence, *best* fits the meaning of the sentence as a whole.

Although the acreage involved in a national boundary dispute may seem insignificant, even the slightest ----- in a country's alleged border appears ----- to that nation, a threat to its security.

1. inconsistency . . felicitous
2. variation . . trivial
3. rigidity . . traumatic
4. change . . favorable
5. breach . . ominous

Poem of a Poet

My poems are an expression of what I think and see.
 My poems are my dreams, my imagination, and my personal diary.
 They are the changes I go through to become who I am.
 They are evolution.
 They are my past, present, and my future.
 They are my life!
 My poems are my feelings of emotion, they tell tragedy, love and stories of my life.
 My poems are another form of me.

~Nadia Ray, 9/2006



Upcoming Leadership Team Activities

Saturday, October 6: College Hill Pumpkin Patch
 Park located off Belmont Avenue
 10 AM until 4 PM

Saturday, October 13: Bridges for a Just Community
 Freedom Center
 8 Am until noon

Saturday, October 27: Make A Difference Day
 College Hill
 8:30 AM until noon

For more information and to sign up for any and all activities, see Ms. Pack-Rowe, Ms. Kamrani, Ms. Sherman, or Ms. Evans.

JCG Week Presents Aiken's First Annual Career Fair

Date: Wednesday, October 3, 2007

Time: 10:30am -1:00pm

Where: Small Cafeteria

Aiken University

4th bell School Wide Career Fair

5th bell Guest Speaker

Stacey Rose-Kroger HR

Employer Expectations

6th bell JCG Career Fair

Career Recruiters

Eurie Realty

LaRosa's

Atria Northgate Park (nursing home)

Youth Zone (16+)

Belcan Temporary Service

Cincinnati Fire Department

Cincinnati Police Department

Kroger

Continued Education Recruiters

Army

Cincinnati Cooks

Cincinnati State

Western Hill School of Beauty

Electrical Apprenticeship Program

Environmental Field Tech (?)



Students must have permission, in advance, from their teachers to participate.

Leadership Rocks! Come Join Us!

As Aiken University students, we come as a team to Room 813 for fun, friendship, and service for others. We've done tremendous amounts of community service in the Cincinnati area. We are proud to see how our community benefits from our commitment.

On August 1st we had to explain to Channel 5 News what it is we really do. We went around explaining what we did as a whole. Erica Bellomo said, "Leadership Team helped me with my social skills, helped me gain interest in community service." When Zohal Faqiri was asked about her experience with the club, she told Channel 5, "Leadership Team helped me gain confidence, social skills, and get interested in helping people less fortunate."

The Leadership Team has done a lot of activities while doing community service. We did: Su Casa Hispanic Festival, Clean Up College Hill, Great American Clean Up Day, Urban League Education Summit, Walk As One, College Hill Pumpkin Patch, and many other projects.

The Su Casa Hispanic Festival is at the Hamilton County Fairgrounds. I met people from

different cultures, and helped with the American Red Cross tent. I took people's blood pressure, and I helped give out information on High Blood Pressure. At Clean Up College Hill Day, I helped pick up litter on the ground from Llanfair Avenue to Northbend Road. We got pizza from LaRosas, bagels from Panera Bakery, and door prizes. At Great American Clean Up Day, we cleaned up all around College Hill and on Hamilton Avenue. At the Urban League Educational Summit, we went to University of Cincinnati to learn about all of the problems of our city. It also was a college fair. At Walk as One, we helped out at some of the booths, gave out water to the runners, and passed the prizes to the Top 3 Winners. At the College Hill Pumpkin Patch, we guided Arts & Crafts, Games, and helped out with the pony rides.

Aiken University thinks that the Leadership Team Rocks. And you would too if you joined. The Leadership Team meets every Tuesday after school from 2:00 to 2:30 in room 813.

~Rose J. Kahn

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Upcoming College Visits to AU

All college representatives will be located in the College Resource Center. Please see Ms. Washington to sign up.

9/28 (Friday) Aiken College Fair 12:35-1:35
10/4 (Thursday) College of Mount St. Joseph 8-9am
10/16 (Tuesday) Brown Mackie College 10:30am
10/17 (Wednesday) Morehead State 10:30am
11/1 (Thursday) Middlebury College 8:00am- 1:00pm

Publication Schedule

AU Chapters is looking for good writers!

Submit your creative writing pieces, editorials, announcements or articles by the deadline for publication in that issue. Creative writing pieces must fit with the theme of the issue to be considered for publication. We are looking for sports writers.

All submission must be emailed to perkins@cps-k12.org

October 31st Issue: Autumn & Spooky Tales
Submission Deadline: 10/24/07

December 12th Issue: Family Traditions & Holidays
Submission Deadline: 12/5/07

January 30th Issue: Resolutions & Promises
Submission Deadline: 1/23/08

February 27th Issue: Love & Romance
Submission Deadline: 2/20/08

April 16th Issue: Practical Jokes & April Fools
Submission Deadline: 2/9/08

May 14th Issue: Graduation & Commencement
Submission Deadline: 5/7/08

Upcoming Events at Aiken University High School

Sept. 28

Drop Everything and Read 8:10-8:25
Aiken College Fair 12:35-1:35
TALENT SHOW 7-9 Main Auditorium

Oct. 1-4

JCG Week

Oct. 3

JCG Career Fair/Small Cafeteria
Homecoming Court Nominations Due to Ms. Black-Reed 2:00

Oct. 4

JCG Voter Registration Drive
PTO 6:30 Conference Rm.

Oct. 5

Drop Everything and Read 9:10-9:25

Oct. 6

Central State Campus Visitation 7:15 a.m. – Ms. Washington
OMI Historical Marker Dedication Ceremony 10:00
College Hill Pumpkin Patch

Oct. 7

Cincinnati National College Fair @ Duke Energy Center 1-4:00

Oct. 8

Mayerson Found. Workshop @ St. X. 7:45-1:15

Oct. 8-13

Homecoming Week

Oct. 11

Picture Day

Oct. 12

Drop Everything and Read 10:08-10:23

Oct. 13

Homecoming Day—Football Game 1:00, Dance 9:00

Oct. 15

CPS PD Day 7:20-2:50 No students (changed from 10/5)

Oct. 17

PSAT Test – all 10th and 11th graders
Keep Cinti. Beautiful Field Trip, 9-1:30 -- Ms. Jencks

Oct. 18

Last Day of 1st Quarter

Oct. 19

1st Qtr Records Day—No Students

Oct. 20

Football-Senior Night/Recognition of Senior Teachers

Oct. 22-26

OGT grades 11-12/Practice for 10th graders

Oct. 25

JCG Initiation 2:00

Oct. 26

Drop Everything and Read 12:37-12:52