

Dear incoming student,

This week marks the halfway point of our virtual CWE sessions. To those who have already participated in a virtual session, we appreciate the ways you engaged in your session. For those of you with a session scheduled over the next four weeks, we look forward to meeting and serving you and your family members.

Our last virtual session is scheduled for July 6-9, and it had been our hope that after that we would be able to offer you and your family the opportunity to visit campus prior to the start of fall semester, but unfortunately we are unable to extend that invitation.

Though the university will be reopening to in-person instruction and to hosting events oncampus on a limited basis, there are health restrictions from the State of Alabama and the Centers for Disease Control which limit event size and require social distancing. These restrictions, while necessary, prevent us from offering a program to you that we believe would be both engaging and meaningful.

I know this will be disappointing news to many of you. Believe me when I say that it's also disappointing for us. We love the energy you bring to campus and to the city of Auburn. Both the campus and the community have missed that this summer. We look forward even more to the start of fall semester and the excitement that is sure to come with it.

In the meantime, we will point our efforts toward August when our office and many others will offer events as part of Auburn's Welcome Week. More information about Welcome Week will be available as we get closer to the start of fall.

To get the latest updates regarding Auburn's response to COVID-19, make sure to frequently check <u>Auburn's coronavirus information website</u>.

Sincerely,

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