



**WELCOME MIAMI STUDENTS
Spring Semester 2011-2012**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

January 2012

Dear Miami Student:

Welcome to the beginning of second semester! We are already in full swing with new classes, action-packed basketball and hockey schedules, student organization events and Greek life rush.

Here are some exciting events coming to Oxford, Hamilton, Middletown and the VOA Learning Center:

- January 16—There will be opportunities to participate in various Martin Luther King observances
- January 30—CNN chief medical correspondent Dr. Sanjay Gupta will speak at Hall Auditorium
- February 15—Miami Hamilton features Dr. Juan Gilbert at the Racial Legacies & Learning Series
- February 27—Geoffrey Canada speaks about improving the lives of children exposed to poverty
- March 14—Miami Middletown welcomes Ralph Nader as part of the Casper Lecture Series

As we begin this semester, we not only look forward to events but are once again reminded of our collective and individual responsibility, academic integrity and working toward academic success. Let's remember to always represent ourselves, and the university, in a positive way.

I also wish to remind you that at the beginning of this academic year we distributed to all students a **Miami emergency card** with important emergency contact information. Please keep it close or save all of the contact information in your cell phone in case of any crisis situation (better safe than sorry, right?).

Below I provide more information that will help ensure a productive, successful and safe semester. Plus, check out additional tidbits on the Dean of Students web page, www.miami.muohio.edu/deanofstudents.

Have a successful semester!

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In case of emergency, we'll text you

We encourage you to register to receive an **emergency text message** in 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 is in addition to existing emergency reporting procedures. To register for the system, go to the Miami University Police website (<http://www.muohio.edu/emergencytextmessaging>) or, from myMiami, find Emergency Text Message System in the Miami Web Page Index.

A quick refresher on the integrity policy

Did you know the University considers violations of both the in-class dishonesty policy and the out-of-class dishonesty policy when making decisions regarding student conduct matters? It's explained in the Student Handbook 1.5.C.1 (Procedures for Reporting and Adjudicating Cases of Academic Dishonesty) and the Code of Student Conduct section 2.3.F (Penalties for Dishonesty Violations).

If a student has a prior out-of-class dishonesty violation (Code of Student Conduct section 102) and then 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 (the same is true for the reverse scenario). One in-class violation sanction may vary from grade reduction to attending an ethics seminar. One out-of-class violation could result in ethics education. Visit the integrity website at <http://www.muohio.edu/integrity/>.

Watch your downloads

Illegal distribution of copyrighted material (such as unauthorized P2P file sharing) is not only prohibited by federal and state law but also a violation of the University's Code of Student Conduct. Violation of copyright laws can subject you to substantial civil liability as well as criminal punishment. Illegal distribution of copyrighted material is a violation under the University's Code of Student Conduct and may result in University disciplinary action. Please review the University's policy at <http://www.miami.muohio.edu/about-miami/publications-and-policies/student-consumer-info/file-sharing.html>.

Support services available in urgent personal situations

- For death in the immediate family or critical illness or traumatic life events, **contact the Office of the Dean of Students** 513-529-1877 or **regional campus Student Affairs** 513-785-3211 or 513-727-3233. The offices provide support and can notify faculty/staff.
- **Sexual Assault support services** are available through the **Dean of Students**

Stay healthy, stay safe

- Federal law requires that we send campus-wide notices about certain crimes that may occur in our community. Pay attention to **Crime Alerts** or **Information Bulletins**.
- Oxford campus crimes can also be tracked on **crimereports.com**. Enter "Miami University Oxford campus" in the location bar.
- 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 **Student Health Service** are available to you. They are located in the Health Services Center on Campus Avenue (Oxford) and counseling is available via student affairs offices on the regional campuses.
- Be aware of and **adhere to the rules** established by your residence hall living community or neighborhood housing authority. **Report unknown persons** to authorities.
- With our new residence hall door lock system, doors automatically lock upon exiting. **Do not prop doors open** and do not provide unauthorized entry for persons into halls.
- Remember there are **safe escort services** (details at <http://www.units.muohio.edu/prk/transportation.html>) and use the buddy system.
- **Prohibited alcohol use/intoxication** violates the law and student code. 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, (513) 529-2222.