

## **Pathways College Connections**

focuses on building and maintaining supportive and informative relationships between Aurora University and high school and college transfer students with autism, as well as their families, throughout the academic school year.







- » The program is designed to provide social connections with peers and university students as well as to preview and develop familiarity with college living.
- » Students will work with AU Pathways College Connections professionals, graduate students, and current college students who have been trained in strategies to work with individuals on the spectrum.
- » Activities take place monthly both on the main Aurora campus as well as at local community sites.
- » Students have several on-campus options to select from each month, including: AU student activities, sporting events, musical and theatre productions, art exhibits, fitness/health and recreation activities, social get-togethers, and dinners.
- **»** Social groups are incorporated into monthly off-campus outings.
- » Parents participate in monthly informational sessions regarding the college experience. The meetings include guest speakers from throughout the university, including admission counselors, financial aid experts, student success advisors, and faculty.



## At a Glance

The Pathways College Connections program runs from September through April with a break during the month of December.

Applications to the program are accepted year-round, and admitted students can start the program at any time.

Pricing will be prorated based on the student's start date.

See below for a list of monthly activities:

Aurora University on-campus enrichment experience

Off-campus outing and social group led by Pathways staff

Student check-in with Pathways staff online

Informational parent group

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