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Dear AU Student:

With warm, sunny weather beginning to be more frequent, mid-term exams and papers completed, and spring break behind us, it's natural that outdoor activities and events will increase, so now would be a good time to remind everyone of the commitment the University has made, and that you as an AU student have also made, to be good neighbors in the local community.

As you welcome the spring weather and are able to be out and about and have friends over more frequently, all AU students must:

- know, understand and abide by local ordinances and laws;
- know, understand and abide by AU's [Student Conduct Code](#);
- know, understand and abide by the terms of your lease;
- monitor and maintain the condition of your property;
- manage the behavior of your guests and;
- when you choose to host friends at your residence, do so in a responsible, considerate and lawful manner.

It is important that all American University students understand the expectations set in the [Good Neighbor Guidelines Policy](#). Specifically, it is important for you to become familiar with the "Disorderly Conduct Amendment Act" DC Code Section 22-1321(d) which states: **It is unlawful for a person to make an unreasonably loud noise between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. that is likely to annoy or disturb one or more other persons in their residences.**

In addition, remember that the use of alcohol and other illegal substances (including marijuana) in public spaces, including neighborhood schools and parks, is a violation of District laws and the Student Conduct Code.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss strategies for successful off-campus living, please do not hesitate to reach out. Wishing you much success as you wrap up the Spring semester!

Sincerely,

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