Welcome to Pantherland! As the start of the semester draws near, there are a few things to remember. Be sure you’ve met all deadlines and submitted all documents necessary for a smooth transition. Use the information and links below to help guide you through the process.

**Meningitis Vaccinations**
Prairie View A&M University strives to keep all students healthy and safe. As such, the Department of Health and Counseling in conjunction with American Campus Communities is working to inform all students of the precautions needed to keep themselves healthy including the newest requirements regarding bacterial meningitis vaccinations.

The state of Texas now requires that every first-time student (regardless of age or classification), enrolling after January 1, 2010, residing on campus at Prairie View A&M University must show evidence of being immunized against bacterial meningitis.

What this means to you:
If you are living on-campus for the first-time, you must submit evidence that you have received the bacterial meningitis vaccination **ten days** before moving in for Fall 2011. This includes University College, University Village and University Village North. International students must provide a certified English translation of all documents. **Students will not receive housing assignments until this evidence has been submitted.**

**Evidence of vaccination** must be submitted to the Department of Health Services in one of the following three formats:

1. A document bearing the signature or stamp of the physician or his/her designee, or public health personnel including the month, day, and year the vaccination was administered.
2. An official immunization record generated from a state or local health authority. This must include the month, day, and year the vaccination was administered.
3. An official record received from school officials, including a record from another state (must include the month, day and year the vaccination was administered).

**Evidence of declining vaccination** must be submitted in one of the following two formats:

1. An affidavit or certificate signed by a physician who is duly registered and licensed to practice medicine in the United States, in which it is stated that, the physician’s opinion, the vaccination required would be injurious to the health and well-being of the student.
2. An affidavit signed by the student stating that the student declines the vaccination for bacterial meningitis for reasons of conscience, including a religious belief. A conscientious exemption form from the Texas Department of State Health Services must be used. Secure
on line “Affidavit Request for Exemption from Immunizations for Reasons of Conscience” can be found at https://webds.dshs.state.tx.us/immco/affidavit.shtm

Returning the forms early will avoid periodic notification of the absence of this form from your official TTU University Student Housing Student record. The meningitis vaccination is available at the Owens-Franklin Health Center with your acceptance letter.
All documents or approved exemption forms must be received by the Department of Health Services ten days before moving in. Documents may be mailed, faxed, emailed or hand delivered to the Department of Health Services.

On all documents whether mailed, emailed, faxed or hand delivered you must include the attached cover page.

Mail: Health Services
Prairie View A&M University
P.O. 519  MS 1413
Prairie View, TX 77446

Email: healthandcounseling@pvamu.edu

Fax: 936/857-4999

Hand Delivery: Owens-Franklin Health Center
Reda Bland Evans @ O J Baker Street

Documents will not be processed on the day of check-in.

Campus Map
Find your way around PVAMU’s beautiful campus using this map.
http://www.pvamu.edu/Include/Campus_map/Campus_Map.pdf

Orientation
New Student Orientation will help you learn about information and services required to successfully assist new students in transitioning to university life. http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/1090.asp

Dining
Learn about meal plans, dining locations and other campus dining services by visiting http://www.pvamdining.com/

Computing
Get all the information you need about the technology you’ll use as a student.
- Your Email Account http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/2498.asp
- Your eCourses Account http://ecourses.pvamu.edu/webct/entryPageIns.dowebct
- Computer Labs  http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/2488.asp
- PantherTracks Help  http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/4081.asp

**Financial Information**
Learn about important deadlines for financial aid.

**Housing**
University College is the living-learning environment for freshman students.

**Bookstore**
The PVAMU bookstore is the first stop for your textbooks, PVAMU gear and more.

**Student Activities and Leadership**
Looking to get involved and be an active member of the PVAMU community? Find out more about student organizations and groups.

**Student Services**
From Diagnostic Testing and Disability Services to knowing where to park, get the information you need on student services.
- Panther Card (Student ID Cards)  [http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/662.asp](http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/662.asp)

**Emergency Preparedness**
Always be prepared by taking advantage of these vital services.
- Panther Alert System (Emergency Notification)  [http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/4039.asp](http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/4039.asp)
- Health & Counseling Center  [http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/552.asp](http://www.pvamu.edu/pages/552.asp)