Dear Student,

Please complete the attached Arrival Notification Form and return it to the Office of International Education no later than December 21, 2012.

PLEASE PRINT AND READ THE FOLLOWING!!
Welcome! We are excited you have chosen to study at Armstrong Atlantic State University and look forward to meeting you. Armstrong and Savannah are wonderful places to live. Please look through the following information as it may be helpful in planning your trip to the U.S. and Savannah. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email us.

DATE OF ARRIVAL:
If you have reserved a room on campus at one of the residence halls (Windward, Compass Point, University Crossing or University Terrace) check-in will begin **Thursday, January 3, 2013**  Check-in is from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Please check in prior to orientation. Also note on the Arrival Notification Form your arrival information in order for us to make arrangements for your check-in. If you arrive prior to January 3rd please contact Kristin. You will still be responsible for finding your own accommodations until check-in begins. Classes begin on Monday, January 7, 2013.

ORIENTATION:
**ORIENTATION** is **REQUIRED** for **ALL STUDENTS**. You must attend orientation in order to register for your classes.

**Friday, January 4, 2013** is **International Student Orientation**. The orientation will be held from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. It is a **REQUIREMENT** that you attend the **full day of orientation** from 11 a.m.-5 p.m.!

Please come to the Office of International Education located in Hawes Hall Room 210 on January 4th to learn the location of the international orientation session.

You will need to bring your **PASSPORT, I-20 or DS-2019, I-94 CARD**, and **PROOF of HEALTH INSURANCE (if applicable) to orientation**, you will not be able to register until you have submitted these documents to one of the International Education staff members. See section on **MEDICAL INSURANCE** for instructions on Pearce and Pearce waiver.
TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Notify Jessica (Jessica.Tuttle@armstrong.edu) AND Kristin (Kristin.Kasting@armstrong.edu) once you have received your F-1 or J-1 Visa.

IMMIGRATION:
You should carry your passport, I-20 or DS-2019, and I-94 with you at all times. Be sure that you read all pages of your I-20 or DS-2019 form. Please be aware that there are customs regulations concerning the types of goods you may bring into the U.S. If you have questions refer to: http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/travel/vacation/kbyg/prohibited_restricted.xml. Be sure to review the Travel Factsheet sent by Jessica in your admissions packet. You may also find the information at: http://www.ice.gov/sevis/factsheet/100104ent_stdnt_fs.htm.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS:
We recommend that you make arrangements to fly into the Savannah Hilton Head International Airport. The airlines that fly into Savannah are American Airlines, Continental, Delta, United Express, US Airways and Vision Airways.

As soon as you have made your travel arrangements, please return the enclosed Arrival Notification Form by fax: 912.344.3456 or email: International.Education@armstrong.edu. The deadline for submitting the Arrival Notification Form is Friday, December 21, 2012.

If you are not planning to attend ARMSTRONG, please notify us immediately.

TRANSPORTATION TO ARMSTRONG:
Taxis are available to ARMSTRONG from the airport for approximately $35.00 - $40.00.

HELPFUL HINTS ON TRAVEL SAFETY:
While traveling, do not carry items for anyone that you do not know. Do not leave your belongings unattended at any time. We recommend that you keep your money, passport, ID, travel documents, and any other important documents on your person at all times.
THINGS TO BRING

ITEMS FROM YOUR COUNTRY:
*Please bring:
  - a traditional costume from your country for international events on campus
  - your favorite recipe(s) from home*

The International Student Organization and the Office of International Education sponsor many events throughout the year. In addition to bringing a traditional costume, you may also want to bring items native to your country such as jewelry, artwork, dolls, games, weavings, books, maps, photographs, digital images, etc.

CLIMATE:
The weather in Savannah is generally mild. During the summer it is hot and humid, while the winter is cool and generally mild. The average winter temperature is 50° F/10°C, while the average summer temperature is 80°F/27°C. In the summer, it is also very humid, and it is not uncommon for temperatures to reach around 100°F/38°C in July and August.

CLOTHING:
Most students find blue jeans or shorts worn with tee shirts appropriate for attending class. You may also want to bring some formal clothing (suits for men/dresses for women) for social or religious functions you may choose to attend. You will need a medium-weight coat for the winter, but it is not necessary to bring heavy woolens. If you forget something or find you need to supplement your wardrobe once you arrive, there are many clothing stores nearby. An umbrella is also useful in Savannah.

IMMUNIZATIONS:
If you have not already completed the Certificate of Immunization, you must have the form completed immediately upon arrival.

MEDICAL INSURANCE:
The University System of Georgia has implemented a mandatory insurance program. Your student account will automatically be billed for the total cost of the insurance at the beginning of each semester. The rates for 2012-2013 school year are:

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If you are currently enrolled in an insurance plan equal to the University plan, you may submit your insurance documents for a waiver request; however, waivers are NOT granted frequently. Please email Kristin if you are interested in the waiver process.

EXPENSES:

Fees for Fall semester MUST BE PAID by January 4, 2013, the day you register for classes. There are absolutely NO EXCEPTIONS to this deadline. Tuition can be paid by cash, traveler’s cheque, check, or credit card (MasterCard, Discover, or American Express. We do NOT accept VISA.). If you have reserved a room on campus, you must pay for your housing on campus each semester. Traveler’s cheques are the easiest way to carry money since you can almost instantly convert a traveler’s cheque into cash. If you do not prefer to carry traveler’s cheques, some students prefer to bring two checks for payment of fees: 1. Payable to Armstrong for tuition & housing and 2. Personal check to open a bank account.

DO NOT CARRY LARGE AMOUNTS OF CASH. If you bring a certified check, expect the bank to require several days before you receive cash for the check. To avoid lengthy delays in the processing of your check, please make sure the check has a bank routing number at the bottom of the check. Another option is to use your credit card. Some credit cards will automatically convert your purchase in dollars to the currency of your home country at the current exchange rate of the day. Please check with your personal credit card company to insure this option is available. Savannah has an abundance of Automatic Teller Machines (ATMs) that dispense cash if you have a card from your bank.

Please note: Armstrong does not accept VISA!
AFTER ARRIVAL

SHOPPING TRIP:
There will be one or two scheduled shopping trips to the local department/grocery store. We will provide transportation for international students to and from the store. We will notify you after your arrival of the shopping schedule.

RESIDENCE HALLS: (If you have reserved a room for yourself prior to your arrival)

Payment for your room must be received the day you check in.

Residence halls will open Thursday, January 3, 2013 for move-in. You may check in between 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Payment is posted to your Armstrong S.H.I.P. account. Payments can be made by CHECK, MONEY ORDER, TRAVELER’S CHEQUES or CREDIT CARD.

Each apartment is equipped with furniture. The living room has a sofa, chair, tables, and an entertainment center. Most residence hall rooms have a dining table as well. Each bedroom has a bed, dresser, desk and chair. You may have your own private bedroom and you may share a bathroom with one other person. See the enclosed housing brochure for recommended items to bring and items to be left at home.

MEAL PLANS:
Residence hall rooms are equipped with full kitchens or kitchenettes. If you live on campus you are required to purchase a meal plan. If you live off campus, you may also purchase a meal plan (declining balance account) through the cafeteria. Forms are available at the cafeteria.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION:
Within walking distance from Armstrong there are: restaurants, a mall, fast food, a supermarket, banks, a hospital, doctors, cinemas, pharmacies, dentists, and places of worship. If you would like to travel to downtown Savannah or other areas of the city, the CAT (Chatham Area Transit) bus system is available for transportation.

If you have additional questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at International.Education@armstrong.edu or call us at 912.344.3128 or 912.344.3042. We hope you have a safe trip to the U.S. and we look forward to meeting you soon.

Best Wishes,

Dr. James N. Anderson
Director
International Education

Kristin R. Kasting
Assistant Director
International Education

Jessica Tuttle
International Student Advisor
Arrival Notification Form

* Please return this form by: December 21, 2012 *

If you are not coming to Armstrong Atlantic State University this Fall, please let us know immediately.
Phone: 912.344.3042
Fax: 912.344.3456

Name: ____________________________________________

Address: _________________________________________

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Phone: ________________________ Email: ________________________

My Academic Major is: _______________________________________

Arrival Information

I will be arriving in Savannah on ____________________ (Date) ____________________ (Time)

I will be traveling by: □ airplane  □ bus  □ boat  □ other: ____________________

Flight/Bus Number: ____________________ Airline/Bus Company: ____________________

* IMPORTANT HOUSING INFORMATION *

□ YES, I will be staying on campus; I have reserved a room for myself at:
   □ Windward  □ Compass Point  □ University Terrace  □ University Crossing

□ I WILL NOT be staying on campus. My local, off-campus address is:

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