

HUMBOLDT STATE UNIVERSITY

Office of the Dean of Students

Dear HSU Community,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to Humboldt State University! The new academic year is a time of excitement at Humboldt State University and throughout the city of Arcata. Each fall, the campus is re-energized by the spirit of our returning students and this year is no exception. We hope you know that you make our campus thrive! Our campus is enriched with your unique set of talents and perspectives. In turn, it is our responsibility to support your college experience that allows you to realize your maximum potential. It is our hope that you will find a campus community that is welcoming, inclusive, that fosters personal growth and promotes a sense of well-being. With the start of fall classes, we all share a sense of optimism and energy that new and returning Lumberjacks provide.

As students, we want to remind you that you are a part of our on and off-campus community and want to provide steps in order to maintain a safe environment for all who live in our community. It begins with planning ahead. Parties that become disruptive often do so without the host intending to be a nuisance to their neighbors. Here are some tips to have fun and make sure things do not spiral out of control:

- Keep your gatherings contained and private to prevent unintended consequences. Utilizing a guest list and not allowing minors to consume alcohol can keep things under control.
- Advertising a party on social media is never a good idea and can attract attention that hosts do not want.
- Should any police arrive, it is expected that hosts and those in attendance obey lawful commands and safely disperse as instructed.
- Whether it is your HSU identification or a state issued license, remember to carry a form of identification with you at all times.
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By keeping parties under control, hosts can avoid fines, evictions, jail time, civil penalties, and student conduct action from HSU.

University Police and Arcata Police will often receive calls from neighbors and concerned citizens regarding nuisance parties. Loud parties that feature a lot of people outside and in the streets, fighting and assaultive behavior that can lead to serious physical injury will often result in calls from neighbors. The City of Arcata does issue citations for disturbances and property managers can be contacted for possible evictions. By partnering with law enforcement, everyone can stay safer and be a better neighbor. Here are some resources for more information:

HSU Police (Non-Emergency): 707-826-5555

Arcata Police (Non-Emergency): 707-822-2428

HSU Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities: 707-826-3504

HSU Health Educator: 707-826-5233

CHECK IT HSU: 707-826-5235

We want everyone to have a safe and memorable year. Thank you for partnering with us to help stop parties that put our students and community at risk.

Sincerely,

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