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VICE PRESIDENT

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Dear Residence Hall Students,

As a new school year begins and students join us who may not be familiar with local and federal laws on marijuana use, I'd like to take this opportunity to clarify the city's restrictions on marijuana use and AU's position as a smoke-free campus.

Although Washington, DC has legalized recreational use on private property for people over 21, it remains illegal on public and federal property, including educational institutions like AU that receive federal funding. That's the law across the country, regardless of differences in state laws. Marijuana remains illegal under federal law and permitting it on a university campus or in residence halls, even for individuals with medical marijuana cards, would violate those laws.

As students, faculty and staff have acknowledged when logging into the portal, marijuana use (in any form) and possessing, buying, growing, transporting, selling or distributing marijuana on AU property or in connection with AU activities is prohibited. It's also a good idea to become familiar with the facts about the [District of Columbia's marijuana law](#), which sets many limits on use and does not allow marijuana use by people under 21.

AU is also a [tobacco and smoke-free campus](#), so please remember that this applies to all forms of smoking, including cigarettes (cloves, bidis, kreteks), electronic cigarettes, vapes and hookah-smoked cigarettes. Regarding alcohol and illegal drugs, please familiarize yourself, your roommates and friends [with the AU Student Conduct Code](#). Students charged and found responsible for violations related to alcohol, illegal drugs or illegal use of prescription drugs may face disciplinary sanctions such as disciplinary probation, removal from housing, or suspension. Parents will be notified.

We look forward to your cooperation in helping to ensure that AU is a safe, healthy campus.

Thank you,

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Vice President of Campus Life and Inclusive Excellence