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-President Marjorie Hass

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**NEW STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

- Austin College Gateways – A clear path to partner graduate schools with direct and early admissions, scholarships, and advanced coursework.

- Advocacy Teams – Moot Court, Mediation, and Mock Trial teams, housed in Abell Library’s courtroom, compete in tournaments nationwide.

- New Areas of Study – Majors include public health and business finance. New minors include accounting, education, neuroscience, and public health.

- Significant Grants – The Keck Grant will enhance science curriculum and integrate leadership skills. The Mellon Grant will support new technological advancements, including digital pedagogies.
CHALLENGING ACADEMICS AND EXCEPTIONAL OUTCOMES

- Our students graduate in 4 years. Of the May 2014 graduates, 96% completed their degree in four years or less.
- Austin College graduates experience an 80% acceptance rate into health science programs (medicine, dentistry, etc.).
- Austin College is a top producer of Fulbright awardees in the State of Texas.

A RESIDENTIAL COLLEGE

80% of students live on campus and thrive in activities and leadership opportunities like:
- theatre productions and concerts
- art exhibitions
- 70 student organizations
- NCAA Division III athletics - 14 teams

OUTSTANDING FACULTY AND HIGH-ImpACT TEACHING

The student to faculty ratio is 12:1, which means personalized, face-to-face teaching and mentorship. A faculty mentor is assigned to each new student and continues through four years.

Austin College faculty care about their students’ lives—while on campus and after graduation.

Faculty members who are experts in their field empower students to:
- Think for themselves
- Communicate ideas, not passively absorb and imitate
- Ask good questions
- Lead, innovate, and create

Student research is conducted in direct partnership with faculty, often leading to published research and presentations.

ADVENTUROUS LEARNING

- The four-week January Term offers in-depth study and intensive research courses, career exploration, and internships, both on campus and around the world.
- Nearly 70% of graduates of the last decade had an international study experience during college.
- 83% of students complete an internship during the college experience.
- Each year, students contribute more than 16,000 community service hours locally and internationally.

A WELCOMING COMMUNITY OF SERVICE AND LEADERSHIP

- Opportunities for career exploration are offered to every student through Career Services—beginning the freshman year.
- Our affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (USA) enables us to cultivate a vital, inclusive atmosphere.
- The Austin College community embraces diversity in all forms. More than 36% of the student body represent ethnic and racial minorities.
- Varied religious traditions are reported by students, with 66% identifying as Christians and 11% representing other faiths, including Hindu, Buddhist, Muslim, and Jewish.

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