



January 2015

Career Exploration Underway

January is an adventurous time for Austin College students. With many students exploring career opportunities, it's looking like Career Readiness Month.

During the next four weeks, over 80 sophomores, juniors, and seniors will participate in the College's [Career Study Off-Campus \(CSOC\) Program](#). The initiative allows students to take advantage of their liberal arts curriculum and identify the many ways their classroom knowledge can be applied in the workplace.

Better yet, CSOC provides an opportunity to look at a job or field, according to the College's Career Services office, and "try it on." For some students, the weeks will entail working with children in classroom settings or in legal services in the Dallas area. Other students will pursue environmental projects in Central America. Still, many like **Felix Omoruyi** '17 will remain near Sherman. He's headed to Texoma Medical Center to learn more about the medical field.

Previously, Felix shadowed two Austin College alumni in his hometown of Corpus Christi. Last summer an internship paired him with family medicine practitioner **Dr. Jonathan Martin** '78 (shown above) and anesthesiologist **Dr. Jerry Crawford** '84.

Another 40 students will examine career directions through the JanTerm "Chaos to Career" class, taught by [Career Services](#) Director **Margie Norman** '83. With her guidance, students initially evaluate themselves through a battery of tests. Strengths and weaknesses emerge. Then come details about potential careers.

Students on campus during JanTerm can also attend evening workshops. The sessions, including "Resume Creation & Building" and "Internships 101," are led by Assistant Director of Career Services & Internship Coordinator **Viki Reeder** '84. According to Reeder, they are classes with plenty of insight--and how-to's--about getting that first job.

Austin College Hosts Mock Trial Tournament

Over the Martin Luther King Jr. Weekend, January 17-18, Austin College will host its first [Mock Trial](#) Invitational. Fourteen mock trial teams, including the College's new team of seven members, will compete.

Visiting college competitors will represent The University of Texas at Dallas, Collin College, Baylor University, St. Thomas University, Kennesaw State University, and Southwestern University. Most competition rounds will take

place on the second floor of the Robert J. and Mary Wright Campus Center (WCC). The competition is open to the public. (Seating can be arranged up to half an hour prior to rounds in WCC Room 204.) Additional rounds will take place in the College's new courtroom in Abell Library Center.

New Year, New Giving Commitment

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