



October 2014

Homecoming and Reunion Weekend Almost Here

There is a mass migration at hand. Austin College alumni will soon be heading home--and celebrating 'Roo Nation.

During Homecoming and Reunion Weekend, Thursday, October 30, through Sunday, November 2, 'Roos will reconnect with old friends and discover a campus brimming with activities. First up is a special prelude to the fun--with the ['Roos Who Write 2014 Alumni Writers Conference](#).

Alumni writers of every ilk--novels, television, and even music--will discuss their craft. Thursday evening AlumnNight features speaker Deborah (Darden) Crombie '76, offers insight into the long run (17 mystery novels) with her characters from the United Kingdom. Lisa Fain '91, James Beard Foundation Award-winner for her food blog "Homesick Texan," speaks and joins Austin College President Marjorie Hass for Alumni Brunch on Saturday. Additional alumni writers, such as Peabody Award-winner Kim Powers '79 with ABC News in New York, will discuss their published works and share advice--through Alumni College seminars.

Reuniting With 'Roo Friends

There's plenty of opportunity for Reunion Year Classes (1969, 1974, 1979, 1984, 1989, 1994, 1999, 2004, 2009) to gather and celebrate. The Distinguished Alumni Awards Reception Friday evening, followed by dinner, in the Wright Campus Center is a great place to start.

Saturday, before the 'Roos face Southwestern University on the gridiron, head to Apple Stadium's [Outback](#) as tailgating gets underway. Then, win-or-lose, celebrate being home again at Austin College with alumni and friends at the "Homecoming Celebration in the Big Tent" Saturday evening.

Kidding Around

If heading to campus with children, let them practice their gold-and-crimson cheers Friday afternoon. The women's soccer team plays The University of Texas at Tyler on the newly updated Austin College Soccer Field. Saturday morning check out Kids College (age-appropriate crafts and games K-8), hosted by ACTivators (registration required). Take the family on a tour of campus. Enjoy seeing new educational additions, such as the IDEA Center with its native and fossil gardens (opened 2013), Advocacy Courtroom (Abell Library), or McCarley Woods Nature Preserve (Saturday tour).

The Chance To Give Back

Homecoming Weekend--it's a great time to make a gift to Austin College. You may wish to make it in honor of your class reunion year. Your gift of any size does make a difference.