Students Work to Establish Cultural District

The students who participated in the JanTerm class titled "CityLab: Leadership on Location," are working long after the term has ended to help Sherman gain a state-sanctioned, designated Cultural Arts District. On April 5, the group presented their findings at the Austin College Public Administration Symposium to City of Sherman officials and employees, representatives from various arts groups, students, and faculty. Their class research included travel to several Texas arts districts, interviews, and a visit with deputy director of the Texas Commission on the Arts Jim Bob McMillan in Austin. Students also prepared and published a report that was presented at a Sherman City Council meeting.
Campus Readies for 2017 Commencement

Austin College announces Dr. Michael Sorrell, president of Paul Quinn College, as Commencement speaker for the Class of 2017 graduation on May 14. Other activities honoring the Golden 'Roo Class of 1967 and outgoing president Dr. Marjorie Hass are scheduled for the weekend.

Patel Accepts Austin College Posey Leadership Award

Dr. Vikram Patel accepted the 2017 Austin College Posey Leadership Award at the Austin College Global Outreach (GO!) Forum at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas on March 29. He was honored for his servant leadership and work to provide innovative ways to extend mental health solutions in low-resourced areas around the world. The event was attended by alumni, health professionals, community leaders, and students.
Presidential Reflections | April 20, 5:30 p.m. | Join us for a farewell reception honoring Dr. Marjorie Hass, 15th president of Austin College. Luan Beaty Mendel '75 will lead a conversation with President Hass as she looks back on her experiences since joining our community in July 2009. RSVP here.

Golden 'Roo Weekend | May 12 - 14 | Golden 'Roos are those Austin College alumni who graduated at least 50 years ago, as well as members of their classes who attended but did not graduate. A new class is honored each spring as alumni reach their 50th anniversary.

Memorial Service for Bonnie Beardsley | May 20, 2 p.m. | Friends and alumni are invited to a memorial service at Wynne Chapel honoring the life and work of Bonnie Beardsley, Austin College assistant professor emerita of communication arts. A reception will follow in the Ida Green Communication Center Beardsley Arena Theatre. Mrs. Beardsley died March 15; she was 94.

2017 Austin College Legends | August 4 - 6 | Save the date.

Looking Ahead

- **Houston AlumNight**, April 25
- **Honors Convocation**, April 27
- **Sherman Symphony Orchestra - alumni singers needed**, April 29
- **Dallas AlumNight**, May 4
- **Baccalaureate Service**, May 13
- **Commencement**, May 14
- **Dallas Huddle Up**, May 17
- **Houston Huddle Up**, May 24

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