

President's Video Message—Coming Thursday



Spring is settling over the campus as the landscape fills in with green and spring flowers. Although it's quiet here, the new growth is evidence that everything changes in due time.



Remote Learning: A Progress Report

Austin College **President Steven P. O'Day** and the senior leadership team, like their counterparts at colleges across the nation, made the decision to begin remote instruction in mid-March as COVID-19 restrictions limited gatherings and government officials urged citizens to remain at home. At Austin College, close interaction with faculty and peers is foundational to the student learning tradition. The decision to “go remote”—though inevitable—brought a central question: could remote learning really work for Austin College students and faculty?

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Q&A Alumni Profile

Taylor Van Kirk '17

**Q. How did your Austin College education prepare you to pivot to remote teaching in response to COVID-19?**

**A.** The Austin College Teacher Program prepared me for my work at Sherman ISD—not only for the classroom but also this distance education that we are now doing. When we did online classwork for the Teacher Program, my professors responded within a reasonable time and always gave super-specific feedback. That is one thing I am doing for certain, giving my 8th graders specific feedback on the work they are doing online during this time. It's always important that the students hear from their teachers on what they are doing well and what needs to be corrected, especially when we are not face to face.



## No DFP? No Problem!

The Dickey Fitness Pavilion is dark, but Austin College coaches are sharing weekly exercise tips by email to faculty, staff, and students—and, you can see them, too at [acroos.com](http://acroos.com). To maintain your physical, mental, and emotional health, CDC guidelines recommend getting exercise and fresh air while maintaining social distancing of 6 ft. during the COVID-19 quarantine. So check out these recommendations from the ones who coach the 'Roos!



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