Join us for the 2019 Posey Leadership Award Alumni Panel Discussion on Tuesday, February 26, from 4:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. in IDEA Center, Room 127. The panel will focus on community and political activism, with input and experiences from four talented and involved alumni.

Panelists:
- Jesus Navarrete ’06 – Director of Bilingual/ESL, Responsive Education Solutions, Dallas
- Carla Storey ’96 – CoC Operations Director, Tarrant County Homeless Coalition, Fort Worth
- Ana Rea ’17 – Education & Community Outreach Specialist, RAICES (Refugee and Immigrant Center for Education and Legal Services), Austin
- Rania Batrice ’03 – Political & Non-Profit Strategist, Dallas

The Posey Leadership Award Alumni Panel Discussion will be moderated by Dr. Nathan Bigelow, Associate Professor of Political Science, and is organized by the Posey Leadership Award Campus Planning Committee.

Please RSVP to Janet Clark at 903.813.2419 or jclark@austincollege.edu.

ON-CAMPUS NEWS

Service Station Coordinates Hundreds of Service Hours in January

Austin College welcomed more than 500 Special Olympians to campus for the annual basketball tournament that was staffed by 58 student volunteers. The tournament on January 23 coincided with JanServe 2019: Serving Up a Storm, this year’s annual service project sponsored by the Service Station. That same day, more than 30 students spread across the community to serve in Sherman ISD elementary schools and at MasterKey Ministries in afterschool programs. Several others worked at the on-campus warehouse to build wheelchair-accessible ramp modules for the Texas Ramp Project.

Throughout the month, the Service Station collaborated with students enrolled in Kevin Simmons’ “Economics of Poverty” JanTerm course and coordinated six work sites with area nonprofits. Students in the course were each required to complete 30 hours of service. The class of 18 completed 586 hours total, far exceeding the goal. They worked with Meals on Wheels (Sherman), United Way of Grayson County, Grand Central Station, Greenhouse, Grayson County Health Clinic, and the Boys & Girls Club.

Mock Trial Shines in Home Court

The Second Annual Kangaroo Brawl recently held in Grayson County Courtrooms in downtown Sherman, brought 14 teams for the mock trial competition. The Austin College-B team came in third behind first-place University of Louisiana-Monroe B Team and second place University of Arkansas A team.

'Roos Cole Davis ‘19, David Anderson ‘20, and Bri Smith ‘20 received Top Attorney awards. Melanie Tiller ‘21, Elizabeth Parker ‘21, and Gilley Callahan ‘20 received Top Witness awards. These alumni served as judges for the tournament. The Kangaroo Brawl welcomed more teams in its second year and offered the rare opportunity to conduct the competition in actual courtrooms. The Austin College B team came in third behind first-place University of Louisiana-Monroe B Team and second place University of Arkansas A team.
A Honey of an Honor
Becca Harpham May ‘07, vice president of marketing for Nature Nate’s Honey Company, has been selected for the 2019 Dallas Business Journal 40 Under 40. Nature Nate’s Honey is headquartered in McKinney, Texas, and is recognized as the #1 honey brand in the United States and on Amazon.

“It’s an exciting time for small food brands to come in and disrupt everything about what consumers can expect about quality, mission, and offering,” said Becca. As a 40 Under 40 honoree, she is being recognized as a young leader and is among several from the food and beverage industry.

While at Austin College, Becca majored in communications and sociology, was a four-year starter on the women’s volleyball team, and was a member of the Alphas. Becca is married to Kyle May ‘07 and they have two young children. The whole family likes honey best straight from the jar.

Watson Honored for Distinguished Service
Sallie Sampsell Watson ‘78, the General Presbyter for Mission Presbytery, was recently honored with a 2019 Distinguished Alumna Award from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The Austin Seminary Association presented it “in grateful recognition for distinguished service to the Church.”

Sallie holds a Master of Divinity degree from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, a Doctor of Ministry degree from McCormick Theological Seminary, and an honorary Doctor of Divinity from Austin College. As the General Presbyter for Mission Presbytery, she serves 134 congregations in South Texas. She has spent more than 30 years in ministry serving congregations in Texas, California, and Utah. Sallie and her husband, Paul, have two adult children, Alex and Meredith.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT
McGinn’s Work Performed in New York
The third movement of Three Preludes (2015), composed by Associate Professor of Music John McGinn, was broadcast live from Plácido Domingo Hall of the National Opera Center in New York City on Sunday, February 10. Internationally acclaimed pianist and composer Max Lifchitz performed the piece as part of his concert titled Bagatelles Without Tonality. The event was sponsored by North/South Consonance, Inc.


UPCOMING EVENTS
February
15 Star Party, Adams Observatory
18 Presidents Day Admission Preview
19 Allen Head Lecture
20 Dr. Kenneth Street Law Lecture
21 Johnson Center: “Getting a Taste for Science through Entomology: Connecting Students to the Natural World”
23 A Memory, a Monologue, a Rant, and a Prayer, Theatre production
26 Posey Leadership Award Alumni Panel Discussion
28 Career Fair
28 Johnson Center: “Infusing Languages and Global Competencies Across the Disciplines”
28 AlumNite Houston

March
6 Cunningham Lecture
7 Austin College Emergency Fund Auction
11-15 Spring Break
11 Spring Break Admission Open House
15 Spring Break Admission Open House

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