



**Shake on It**



**Handshake**, the leading early talent platform of more than 700 colleges, has come to Austin College. The job-search portal found at <https://www.austincollege.edu/campus-life/career-services/handshake/> connects Austin College students and alumni with hundreds of job and internship opportunities.

More than **350 current Austin College students** and **26 alumni** have already activated their profiles. "We are encouraging everyone to start with Handshake," said Viki Reeder, Assistant Director of Career Services and Internship Coordinator. The resource is open to all current students and alumni. Austin College alumni who would like to use the job search tools can create a profile at <https://app.joinhandshake.com/register>. The Career Services staff will review and approve the alumni resumes for posting.

Reeder added that alumni can register as their employer's contact or register their own company at [https://app.joinhandshake.com/employer\\_registrations/new](https://app.joinhandshake.com/employer_registrations/new). "We welcome all kinds of jobs and internships since our liberal arts students go into many different fields," she said.

**Record Year of Giving Launches Public Phase of POWER Austin College**

The \$500,000 match issued by Judy and David Easterly '65 exceeded its goal, raising more than **\$1.3 million** toward **student scholarships!**

**Generous gifts** through the **holiday season** put the College at a fiscal year-to-date total of **\$8.76 million** on December 31, 2018. The fiscal year ends on June 30, 2019.

These numbers are exciting, and the impact is life-changing. Your support is still needed for scholarships and capital projects such as Ida Green Communication Center renovation and athletics facilities updates. To get involved in POWER Austin College, email [giving@austincollege.edu](mailto:giving@austincollege.edu) or [make a gift online](#).



The **POWER Austin College** campaign total as of December 31, 2018, is **\$98 million**. That's **78%** of the **\$125 million** goal announced at Homecoming and Family Weekend in November 2018. For more information about the campaign visit <https://poweraustincollege.com>.

**ON-CAMPUS NEWS**



**Cheers to JanTerm 2019!**

Students returned to campus or embarked on exciting trips on January 7 for 2019 JanTerm classes.

Students and faculty alike appreciate the break from regular academic pursuits to explore new subjects or focus deeply on long-held interests. JanTerm 2019 offers 39 different on-campus classes and 10 off-campus courses. Travel courses explore culture, economics and art at destinations including Ghana, Cuba, London and New York City among others. On-campus students are exploring careers, modern culture through movies, art, literature (even comic books) and the chemistry and culture of winemaking. Follow Austin College Instagram and Facebook for regular updates for the classes all month.

Check out our Facebook to see updated photos of this year's JanTerm

**ALUMNI NEWS**



**'Game on' with Austin College Graduate**

**John Warren '07** is editor of [Fanbyte.com](http://Fanbyte.com), the recently rebranded ZAM, a network of sites focusing on MMORPGS (massively multi-player online role playing games).

The redesign launched a few months ago with a positive, inclusive, sometimes irreverent and funny voice. Warren says, "I want the site to feel like a conversation you'd have with your friends at the lunch table in middle school. 'How did you beat this level? Which Dark Souls boss would you rather kiss?' We run a wide gamut with a narrow, but familiar, voice."

In **fall 2018**, Austin College added an **esports club team** for students with an interest in the industry. "If you're on the playing side of esports, you're learning a lot of team-based skills. Communication, planning, compassion," Warren says. "I think these things are pretty vital to be successful in esports, and they obviously translate to the real world. If you're on the production side of esports, you're on the forefront of a media revolution."

John predicts more gaming production jobs that focus on low-budget, high production events. "It's a tricky needle to thread, but esports has been churning out new ways to execute productions that'll become standard in the television and film industry."

He majored in communications media and psychology at Austin College and earned an MBA in digital media management from St. Edwards in 2011. "My work so far on Fanbyte is some of the most rewarding of my career, which has gone from game development to startup consulting and now to media production. We're expanding aggressively to Twitch streams and video this year, so stay tuned."

## ATHLETIC NEWS



### Renovations Becoming Reality

Renovation work began on January 7, as crews took down the court fencing to prepare to resurface the **Russell Tennis Complex**. The renovation of the complex is part of the POWER Austin College campaign, in part focused on athletic facilities improvements and additions.

For information on how you can support athletics at Austin College, [click here](#).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### January 2019

- 19 [Martin Luther King Jr. Parade](#)
- 21 [Martin Luther King Jr. Community Breakfast](#)
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day | Admission Open House
- 23 JanServe
- 26-27 2nd Annual Kangaroo Brawl, Mock Trial Tournament
- 29 JanTerm Classes End; 5 p.m.

## LOOKING AHEAD

### February 2019

- 1-3 [Grace Presbytery Senior High Youth Connection](#)
- 4 Spring Term Begins
- 6 Sabbatical Series Lecture: Jeremy Posadas
- 7 Blood Drive
- 11 [Jno. E. Owens Conference/International Trade](#)
- 18 Presidents Day Admission Preview
- 19 Allen-Head Lectures
- 20 [2019 Kenneth Street Law Symposium](#)
- 28 AlumNight – Houston



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