First Lady O'Day Invites Local Group for ‘An Evening of Mystery’

Summertime at Austin College brings a different pace to almost all aspects of College life. First Lady Cece O’Day switches into “Summer Reading Mode” as she welcomes a little space in her schedule.

In August, she will welcome the Texoma Women Get Connected group to The President’s Home at Wood House for “An Evening of Mysteries.” The event on August 6, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., includes discussion of different kinds of mysteries and hearing about some of Cece’s top picks.

“Mysteries are my favorites! A successful mystery has to provide all of the context so you learn a lot about the setting—both time period and location. I am a re-reader—even of mysteries. I may know the solution already, but I want to visit the characters,” she said. Some of her favorite mystery authors include Dorothy Sayers, Agatha Christie, Anne Perry, and Austin College alumna Deborah Crombie ’76.

Women Get Connected is made up of alumnae, Austin College staff and faculty, and other friends and associates. The group meets to exchange ideas, network, and build important connections with the College. For more information about WGC or “An Evening of Mysteries,” contact Ginger Nye, director of Austin College’s Center for Community & Regional Development at gnye@austincollege.edu.

To register for the event, click here.

Archeological Dig Yields Stunning Mosaics

Dr. Martin Wells, assistant professor of classics, accompanied by three current Austin College students and a recent graduate, joined a team of archeologists from across the U.S. to work at the 2019 Huqoq Excavation Project at an ancient Galilean synagogue in Israel where teams have uncovered significant mosaic art depicting stories from the Bible.

Read more here. Watch the video here.

Kedric Couch Alumni Coach of the Year Awarded to Two Alumni

Austin College has announced the Kedric Couch Alumni Coaches of the Year for 2019. Marcus Schulz ’03, athletic director and head football coach at Splendora High School in Splendora, Texas, and Jason Burton ’07, head women’s basketball coach at Texas A&M at Commerce will be honored at the 2019 Legends weekend, August 2-3.

Read more here.

From the Graduation Court to the Volleyball Court

Kristen Massey ’19, a two-year starter for the Austin College Lady ‘Roos volleyball team, starts her teaching and coaching career this fall at Anna High School in Anna, Texas, while enrolled in the MAT program at the College.

Read more here.
Moving in ‘Roos—Alumni Can Lend a Hand

As members of the Austin College Class of 2023 pack and prepare to move to Sherman in just a few weeks, the Alumni Office invites you to join the Welcome Committee. Come join faculty and staff on Friday, August 23, to help the newest ‘Roos move into their residence halls. All ability levels are needed to greet, carry boxes, direct traffic, and answer general questions. Your smile goes a long way on a hot, Texas day.

This is a come-and-go opportunity. Volunteers are needed for blocks of time between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Friday, August 23; lunch is provided. Contact Alex Haj, assistant director of alumni engagement, to sign up: ahaj@austincollege.edu.

See you soon!

August
2-4  Legends Weekend 2019
23-28  New Student Conference
28  Opening Convocation | 7 p.m.
29  Fall Classes Begin
29  Opportunities Fair

Looking for news about ’Roos? Check out the Austin College ’Roos in the News webpage.