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ATHLETICS SPOTLIGHT



Ramsey to Coach in Congressional Baseball Game

Batter up! Austin College Head Baseball **Coach Mike Ramsey** returns to Washington, D.C., later this month to coach in the **58th Annual Congressional Baseball Game for Charity**.

Republican team manager Roger Williams of the Texas 25th Congressional District chose Ramsey for the second time to coach hitters and outfield defense. Roger's wife, Patty Jung Williams, is a 1979 Austin College graduate.

"I enjoy the camaraderie amongst the players," Ramsey said. "The whole idea is to have a little 'competitive' fun between the Democratic and Republican Parties while raising money for local Washington charities." The game will be televised on C-SPAN from Nationals Park in Washington, D.C., on **June 26**; first pitch is at **7:05 EDT**.

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ALUMNI NEWS



Hicks Elected as Party Chair

Rusty Hicks '02 was elected on June 1 as **California's Democratic Party Chair**. Hicks has been the leader of Los Angeles County's Federation of Labor since 2014, campaigned for former President Barack Obama, and is an Afghanistan War veteran. Rusty, elected from a field of seven candidates, said: "I am humbled by the outcome. I applaud the other six candidates. I believe that the positive nature of our respective campaigns has been and will prove to be a positive step to a bigger, better, stronger Democratic Party. Let's get to work."

Rusty is a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Reserve and graduated from Loyola Law School. He and his wife, Sandra Sanchez, live in Pasadena, California.

ON-CAMPUS NEWS



JanTerm Class Travels in May For Adventure in Iceland

On an island 3,700 miles from campus, a group of 'Roos stood where the Vikings stood. **Dr. Tom Blake**, assistant professor of English, **Dr. Larissa Pitts**, Asia Network-Luce postdoctoral teaching fellow in East Asian studies, and 14 students embarked on May 20 for the JanTerm class, "The Sagas of Iceland." Traveling in spring for best weather conditions, they followed the famous Icelandic Ring Road.

The route winds through all the major regions of Iceland: the cosmopolitan capital of Reykjavik, the Arctic fringe, the Eastfjords, and the southern glaciers. The group soaked in natural hot springs, rode horses, caught and cooked fish, climbed a glacier, watched for whales, and did a little ax-throwing. Students' coursework about the Icelandic Saga Age fused the rugged beauty and dramatic Nordic landscapes of the region with a mix of myth and Viking history.

Blake, who led the class, first visited the region as a graduate student seven years ago. He says, "My favorite thing about Iceland is paradoxical: how much it both changes—because of active volcanoes and tectonic plates that constantly reform and alter the land—and doesn't change, as most native Icelanders grow up reading the sagas and can trace their roots genealogically to historical saga characters."



UPCOMING EVENTS

July

- 4 Independence Day-College Closed
- 5 Independence Day Holiday-Many College Offices Closed
- 6 New Student Room Preview & Advising

August

- 2 - 4 [Legends Weekend 2019](#)
- 24-27 New Student Conference
- 28 Opening Convocation | 7 p.m.
- 29 Fall Classes Begin



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