**Students Learn Tools of Prairie Renewal**

Restoring a prairie is a lot of work—and hundreds of Austin College students have been part of that effort over the past 30 years. Austin College’s Clinton and Edith Sneed Environmental Research Area provides an outdoor laboratory where students and faculty in biology and environmental studies examine plants and animals in the natural settings of the ponds, fields, and grasses on the site.

Students enrolled in "Prairie Restoration" during JanTerm 2017 learned that recovering an ecosystem involves a variety of methods and tools—including prescribed burns, as seen in the video from the course. Peter Schulze, professor of biology/environmental sciences and director of the Center for Environmental Studies, leads the prairie restoration effort.

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**Spotlight on ’Roo Accolades**

**Austin College Mock Trial Team Makes Top 10 in Regionals**

Austin College's Mock Trial team is headed to Memphis, Tennessee, this week to
participate in the Championship Series Tournament March 17-19.

The team finished ninth overall at the Dallas Regional competition in February, earning Honorable Mention for Outstanding Trial Teams. At regionals, the team split ballots with University of Texas at Dallas, lost to University of St. Thomas, defeated Texas Tech, and defeated Baylor, the defending Regional Champion, in the final round. Audrey Rose ’18 was awarded 4th Best Overall Witness for the tournament.

Other members of the team include: Bridget Susannah Chapman ’18 of Portland, Oregon; Cole Oscar Davila ’19 of San Antonio, Texas; Zachary Andrew Ellard ’19 of Dallas, Texas; Kelsey Caitlin Haack ’20 of Sheboygan, Wisconsin; Meredith Huff ’19 of Sherman, Texas; Anamariia Kheveli ’17 of Lugansk, Ukraine; Andrew Alan Rixe ’18 of Keller, Texas; and Nicolas Rodriguez ’19 of Dallas, Texas. Sherman attorney Ed Richardson ’95 serves as the coach for the Advocacy program.

A Cappella Choir Takes to the Road

The Austin College A Cappella Choir, Consort, and Camerata will perform in Corpus Christi and the north Houston-area during its annual Spring Tour in April. Concerts and performances:

Atascocita Presbyterian Church | Humble, Texas
Friday, April 7. 7 p.m.

City Church | Corpus Christi, Texas
Saturday, April 8. 7 p.m. (concert)
Sunday, April 9. 10:30 a.m. (service)

The Woodlands Community Church | The Woodlands, Texas
Monday, April 10. 7 p.m.

The Austin College A Cappella Choir is a traditional college choir of 45 voices, singing unaccompanied music from the Renaissance to the present. While most of their concerts draw from standard literature in Latin, German, Russian, and English, the choir regularly performs avant garde and world music, as well as larger orchestral works. Joining the A Cappella Choir in the April concerts will be
The Camerata, a seven-voice ensemble singing music of the Renaissance and Baroque, and The Consort, a 12-voice a cappella vocal jazz ensemble. Wayne Crannell, associate director of music at Austin College, directs the choral groups, as he has for 22 years. Student director of the A Cappella Choir is Libby Jennings of Sherman.

- **Spring Break**, March 13-17
- **Alternative Spring Break: Flood Relief in San Marcos, Texas**, March 13-18
- **Dr. Paula Arai Lecture and Workshop**, March 22-23
- **Student Scholarship Conference Elevator Speech Competition**, March 23
- **Student Scholarship Conference**, March 24-25
- **Alumni Board Meeting**, March 25
- **Posey Leadership Award Convocation**, March 28
- **GO Forum & Posey Leadership Award - Dallas**, March 29
- **Theatre: Five Women Wearing the Same Dress Opens**, March 30
- **Career Readiness Check**, March 31

**Looking Ahead**

- **Public Administration Symposium**, April 5
- **Sabbatical Series Lecture: John McGinn**, April 5
- **Science and Leadership Lecture**, April 6
- **A Cappella Choir Tour: Corpus Christi/Humble, The Woodlands**, April 7-9
- **Austin College Experience** (admission event for new students accepted for Fall Term 2017), April 8
- **Sherman Symphony Orchestra--alumni singers needed**, April 29

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