

"We are a community that is resilient and believes that, together, there is nothing we cannot achieve, no challenge we cannot overcome."

– President Steven P. O'Day, J.D.



College Events Canceled, Postponed

As Austin College continues to respond to the extraordinary circumstances of the coronavirus pandemic, the spring schedule of events has, of course, changed significantly. Though events may be off the calendar for the near future, your Austin College staff is working on new ways to stay connected with the 'Roo family during these challenging days. **More information will be shared in the coming weeks.** In the meantime, please see the list of events that are now canceled unless otherwise noted below:

March

- 17 - Will Mann Richardson Lecture
- 19 - ACSC Conference / Elevator Pitch Competition
- 19 - Star Party
- 19 - Research & Pedagogy Lecture
- 20-22 - A Midsummer Night's Dream Performances
- 24 - Tostan Dinner
- 26 - Posey Speaker Series: Women in Leadership
- 26 - Austin College Choir Tour
- 26 - Women Get Connected – Fort Worth
- 30-31 - 2020 Austin College Posey Award Convocation featuring Adam Foss - **POSTPONED**

April

- 1 - Johnson Center: Sabbatical Series - Keith Kisselle
- 3 - Alumnight: Fredericksburg, Texas
- 3 - Jordan Courts at the Russell Tennis Center Dedication
- 4 - Admissions: Austin College Experience (ACE) Day
- 9 - Alumnight: Plano/Frisco Huddle Up
- 9 - Posey Speaker Series: Women in Medicine
- 13 - Admissions: Spring Preview
- 16 - Pre-Health Fair
- 17 - Career Readiness Check
- 18 - Greenserve
- 23 - Public Administration Symposium
- 24 - ATHENA Awards/Luncheon – **POSTPONED**
- 24 - Wynne Chapel Dedication – **POSTPONED**
- 28 - PLI Fellowship Luncheon
- 28 - Marsupial Mindfulness Lecture: Kelby Archer
- 30 - Fort Worth Huddle Up



Remote Learning Platforms Extend the Classroom

Spring semester classes move to **remote-only learning** beginning Monday, March 23, and Austin College faculty are adapting quickly to new ways of delivering essential teaching in order to complete current courses. They spent the past week learning a variety of virtual platforms to deliver lectures and course material through a series of technology workshops. The video conferencing platform Zoom will be a primary tool, while learning-management systems such as Moodle—already in use on campus—will provide channels to share documents, create discussions, and host quizzes. Next week, the new tools will get their first test as students join in the virtual experience, but faculty are ready: "We'll take this one day at a time and work through it together," says Dr. David Whelan, Assistant Professor of Physics.

Admissions Visits Go Virtual

In support of the national call to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus and practice social distancing, all in-person campus visits by prospective students are canceled through the end of the semester, or until the CDC and State of Texas allow for movement among communities. Instead, the Austin College Admission team is connecting with students and their families by offering virtual visits during the week along with individual phone meetings. The admission office will continue to support all students and families throughout the college admission process and will respond to emails, phone calls, and texts. Connect with the admission team through the [Meet Your Counselor](#) page; or [schedule a virtual visit](#).

See President O'Day's Recent Messages

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