Search for the 16th President Continues

Austin College trustee Scott Austin ’83, chair of the Search Committee for the 16th Austin College President, updates the College community regarding that work. Read more here.

$1.2 Million for STEM Teacher Training
Austin College has been awarded a $1.2 million Noyce grant from the National Science Foundation for the Austin College STEM Education Leadership Scholars program (ACSELS). The program will increase the number of STEM-certified graduates from the Austin Teacher Program (ATP) by providing generous scholarships, leadership training, internships, and mentoring. In turn, the newly certified teachers agree to enter STEM teaching positions in high-need schools.

First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth Endows Alternative Spring Break

The First Presbyterian Church of Fort Worth Session voted to make a $200,000 gift to Austin College to fully endow Austin College's Alternative Spring Break program into perpetuity. Each spring, the College mobilizes a group of approximately 40 students to serve communities in need during spring break, often by assisting with clean up and construction after a natural disaster. The trip is organized through the Service Station, which is part of the religious life program at Austin College. The gift is the largest single gift to date from a church for the College's Faith and Engagement campaign, which will endow the overall religious life program of the College.
Austin College and Crow Collection Exhibit the Art of Tsuneo

Austin College collaborates with the Crow Collection of Asian Art museum in Dallas for an exhibit of the works of Isasaki Tsuneo. Tsuneo (1917-2002) was a scientist, Buddhist, and environmentalist whose art shows the connections of those fields. The exhibit, titled "Wisdom of Compassion: The Art and Science of Iwasaki Tsuneo 1917-2002" is on display at the Crow Collection, located at 2201 Flora Street in Dallas, through June 11.

Coach Named for New Water Polo Teams

After announcing the addition of men's and women's water polo as varsity sports beginning in 2018-2019, Austin College has found its head coach in Mark Lawrence. Lawrence comes to Austin College from the United States Naval Academy where he served as assistant coach. The new men's and women's water polo teams will compete at the club level in 2017-2018, then at the varsity level the following season.

JanTerm Classes Embark in May

A JanTerm course to Nepal in the dead of winter is not the best idea. And a JanTerm class designed to witness the hatching of sea turtles isn't going to see much in January. So, a few JanTerm courses are being offered in May when nature and situations are a better fit. Later this month, three groups of students and faculty will participate in "belated" JanTerm courses. Students in the "High
Adventure in the Land of Everest: Mountains, Myths, and Monasteries," with Dr. David Baker and Dr. Michael Fairley, will explore Nepal to discover the culture, nature, and history of the region. Those traveling with Dr. David Aiello and Dr. Jessica Healy to Trinidad and Tobago will immerse into the culturally and biologically diverse region. The class titled "Spain: Legacy of Pluralism" is led by Dr. Lourdes Bueno and features cultural immersion in local homes, and a study of how the Christian, Moorish, and Jewish cultures shaped the region during the Middle Ages. The course in Spain offers students unable to leave campus in January the opportunity to experience a language immersion course. Students will travel beginning around May 16 and return in early June.

Happening on Campus

- **Golden 'Roo Weekend** begins, May 12
- **President’s Reception for Seniors and Parents**, May 13, 2 p.m.
- **Baccalaureate Service**, May 13, 7 p.m.
- **Student Affairs Party for Seniors and Parents**, May 13, following service
- **Commencement**, May 14, 8:30 a.m.
- **Dallas Huddle Up**, May 17, 6-8 p.m.
- **Memorial Service for Bonnie Beardsley**, May 20, 2-3 p.m.
- **Houston Huddle Up**, May 24, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Looking Ahead

- **2017 Austin College Legends**, August 4-6

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