Welcome, President O'Day!

Steven P. O’Day, J.D., and his wife, Cece, moved into the President’s Home on Grand Avenue, worked in a community garden for Great Day of Service, and attended the local high school rivalry football game, all in the first week of assuming the many duties of the new presidency. His first day as the 16th president of the College was October 30. His inauguration ceremony is set for March 23, 2018.

President O’Day expressed his gratitude to the Austin College community for its warm welcome and shared his commitment to the Austin College education, offering a special message to students: “With the fall semester speeding along, I know you are working hard on your studies. Keep it going! While you are doing that, I will continue to study, too, and do whatever I can to make Austin College the very best it can be for years to come. This is a special place, and I look forward to working with all of you to see to it that Austin College continues as one of the nation’s truly great liberal arts colleges.”

Upcoming Events

- **Wind Symphony**
  November 15; 7:30 p.m.

- **Theatre:**
  - **The 39 Steps**
    November 15-17; 7:30 p.m.

- **Williams Executive in Residence: John Mendel**
  November 16; 11 a.m.

- **Product Lab: Pitch Competition**
  November 16; 5 p.m.

- **Houston Huddle Up**
  November 16

- **Student Thanksgiving Break**
  November 20-24

- **College Closed**
Record Numbers for Homecoming & Family Weekend

More than 500 registered guests gathered October 12-15 for Homecoming and Family Weekend activities. Alumni, students, and families enjoyed sporting events, awards, music, and more. Even President O'Day was on hand, in town early before officially taking office October 30.

See highlights from this year’s fun, and mark your calendars for next year’s event on November 8-11, 2018.

Global Entrepreneurship Week

The College observes Global Entrepreneurship Week with a number of important events and opportunities this week. Alumnus John Mendel ’76 is the speaker for the Todd A. Williams Executive-in-Residence lecture and brings his business expertise not only to the November 16 luncheon but also to classrooms throughout the week. Mendel earned his MBA and Global Executive MBA from Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business. He finished more than 40 years of leadership in the automotive industry with 13 years as executive vice president of American Honda Motor Company before his recent retirement.

Also scheduled is the final round of the Product Lab Pitch Competition on Thursday at 5 p.m. in Wright Campus Center’s Mabee Hall. Nine teams have three minutes each to

Looking Ahead

Thanksgiving Holiday
November 23-24

Women's Health and Cancer Forum
November 28; 4:30 lecture

Science & Leadership Lecture: Dr. Rick Hodes
November 30; 11 a.m.

Service of Lessons and Carols
November 30; 5 p.m.

Dr. Rick Hodes Reception & Book Signing
December 1

One-Act Plays
December 1-2

World AIDS Day Service
December 1; 7 p.m.

Sherman Symphony: Christmas Pops Concert
December 2; 7:30 p.m.
December 3; 3 p.m.

Finals Begin
December 4

Fall Term Ends
December 8

College Closed
December 19-31
pitch their ideas. Winners will receive up to $2,000 in seed money to turn their entrepreneurial idea into reality.

For more information on the events happening, please visit here

Enjoying the Season of Service

The arrival of fall brings two big annual service events to the Austin College community. In October, the Austin College Alpha Phi Omega Phi Xi chapter hosted the 18th annual ‘Roo Boo event on campus. Some 1,650 members of the nearby community enjoyed games, activities, and the safe option for trick-or-treating offered by more than 300 students from 50 campus organizations.

Just a few weeks later on November 4, nearly 300 students took part in the annual Great Day of Service, logging a combined 1,152 hours of service to nonprofit agencies in the region. President and Mrs. O’Day rolled up their sleeves in Pottsboro to join ’Roos working at the community garden there.

Click here to see more photos of the event.

Science for the People

Citizen Science is a science literacy podcast co-hosted by Austin College chemistry professor Dr. Karla McCain and her husband, Brian Seay, a teacher at Sherman High School. They discuss topics such as sunscreen, nuclear power, and even fireworks in a way that helps ordinary people to better understand the world around them. The Citizen Science podcast launched its second season in October 2017 and is available on iTunes.