

# at[AC] October 2018

## 2018 State of the College Address



Alumni and friends of Austin College gathered for breakfast in Dallas on October 4 to hear President Steven P. O'Day, J.D., deliver his first State of the College address. The president shared major milestones of the past year, including the largest incoming freshman and transfer class in the College's history; refreshing of campus facilities and exciting plans for additional improvements; and an overview of new and rejuvenated curricular and co-curricular offerings, such as water polo, music, and esports. "Students come to Austin College for the excellent academics and that 'something else'—and we are excited that these opportunities are attracting talented and well-rounded students," he told the audience.

[Read the President's remarks](#)

## ON-CAMPUS NEWS

Austin College has been awarded an \$83,460 **National Education Foundation grant** to support the program "Infusing Languages and Global Competency Across the Disciplines." The two-year grant supports Spanish language classes for business and healthcare and creates related internship and faculty development opportunities. The program also seeks to strengthen Austin College's relationships with higher education institutions in Mexico and Ecuador.



[View the full press release here](#)



President O'Day led the first-ever Five-Fountain Workout during the **Austin College Day of Living Well** event for faculty and staff on Fall Break day. The day-long event featured sessions about fitness, health, leisure, and finances. Several members of the College community shared their expertise in interesting topics, such as winemaking with Lance Barton, biology professor; Photoshop skills with Christopher Maniet, multi-media design manager; and tie-dye design with Heidi Rushing, marketing specialist.

[View the photo gallery here](#)

**TEDxAustinCollege** welcomed a sold-out crowd on September 29 to hear six outstanding speakers, including Austin College students, alumni, and faculty. The theme “Changing Currents” set the stage for topics about culture, ecology, gender equality, artificial intelligence, and marginalized people groups.



[View the photo gallery here](#)



**North Texas Giving Day**, a Communities Foundations of Texas online giving event, expanded its borders to include Grayson County, and thus, Austin College for the first time this fall. The College's participation in this one-day giving initiative was bolstered by the matching challenge from John '11 and Casey Rauschuber '12. They matched each gift to Austin College with \$10 up to a total of \$1,500. Donations to the College surpassed the goal of 100 gifts and raised \$50,002 from 158 generous donors. Thanks to all who gave and empowered the students of Austin College.

## ATHLETIC NEWS



### 2019 HALL OF HONOR INDUCTEES, SPENCER AWARDEE NAMED

The Austin College Athletics Department has announced its **2019 Athletics Hall of Honor class** as well as the 2019 winner of the **Joe Spencer Award for Meritorious Service and Lifetime Achievement in Coaching**. All will be honored on campus at Legends 2019 in August.

The Athletic Hall of Honor inductees are former football players **Jason Johnson '92** and **Jeff Robbins '84**, baseball player **Kevin Krause '92**, volleyball player **Kaitlin Listol Shores '08**, and women's soccer player **Kaitlin Elledge '11**. Former head women's basketball coach **Deb Hunter** is the **Spencer Award** selection.

[Read the full press release here](#)



### CRIMSON & GOLD FUND

Austin College Athletics is excited to announce the Crimson & Gold Fund, the official fundraising arm for the department. The Crimson & Gold Fund is designed to support every student-athlete and all 18 varsity programs sponsored by AustinCollege, while rewarding and acknowledging loyal supporters. Annual donations can be made to the department as a whole or to an individual program, as well as to the Apple Challenge in support of adding assistant coaches. Supporters of Austin College Athletics through the Crimson & Gold Fund will receive various benefits based on their giving level while also playing a critical role in providing important resources that allow 'Roo student-athletes to succeed on and off the field of play. The goal to “Develop Champions For Life” is possible with your support!

[Give to the Crimson & Gold Fund](#)

## ALUMNI NEWS

### SPACEX EXECUTIVE IS WILLIAMS EXECUTIVE-IN-RESIDENCE LECTURER

**Caryn Schenewerk '99**, senior counsel and senior director of space flight policy at **SpaceX** operations in Washington D.C. has been named the Austin College **2018 Todd A. Williams Executive in Residence** and will speak on campus **November 9**. The Todd A. Williams Executive-in-Residence Speaker Series connects Austin College students with leading business executives who share about their practical life experiences in business.



Caryn also will speak at the **Women Get Connected - Austin College** event on campus **Thursday evening at 5:30**. The event is part of the Homecoming and Family Weekend schedule, and [registration](#) is available online.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### October

- 16 Center for Southwestern & Mexican Studies Intern Presentations
- 17 [Artist Talk: Eva Lepiz, 11 a.m., Forster 210](#)
- 18 [Artist Reception: Eva Lepiz, 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., Dennis Gallery](#)
- 25 [San Antonio AlumNight](#)
- 26 [STAR Party, Campus](#)
- 28 Choral Ensembles, Wynne Chapel, 3 p.m.
- 30 [Roo Boo 5 - 8 p.m.](#)
- 30 Environmental Studies Lunch Talk: Lorenzo Guel-Camp

### November

- 1 Sabbatical Series Lecture: Lisa Brown
- 2 Midland - Meet the President
- 3 Great Day of Service
- 5 Día de los Muertos Performance: Erik de Luna
- 6 Environmental Studies Lunch Talk: Katie Masucci
- 8 - 11 [Homecoming & Family Weekend](#)
- 9 - 10 "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee," musical
- 12 An evening of Chamber Music & Jazz, 7:30 p.m., Wynne Chapel
- 15 Los Angeles - Meet the President
- 17 San Francisco - Meet the President
- 19 Student Thanksgiving Break Begins
- 21-23 Thanksgiving Holiday - College Closed



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