Microsoft Executive Featured as Williams Executive-in-Residence Lecture

Shelley McKinley '91, vice president of Technology and Corporate Responsibility at Microsoft, is the 2019 Austin College Todd A. Williams Executive-in-Residence Lecturer and will present a lecture to students and faculty October 25 as well as visit classes. The annual lecture connects Austin College students with leading business executives who share practical life experiences in their career journeys and the corporate world.

McKinley says her position at Microsoft allows her to fuse her love of technology with her drive to contribute to a better world.

McKinley also will speak October 24 at a special Women Get Connected event as part of Homecoming & Family Weekend.

Register for the Women Get Connected event here.

O’Day Delivers 2019 State of the College Address

President Steven P. O’Day shared the 2019 State of the College address with many gathered at the offices of Jackson Walker, LLP in Dallas on October 3.

Watch here.

Don’t Miss the Party!

All alumni are welcome at the 2019 Homecoming Celebration on Saturday, October 26. The party starts at 7:30 p.m. in Wright Campus Center, Malone Hall. Come dine and dance the night away! Tickets are $40 each.

See the complete weekend schedule and register at www.austincollege.edu/homecoming. Online registration open through October 18.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

5th Annual TEDxAustinCollege a Sold-Out Success

TEDxAustinCollege welcomed an overflowing crowd on September 28 to hear six talks on the theme “Shifting Perceptions.” The theme set the stage for topics about the human condition including education, medicine, finance, and community. The 18-minute talks were videoed and links will be available on the Austin College website once they are posted on TED.com.

View the gallery here.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Tooley Explores Children’s Literature and Wartime Response

Dr. Hunt Tooley, Austin College professor of history, presented “From Mametz Wood to 100 Aker Wood: Trenches, Trauma, and the Great War Legacy of Children’s Literature” as the first of the year’s newly titled Bernice S. Melvin Sabbatical Lecture Series. The series, sponsored by the Johnson Center for Faculty Development and Excellence in Teaching, showcases the importance of the sabbatical in the faculty career cycle and represents the excellence of the Austin College faculty, naming the series for Melvin, professor emerita of French, who honored her 35-year teaching career at the College and her devoted support of faculty autonomy and research. A former director of the Johnson Center, Melvin fostered a collegial environment of scholarly creativity and innovation across all divisions and disciplines, said current Johnson Center director Randi Tanglen, associate professor of English.

Dr. Jessica Healy, associate professor of biology, will continue the series on Wednesday, November 6, with “Have Squirrels, Will Travel: Adventures in International Hibernation Research.”

Watch Tooley’s talk here.
Austin College Class Ring Finds Its Way Home
Fran Sims ’65 loves a research challenge. Recently, BC Thomas from California contacted the Austin College Alumni staff seeking help to find the rightful owner of a 1927 Austin College class ring. He inherited the ring and other family mementos from his aunt, Rae Bernard Thomas Saye (1913-1996), who had lived in Denison, about 10 miles up the road from Austin College.

Alex Haj, assistant director of alumni services, provided Fran with two facts: the ring is engraved with the initials THM Jr., and the class year is 1927. Fran is uniquely skilled at finding lost classmates, so the challenge was definitely in her wheelhouse.

Based on school records she easily identified Thomas Hayes Miller Jr. Then Fran filled out the roots and branches of his family tree, which revealed Miller’s only direct descendant, Steven Spratt in Alabama.

The reason Rae kept the sentimental jewelry among her keepsakes is a mystery, but the value of returning it to the Spratt family is clear. “Genealogy is fascinating… a process that never ends with any family,” Sims said. “My call to Steven confirmed that sending the ring to him was the right thing to do. He was delighted to have the connection, even though he never knew his great-uncle. He said it would be the only memento he would have of Thomas. What a thrill for me to be a part of this!”

ATHLETICS SPOTLIGHT

‘Roos Topple Ranked Centre College
It’s been a few years since the ‘Roos have beaten a nationally ranked team. How sweet it is to win at home, and on the same day quarterback Colt Collins exceeded the 59-year-old record held by ‘Roo legend Bo Miller ’61.

More about the Jay Tee win on September 21

HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND

Come support the ‘Roos on the field, on the court, and in the pool!

Women’s Soccer vs. St. Thomas University
Friday October 25, 6 p.m.
Swimming & Diving vs. Southwestern University
Friday, October 25, 6 p.m. and 8 p.m.
Men’s Soccer vs. St. Thomas University
Friday, October 25, 8 p.m.
Football vs. Hendrix College
Saturday, October 26, 1 p.m.
SCAC Volleyball Tournament
Saturday, October 26, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.
Sunday, October 27, 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Women’s Soccer vs. Centenary College
Sunday, October 27, noon
Men’s Soccer vs. Centenary College
Sunday, October 27, 2 p.m.

All sports events are free and open to the public.

JOIN US IN THE
Larry Kramer Outback
Starting 11 a.m. at Home Football Games

UPCOMING EVENTS

October
11 Fall Break
12 Football vs. Millsaps; Outback opens at 11 a.m.; Kickoff 1 p.m.
14 Admission Fall Preview
17 Sherwood – Austin, Texas
19 Sherman Symphony Orchestra; Kidd-Key Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.
20 Men’s Soccer vs. JWU; 2 p.m.
20 Women’s Soccer vs. JWU; 1 p.m.
22 Volleyball vs. UTSA; 2 p.m.
Marsupial Mindfulness: Optimize Brain Performance, Stress and Mindfulness

Women Get Connected: Shelley McKinley '91

Homecoming & Family Weekend - Open Classrooms

Theatre: Seeking Grace

Career-Readiness Check

Williams Executive-in-Residence Lecture, Shelley McKinley '91

Pre-Health Alumna Speaker: Dr. Sarah Kim '99

Swimming & Diving vs. Southwestern University, 6 p.m.

Women’s Soccer vs. University of St. Thomas, 6 p.m.

Men’s Soccer vs. University of St. Thomas, 8 p.m.

Homecoming & Family Weekend 2019

Theatre: Exit Laughing

Student Recital

AlumNight – Plano, Texas

Student Thanksgiving Break Begins

Thanksgiving Holiday – College Closed

Great Day of Service

Swimming & Diving vs. University of Texas-Permian Basin, 12 a.m.

Marsupial Mindfulness: Yoga for Success

Relaxation Session: Dr. Jessica Healy

Men’s Water Polo vs. Penn State Behrend, 6 p.m.

Men’s Basketball vs. Howard Payne University, 7:30 p.m.

Men’s Water Polo vs. Ottawa University-Arizona, 10 a.m.

Men’s Basketball vs. Rhodes College, 1 p.m.

Women’s Basketball vs. Rhodes College, 3 p.m.

An evening of Chamber Music & Jazz

Science & Leadership Lecture: Kat Kuzmeskas '07

Swimming & Diving vs. McMurry University, 5:45 p.m.

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