Ideas Worth Sharing will be the topic of the day at Austin College's inaugural TEDx event September 22 in Wright Campus Center. Four Austin College faculty will offer short (up to 18 minute) talks, and opportunity to further engage with ideas and fellow participants will be available. The independently organized event, licensed by TED, will feature local voices and TED Talks videos within the theme "Adding Value to a Changing World."
Austin College Begins 168th Year

Another academic year—the 168th—started in traditional fashion August 24, with the Opening of School Convocation in Wynne Chapel. College marshal David Baker, professor of physics, wrangled most of the 380 new students into line for the procession. At the other end of Windsor Mall, seniors lined up somewhat nervously, wearing caps and gowns for the first time, excited to begin a new year and a bit apprehensive knowing the year will pass all too quickly toward graduation and the “real world.” The bright robes and hoods of faculty added color to the procession. At the front of the faculty line was someone who had taken this walk many times: Jack Pierce, professor of biology and McGaw Chair of Health Sciences and now the senior active faculty member.

The convocation included prayers, rousing songs by the A Cappella Choir and a special men’s faculty group who offered a barbershop quartet version of the Austin College Alma Mater, and...
official words from College leadership. President Marjorie Hass offered inspiring remarks, and Tim Millerick, vice president for Student Affairs and Athletics, presented the official opening address.

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**College Featured in Princeton Review's Best 381 Colleges**

Most alumni will tell you Austin College is a great school. A nod from the Princeton Review last week acknowledged the College’s reputation, with inclusion in the 2017 edition of the college guide *The Best 381 Colleges*. The authors say outstanding academics are the foundation of the schools chosen. Comments from current students also play heavily into the profile included. Austin College also is included in the book's listings of "Best in the Western Region" and of "Green Colleges."

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**2016 Alumni Are Global Ambassadors**
Four Austin College 2016 graduates will serve as U.S. ambassadors and teachers around the globe, having received prestigious grants to spend most of the next year teaching English and sharing U.S. culture and ideas. Each will be teaching English to young people, awaiting the bright gleam of understanding and comprehension to light the eyes of their students.

Ayelia Ali of North Richland Hills, Texas, will spend a year in Malaysia, having received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

Kameron Kubacki of The Woodlands, Texas, will spend the year in Niedersachsen, Germany, also courtesy of a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.

Gabrielle Margocs of Austin, Texas, will be assigned to Choshi, Japan, through the Japanese English Teaching program (JET), teaching English at junior high schools.

Greyson Sanders of Springfield, Ohio, has been assigned to the Academie de Versailles in the Teaching Assistant Program in France, funded through the French Ministry of Education.

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**Sabbatical Series Lecture -** Don Salisbury, Wednesday, September 28, 5 p.m.

**Save the Date**

- **Homecoming/Family Weekend** - Thursday, October 14 - Sunday, October 16
- **Public Star Party** - October, 12, 2016
- **’Roo Boo** - October 26, 2016

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