Esports Powers Up at Austin College

Once again, Austin College shows up as an innovator in liberal arts education. The competitive video gaming industry, known as esports, involves not only players, but also coaches, analysts, video producers and editors, event coordinators and others in this phenomenon. The Austin College esports club, directed by associate professor of media studies Brett Bloessen, creates career experiences and networking opportunities for a variety of students with many majors and interests. Students in the new club will compete this year with League of Legends, Hearthstone, and Overwatch.

Learn more about our program and what you can do to support our esports teams!

Mark your calendar!

You won’t want to miss Austin College’s first-ever participation in North Texas Giving Day on Thursday, September 20! It’s a one-day online giving extravaganza for Austin College and other local nonprofits. Gifts can come from all over the world, and 100 percent of your support goes to Austin College.* If you are in the area that day, join us at the Austin College booth at the 2018 North Texas Giving Day community fair from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the new Texoma Health Foundation Park in Denison.

You can schedule your gift early for September 20 payment: NorthTexasGivingDay.org/AustinCollege

*There is a 4.99% processing fee from The Communities Foundation of Texas at the completion of the donation process.

For more information about North Texas Giving Day, click here
On-Campus

Focus On Women Past and Future

Two very special occasions featuring the work of women in the arts and sciences are coming up next week. On Wednesday, September 19, associate professor of English Randi Tanglen will present "Little Women at 150," a celebration of the novel by Louisa May Alcott at the Sherman Public Library from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Then on Thursday, September 20, Dr. Tanglen will moderate a panel discussion from 6 to 7 p.m., also at the library. First Lady Cace O'Day, a former English teacher, will be among the panelists. Check out the events on the Sherman Library's Facebook.

The second event is the Posey Leadership Institute's panel discussion "Women in Medicine" on Tuesday, September 25. Austin College alumnae Han Pham Hulen ’98, CEO of Wound Integrity and wound care specialist, and Rija Siddiqui ’12, a pediatric specialist at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas, join Sally Goudreau, professor of radiology and director of the Breast Imaging Fellowship program, to address opportunities and challenges for women in the medical field. The Q&A panel will be moderated by professor of chemistry Karla McCain beginning at 11 a.m. in IDEA Center, Room 127.

Athletics

Water Polo Makes A Splash

The Austin College water polo team will host its first—and only—home game of the season September 15 at 3 p.m. in Hannah Natatorium. With a season full of firsts, the inaugural varsity water polo team has one opportunity for home pool advantage. The event is free and open to the public.

The team traveled to the East Coast for their first games early in September to face seasoned opponents from Brown, Bucknell, Harvard, and MIT. Austin College ’Roo Andrew Pope ’22 was named Mountain Pacific Sports Federation Newcomer of the Week in his first collegiate competition.

Alumni

Warren Recognized as Community Hero

Bill Warren ’74, executive chairman of Reflect Systems, Inc., has been honored as the 2018 Community Hero by Tech Titans, the largest technology trade organization in Texas. The award recognizes an individual in the technology industry for outstanding achievements in community involvement.

Along with his work at Reflect Systems, an industry leader in digital signage, Bill has dedicated his efforts as an advocate for children with special needs. He serves on the board of directors for The Warren Center in Richardson, Texas, which provides 900 children and their families every week with needed therapies for developmental delays and disabilities. Bill and his wife, Beverly, were pivotal in launching the Fantasy Football Draft Night event, which has raised millions of dollars for The Warren Center for over 25 years. Bill holds a B.A. in business and political science from Austin College and an MBA from Indiana University Kelley School of Business. He is a senior trustee of Austin College.

Record Number of Summer STEM Researchers

The number of students participating in grant-funded, STEM-related research has more than doubled at Austin College in the last six years. These projects are funded by grants from: The Welch Foundation, The Discovery Foundation (3 different grants), The Helen Freeborn Kerr Foundation, Oliver Dewey Mayor Foundation, Independent Bank, and National Science Foundation I-USE grant. Data provided by Steve Goldsmith, dean of Sciences and professor of biology, and Lisa Simpson ’08, director of corporate foundation and government relations.
Upcoming Events

September
17  Women Get Connected Houston
19-20 Randi Tanglen Presentation: “150 Years of Little Women”
20  North Texas Giving Day
22  Mel Timmeme Day
25  Posey Leadership Speaker Series: “Women in Medicine”
27  Fort Worth AlumNight
28  Mary Wright Visiting Artists: Mai & Eric Hessel, Lecture and Concert
29  TEDxAustinCollege

October
2   Sabbatical Series Lecture: Dr. Alex Garganigo
3   Lecture: Charles Clossman, German Weeks Program
8   Admission Fall Preview
11  Huddle Up – Houston
11-13 Theatre: The Haunting of Hill House
13  Sherman Symphony Orchestra Performance