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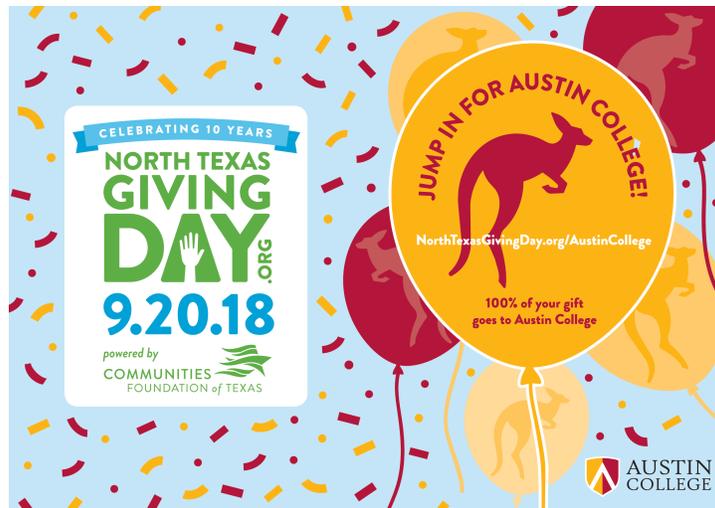
## ***Esports Powers Up at Austin College***



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 Boessen, 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.

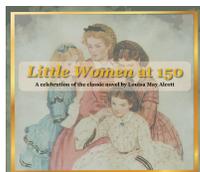
You can schedule your gift early for September 20 payment: [NorthTexasGivingDay.org/AustinCollege](http://NorthTexasGivingDay.org/AustinCollege)

\*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](#)

# 'Roo News

## 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 Cece 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.

[More about Water Polo here](#)

## Alumni

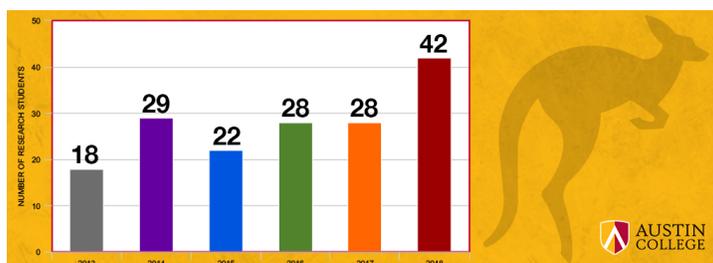


### Warren Recognized as Community Hero

**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 '09, director of corporate, foundation and government relations.

## Upcoming Events

### September

- 17 Women Get Connected Houston
- 19-20 [Randi Tanqlen Presentation: "150 Years of Little Women"](#)
- 20 [North Texas Giving Day](#)
- 22 [Mel Tjeerdsma 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



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