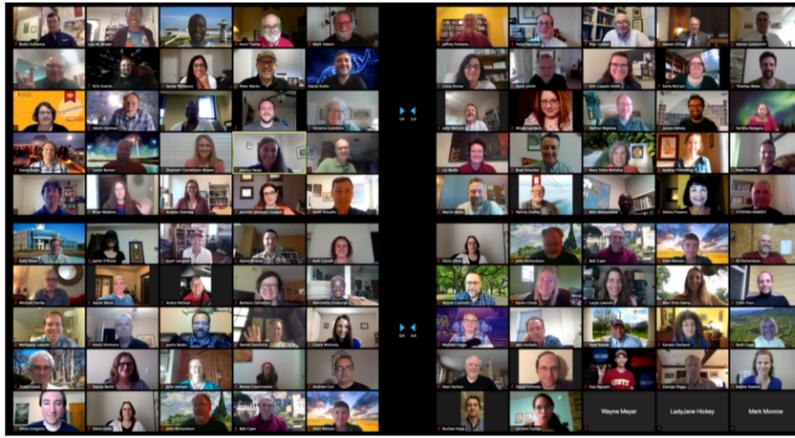


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The faculty gathered in a little different setting for the annual end-of-year photo. Lisa M. Brown, professor of psychology and dean of Social Sciences, captured all the Zoom panels to picture as many faculty members as possible. No doubt, technology took a vital role in the successful completion of Spring Term 2020, as students and professors alike adapted to remote instruction.

This is us. Diverse, Inclusive, and United.

Austin College Community Gathers for Prayer and Reflection

Yesterday, members of the Austin College community joined together to mourn the senseless death of George Floyd and contemplate how to make justice a reality for all people. Meeting at noon, 'Roos gathered online—across the miles, the decades, and the differences—in what became a holy space to pray and reflect.

Led by **Dr. John Williams '84**, chaplain and director of Church Relations, about **160 attendees** participated in the service. Members of the student organization **Black Expressions**, along with **President Steven O'Day** and **First Lady Cece O'Day**; **Dr. Lisa M. Brown**, professor of psychology and dean of Social Sciences; **Dr. Miki Mohammed**, assistant professor of economics; and **Dr. Eugenia Harris**, executive director of Institutional Research and Registrar, read scripture, poetry, selections from speeches by Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., and shared a challenging call to be the gifted, beloved, capable, and safe people all are created to be.

- President's Letter
- Transcript: Service June 2, 2020



Class of 2020 Chooses Senior Speaker

Austin College announces **Crystalle Fry** as the **2020 Senior Speaker for Commencement**. She has been selected by her peers to address the graduates, faculty, family, and friends at the in-person Commencement on August 9. "Being selected is a great honor, and I can't express my gratitude enough!" Fry says. "Although we've found ourselves in a truly unique time in history, the Class of 2020 has adapted—and adapted quickly. Our new normal will not stop us from achieving our goals; if anything, we will become more resilient because of it."

Fry majored in political science, has a minor in history, and is awaiting results from law school applications. While at Austin College, she was vice president of Omega Zeta, vice president of Pre-Law Society, a delegate to National Model United Nations, a C/L for Dr. Hunt Tooley, a member of STAT (Students Today, Alumni Tomorrow) and the Catholic Student Association, and served as an Admission Office student ambassador.

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2020 Awards Announced for Honors, Athletes, and Student Leadership

Austin College's top honors in categories including campus leadership, athletic achievement, and positive contributions to Greek societies, were announced last week. Follow the links for complete listings.





Foss to Speak on Justice and The Prosecution

As the 2020 Posey Leadership Award recipient, Foss is recognized by the College as a dedicated advocate for reform of the U.S. criminal justice system. Foss is the founder and executive director of Prosecutor Impact, a nonprofit organization dedicated to reframing the role of the prosecutor—the most powerful agent in the justice system, according to Foss. He worked as an assistant district attorney in the Suffolk County District Attorney’s Office in Boston, Massachusetts, before founding Prosecutor Impact.

[Listen to Foss' TED Talk...](#)



Student Research is All About The Weather

Beyond his degree in business finance and economics, Seth Howard '20 had one big test still ahead of him when the semester ended: speaking May 20 during a [national webinar](#) to members of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, or NOAA. His presentation was part of a larger, ongoing discussion about the effects of a Tornado Warning Improvement and Extension Program as called for by the Weather Research and Forecasting Innovation Act of 2017, H.R. 353.

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