



Summer flowers return to the landscape in front of Caruth Administration Building. The campus, which is usually teeming with teen campers, has been quiet even while preparations continue to welcome students back in August.

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Sneed Prairie Wins Texas Environmental Education Award

Austin College's Sneed Prairie Restoration Project is the **2020 Texas Environmental Excellence Award winner** in the Education category, awarded by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. The award marks the latest in a history of environmental leadership at Austin College.

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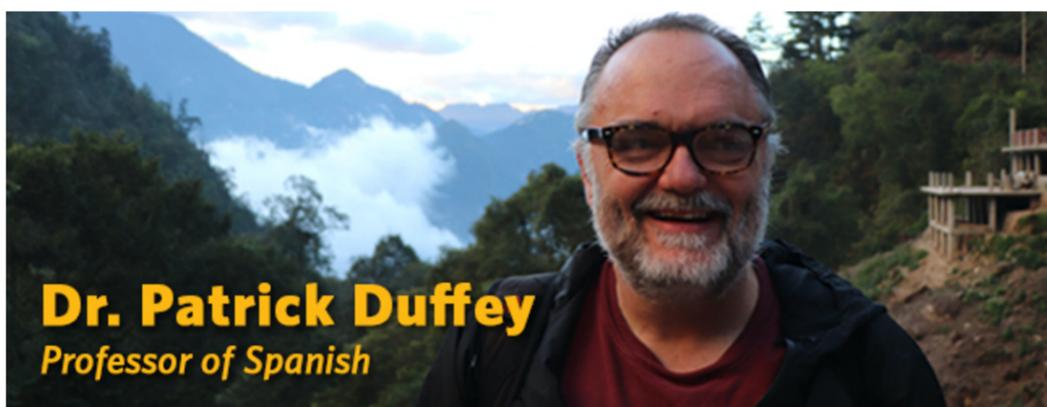


Simmons Named the Austin College Piper Professor Nominee

Dr. Kevin Simmons, Austin College Professor of Economics, is recognized internationally for his expertise in the economics of natural hazards. When tornado and hurricane seasons are underway, he routinely receives calls from media outlets from Houston to Dallas to Oklahoma City, and from the *New York Times* to *USA Today*.

This spring, he was recognized as the College's 2020 Minnie Stevens Piper Professor nominee, the nomination itself considered an Austin College teaching award. The Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation honors 10 Texas college and university professors each academic year for dedication to the teaching profession and for outstanding academic, scientific, and scholarly achievement.

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Duffey Receives Excellence in Teaching Award

Dr. Patrick Duffey, Professor of Spanish, says teaching has always been the most important part of being a faculty member for him. Honoring his diligence and commitment, he received the 2020 Excellence in Teaching and Campus Leadership Award.

Duffey said he teaches because he never likes to journey alone. "Teaching for me is going on a journey—learning a new language, reading a story, or interpreting a film from another culture—and having someone along to share the experience," said Duffey, the Margaret Root Brown Chair in Foreign Languages and Literatures. "Having students gives me companions to share the adventure."

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