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"I AM 400," a 4 x 12-foot banner marking 400 years of the African journey in America, now hangs in the Dining Hall in Wright Campus Center. The work of father-and-son artists Jerome and Jeromyah Jones highlights the culture and contributions of many African Americans. The Austin College community celebrates **Black History Month** in February.

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Legacies of American Slavery

Reckoning with the Past

College Chosen as Regional Partner to Studying Ongoing Effects of Slavery

Austin College has been chosen by the Council of Independent Colleges in Washington, D.C. as one of seven colleges and universities to be a Regional Collaboration Partner for the multiyear project, "**Legacies of American Slavery: Reckoning with the Past.**"

Dr. Gregory Kinzer, Dean of Humanities and Professor of English, and **Dr. Felix Harcourt**, Assistant Professor of History, will lead the Austin College initiative that considers the ongoing effects of slavery on American life. Grant funding from the CIC will support campus- and community-based research, teaching, and learning about the legacies of slavery.

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DR. KENNETH STREET LAW SYMPOSIUM AT AUSTIN COLLEGE

Thursday | February 25, 2021 | A Live Virtual Event

Quartet Shines in International Competition



Great Composers COMPETITION

When: November 17 - December 17 | Where: global, online

Best Beethoven Performance



The **Austin College Generations String Quartet** placed second in its age group in the international Best Beethoven Performance Competition in honor of the composer's 250th birthday.

The musicians began last summer to make music together, forming a multi-generational string quartet and seeking out Ricky Duhaime, Professor of Music, to serve as their coach. **Andrew Kim '22**, violin; **Andres Hernandez '22**, violin; **Rizwan Jagani '15**, viola; and 2017-2018 attendee **Jacob Martin**, cello, make up the instrumental ensemble.

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[Listen to the quartet's winning recording](#)

'Roos Connect with Exclusive Network

This week, Austin College launched Roos Network, an exclusive social platform for alumni, faculty, and staff. Roos Network operates like most social networks, with profiles, posts, groups, and a news digest. What's different? All users share the bond of Austin College.

It's simple to sign up [HERE!](#) Once you sign up, complete your profile, post an update, join a group, and find friends in the all-alumni directory.





If You Give a 'Roo a Challenge

First, the 2020-2021 Service Station Board accepted that due to COVID the annual JanServe Special Olympics basketball tournament was not happening. Then, they opened the books on a whole new project that will reach children as far as the Internet will go. The Service Station proudly introduces The 'Roos Reading Library, a virtual collection that provides easy access to children's stories.

"We hope to ultimately have hundreds of books like a real library, but this is definitely an ongoing project," said Helen Nguyen '21. "We want students in different classes to participate and contribute." Currently, two books are posted in the library, and 12 others are in final editing stages.

The students have learned to operate high-end video equipment and to create interesting sets, while also learning about copyright and public domain materials. "I believe that 'Roos Reading Library is one of the most rewarding projects I have been a part of thus far," says Maddie Wilson '23. "Knowing that the Service Station has contributed to helping students easily access books in a time when accessibility is difficult is something we will always cherish."

Students involved in the project include Megan Goyal '21, Milan Jaiswal '21, Aneurin Minson '21, Helen Nguyen '21, and Maddie Wilson '23. To see their work, visit ['Roos Reading Library](#) and use the **password: rooslibrary**.



Save the date! On March 30, our Austin College family will unite to support 'Roos.

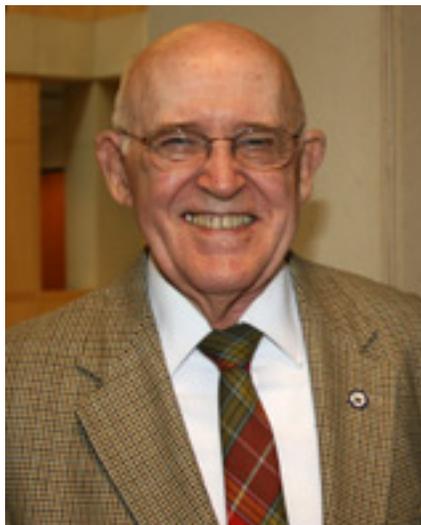


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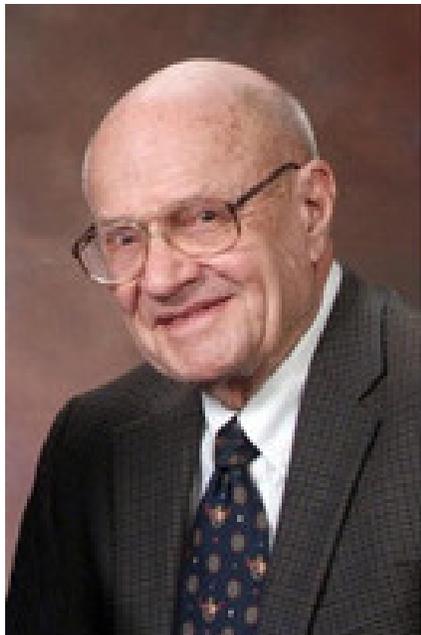
Austin College students, alumni, staff, and faculty are making a difference in the world today. Each month we feature highlights of notable events and media coverage featuring or pertaining to 'Roos and Austin College. **Do you have a story to share? Submit your news.**

In Memoriam



Dr. Thomas Kimes

Emeritus Professor of Mathematics
July 24, 1928 – February 4, 2021



Dr. Jack Jernigan

Emeritus Professor of English
August 19, 1923 – February 7, 2021