The 2021 Austin College TOSTAN event, sponsored by the Service Station, was held March 24 in Wynne Chapel. The annual student art auction and T-shirt sales raised $1,415 for the human rights-based education program. TOSTAN has reached more than 5 million people across eight African countries. Dr. Mathias Akuoko, Austin College Assistant Professor of Public Health, spoke about his experiences in Africa and the importance of empowering and educating women.

In-Person Commencement to Honor Classes of ’20 and ’21

President Steven O’Day has announced plans for a Commencement Ceremony honoring both the Class of 2020 and the Class of 2021 to be held on Saturday, May 22, at 8:30 a.m. on the Clyde L. Hall Graduation Court. Each graduate in attendance may have four ticketed guests; the ceremony will also be livestreamed so all may join in from wherever they are. Please visit the Commencement page for more information.

❤ Thanks for Giving Day!❤

Austin College’s first Giving Day on March 30 was a tremendous success with a goal-busting 526 gifts! Organizers want to especially thank Jim Jarratt ’67, John Rauschuber ’11 and Casey Rauschuber ’12, and President and Cece O’Day for their matching gifts, which helped bring the total amount raised to $305,329. Thanks to all who helped share the news and who gave during the special 24-hour fundraising event.

Medical School Completed, These AC Alumni Meet Their Matches

Angela Huang ’17 has completed four years at Baylor College of Medicine and matched into a Neurology residency at Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai (Beth Israel/West) in New York City, with a Medicine preliminary at the University of Washington in Boise, Idaho.

Ganesh Maniam ’17 will graduate in May from Texas Tech University Health Science Center School of Medicine’s MD/MBA program with a certificate in Medical Ethics & Humanities. He has matched into a preliminary year at Baylor Houston in Internal Medicine, then on to Mayo Clinic in Dermatology.
Jeremy Swisher ’17 has completed medical school at Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine and has matched at Wake Forest University School of Medicine to study Primary Care Sports Medicine.

Karos Torres ’15 has completed her degree at the University of the Incarnate Word School of Osteopathic Medicine and has matched for residency in Family Medicine at HCA Medical City Fort Worth.

COVID Vaccination Clinic Offered

On April 8, Austin College and the Grayson County Health Department partnered to offer a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for our students, faculty and staff. Nearly 300 members of the community took advantage of the opportunity and will be finishing the 2-dose protocol before the end of the semester. A shuttle was provided for those needing rides, and assistance from the Austin College Public Health Ambassadors, First Lady Cece O’Day, and members of the Health Services team helped make it a success. The COVID Response Team continues to identify opportunities for vaccination in the area and will pass along information as it is learned.

Visit the Austin College COVID page for the most up-to-date information.