



These students represent the mock attorneys at the 2021 National Hispanic Institute Lorenzo de Zavala Youth Legislative Conference for 10th and 11th grade Latino students. For nearly 30 years, NHI has hosted conferences on the Austin College campus in its ongoing mission to educate the next generation of Latino leaders. Visit [National Hispanic Institute](#) to learn more. *Photo by: NHI News*

Opening of School Just Weeks Away



Classes begin for Fall Term 2021 on August 24 with plans for in-person learning, living, and enjoying the full college experience. The [Austin College website](#) is updated regularly with key information regarding move in. The college leadership is not requiring COVID-19 vaccinations, but strongly recommends all members of the on-campus community to be vaccinated.

The [Austin College COVID-19 Task Force](#) is aware of the changing virus positivity rates nationwide and is monitoring the situation and vaccination rates in the immediate area. Although updated health and safety protocols for this summer were recently released, adjustments may be needed for the return to campus.

For more information and regular updates about Opening of School, visit the [Austin College webpage](#)



Legends Weekend Honors Alumni Athletes

Registration is still open for the annual **Legends Weekend** and the **38th Annual Slats McCord Golf Tournament**, August 7, and August 8. The Austin College Athletics Department and the Alumni "A" Athletics Association Board induct honorees into the Austin College Athletics Hall of Honor and present the Coach Joe Spencer Award for Meritorious Service and Lifetime Achievement in Coaching during the annual event.

The awards event will be held in person, with a livestream available, in Hughey Gymnasium inside the Mason Complex.

2021 Athletics Hall of Honor Inductees

- Stephen Carpenter '07
- Stefanie Faith '11
- Danny Gilstrap '67 (*Honorary/Awarded Posthumously*)
- Greg Larson '85
- Becca Harpham May '07
- Ryan Nicholson '95

2021 Coach Joe Spencer Award Recipient
Bart Tatum '91



Longaker Named SCAC Co-Woman of the Year



In exclusive voting by the senior woman administrators of the conference, [Ally Longaker](#) of [Austin College](#) has been selected **Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Co-Woman of the Year**. The NCAA Woman of the Year Award honors graduating student-athletes who have distinguished themselves throughout their collegiate careers in the areas of academic achievement, athletics excellence, community service, and leadership.

Longaker, who joins [Shelby Eaves \(2014\)](#) as the only other 'Roo to **earn SCAC Woman of the Year honors**, graduated this past spring with a 3.93 grade point average while earning a double major in Psychology and Public Health.

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Faculty Members and Student Published in Academic Journal



Austin College Psychology faculty **Dr. Renee Countryman** and **Dr. Matthew Findley**, along with their student **Madeleine Reinhardt '21**, were recently published in the academic journal **PLOS ONE**. The study titled, "Policy Liberalism and Source of News Predict Pandemic-related Health Behaviors and Trust in the Scientific Community," aimed to identify the influential factors that caused people to adhere to public health measures such as mask-wearing and social distancing, influenced their trust in scientific organizations, and affected the level of perceived risk. The [article](#) was published on June 17, 2021. Reinhardt is pursuing a master's degree in Clinical Psychology at Cleveland State University.

