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The 'Roos football team held its first practice today to prepare for a regular football season including spectators and all the school spirit. The Kangaroos kick off the season against the **Hendrix Warriors** on **September 4**, in Apple Stadium at 1 p.m. For more information about football and other 'Roo teams and schedules go to [www.acroos.com](http://www.acroos.com).

### How is Austin College Handling COVID in Fall Term?



Austin College will be returning to living and learning on campus for fully in-person classes, activities, and traditions. Students began arriving this week, with fall season athletes returning early along with other student leaders. The **Class of 2025** and **transfer students arrive August 20** for orientation, and **classes begin for all on August 24**.

Due to the ongoing pandemic and COVID variants, the Austin College President's COVID Task Force is following CDC guidelines and has determined that masks are required for everyone while inside buildings on campus. All faculty, staff, and students will be tested for COVID-19 upon their return to campus.

While vaccination is not required, everyone who is eligible and able to be vaccinated is strongly encouraged to do so. Future protocols will be determined by the rate of COVID-positive cases in the area, the percentage of vaccinated individuals, and recommendations from the CDC.

*Visit the [COVID Response page](#) for the most current information.*

**ROOS**  
**CRIMSON & GOLD**  
**CHALLENGE**  
 AUGUST 9-13, 2021    IT'S GO TIME 'ROOS  
**ONE MORE DAY!!!**

### Alumnus Covers Video Gaming for The Washington Post



**Nathan Grayson '12** is joining *The Washington Post* to help expand coverage of the video game and esports industry. Since 2014, Nathan has worked at Kotaku covering video game culture across several topics, including PC gaming, working conditions in the video game industry, and Twitch. Nathan majored in English and Media Studies and minored in Psychology at Austin College



**AC Announces a New Coach for a New Team**

**Alyssa Freeman** has been named head coach of the College's new **cheer and STUNT program**, announced Director of Athletics David Norman. Freeman most recently served as head spirit coach at Hutchinson Community College in Kansas.

"We're excited to welcome Alyssa to **Austin College** to lead our newest program," said Norman. "She brings tremendous experience and knowledge of both cheer and the exciting, up-and-coming sport of STUNT."

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**Sherman Museum Honors College Legend**



**Dr. Clyde Hall '46**, Austin College Professor Emeritus of Business Administration and Economics, knows a lot about history, too. His knowledge of and involvement in local history were honored this weekend with the naming of the **Dr. Clyde L. Hall Resource Room** at the **Sherman Museum**, newly remodeled and dedicated Sunday by the museum's Board of Trustees.



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