



The Art and Science of Coffee JanTerm class taught by Dr. Wolfgang Lueckel, Associate Professor of German and Department Chair for Classical and Modern Languages, has brought students together in search of the perfect cup of coffee. Through experimentation in the "coffee lab" the group has had hands-on opportunities to sample coffees from all over the country and learn about brewing methods, grind patterns, extraction ratios and temperature curves. JanTerm concludes on Tuesday, January 25, and students will have a short break before Spring Term begins on February 1.



### Community Gathers to Celebrate and Remember MLK

The [18th Annual MLK Jr. Community Celebration](#) brought together students, faculty, staff, and community members to remember the work and life of the renowned social justice leader. The event is hosted by Austin College along with Sherman Rotary Club and the Grayson County Rotary and donated proceeds from sponsors and guests go toward the Grayson County NAACP Scholarship Program.

Keynote speaker Carlos Lassiter, Vice President of Student Affairs/Chief Inclusion and Diversity Officer, emphasized King's liberal arts education and how it equipped him for his mission. While Clemon White '24 referenced [William J. Durham](#) (1896-1970), a Black attorney in Sherman who did not have a formal law school education but studied in the office of white attorney Benjamin Gafford and was admitted to the bar in 1926. Durham was a major contributor to landmark civil rights cases that lead to desegregation.

Music was provided by soloist Susie Viars-Allen from the Sherman Federated Choir, and Dr. Al Hambrick '79 shared news of recent NAACP scholarship recipients and thanked all involved for supporting that effort. Student interns for Institutional Marketing & Communications assisted in all aspects of producing the event.

The Celebration was held in Sally and Jim Nation Theatre inside Ida Green Communication Center and livestreamed on Facebook and YouTube. View the Celebration in its entirety, at the link below.

# 2022

## AUSTIN COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND VOLUNTEER AWARDS



### Nominations are Open For 2022 Distinguished Alumni Awards

Nominations are open for the annual [Austin College Distinguished Alumni Awards](#) and the First Decade Award. Deserving alumni have sustained distinguished accomplishments in any field of work or service. Distinguished alumni are recognized for representing themselves and Austin College in an honorable way.

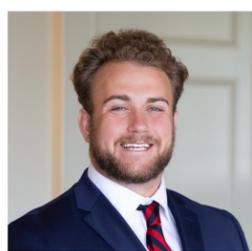
All nominations and supporting materials must be received by February 28, 2022.

[Nomination Criteria and Online Form](#)

### Music Students Present Operatic Rom-Coms

Throughout January, a small cast of musicians, under the direction of Adjunct Music Instructor **Sylvia Rivers**, has prepared two one-act operas to be performed in Sally and Jim Nation Theatre in Ida Green Communication Center on **February 4 and 5 at 7 p.m., and February 6 at 2 p.m.** The performance is free and open to the public; masks are required.

While other students may have traveled off-campus during JanTerm, **Brian Linares '22** and **Meghan Reeves '23** travel through time with *The Maid Mistress*, written in 1733 by Giovanni Battista Pergolesi. The story of Uberto, the head of the house, and Serpina, the maid, is a test of will as she hopes to become his spouse.



In *The Telephone* by Gian Carlo Menotti, **Lilly Boessen '23** will be singing the role of Lucy opposite **Jake Hanes '22** singing the role of Ben. The storyline will resonate with audience members as Lucy's telephone interrupts the young couple over and over, thwarting Ben's plan to propose marriage.

Timothy Jenkins is the production accompanist, and Clay Bourne '24 is production assistant.



**DR. KENNETH STREET**

**LAW SYMPOSIUM**

**AT AUSTIN COLLEGE**

**Thursday | February 17, 2022**

[Registration for Law Symposium opens Monday, January 24](#)



**Leader-in-Residence Series**

**2022 Recipient: Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa, M.D.**  
Neurosurgeon & Brain Cancer Researcher at the Mayo Clinic



**Campus-Wide Convocation**  
Thursday, April 14 • 11:00 a.m.  
Austin College | Wynne Chapel  
**Registration Now Open**

<p><b>FEBRUARY 22, 2022*   3 PM</b> <i>The Universality of Immigration</i> Hosted by Dr. Julie Hempel</p>	<p><b>MARCH 8, 2022*   9:30 AM</b> <i>Leadership is Not Perfection</i> Hosted by Dr. Martinella Dryburgh <i>*Student Virtual Session</i></p>	<p><b>MARCH 30, 2022*   3 PM</b> <i>Medically Informed Research</i> Hosted by Dr. Renee Countryman</p>
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