The Austin College women’s water polo team clinched its second consecutive CWPA Division III championship in a victory over Augustana on Saturday, March 25. The ‘Roos are now 13-7 overall and have won 22 straight CWPA contests. The team will head to California in May to compete in the inaugural USA Water Polo Division III Championship that will feature the top two teams from the CWPA and the top two teams from the Southern California Intercollegiate Athletic Conference (SCIAC). Go ‘Roos!

For more information go to www.acroos.com

Dr. Q Shares Positive Message

The 2022 Austin College Posey Leadership Award recipient and the first Posey Leader-in-Residence Dr. Alfredo Quiñones-Hinojosa (Dr. Q) delivered his talk, “Under the Stars: Balancing Success and Failure,” on April 14 at the Posey Leadership Award Convocation on campus. The leader-in-residence format allowed frequent opportunities for students to hear and learn from Dr. Q via virtual meetings and gatherings. His presence on campus, whether virtual or live, allowed him to share ideas on several topics of interest, including immigration, poverty, and neuroscience. Dr. Q serves as the chair of neurologic surgery at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida, in addition to his work as an author and prominent brain cancer researcher.

Campus Community and Friends Welcome Dr. Q - Austin College

Clearing the Way for the Future

Work has begun on improvements to Apple Stadium, including the addition of a fitness track, lighting, and artificial turf field. These additions will enhance the stadium to become a facility for all ‘RooNation. Two million dollars have been raised toward the $3M project. You can be part of this important project. Contact JR Ohr, Executive Director of Major Gifts, for more information or give today at www.austincollege.edu/applestadium.

Changes Coming in ACPD

The retirement of Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Kelle Kennemer was announced by Vice President for Student Affairs Carlos Lassiter in an email to the campus last week. Kennemer has served the College community for more than 10 years, first as a peace officer and later, as chief.

“Her contributions will always be valued and remembered,” wrote Lassiter. “Her hard work, commitment, and dedication to our campus and students are worthy of admiration. She will be greatly missed.”

Lassiter also announced the promotion of Austin College Police Department Sgt. Joe Keitz to Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety effective May 3. Officer Donald Rhodes will be promoted to the rank of sergeant.
Alumna Named as Associate Provost at TCU

Dr. M. Francyne Huckaby '89 has been appointed as Associate Provost of Faculty Affairs for Texas Christian University. Huckaby is Interim Dean of the School of Interdisciplinary Studies and Professor of Curriculum Studies in the College of Education. Huckaby’s work as a teacher-scholar has focused on creating openings and spaces for anti-oppressive discourses and practices.

Her work appears in International Review of Qualitative Research, Qualitative Inquiry, International Journal of Qualitative Studies in Education, Educational Philosophy and Theory, The Journal of Curriculum Theorizing, Womanish Ways: Renderings at the Intersection of Race, Gender and Curriculum Theorizing, Handbook of Public Pedagogy, and Duoethnography: Dialogic Methods for Social, Health, and Educational Research. Her honors include the Claudia V. Camp Faculty Research and Creative Activity Award, the TCU Deans’ Teaching Award, TCU Mortar Board Preferred Professor, Straight for Equality from Fort Worth’s PFLAG chapter, and American Educational Research Association Outstanding Dissertation (Qualitative Research).

In Memoriam

Karl Haller
Adjunct Biology Faculty

Haller spent more than 33 years in Austin College Biology classrooms and labs, serving as a member of the adjunct faculty and staff from September 1, 1965, until his retirement on May 31, 1998. He served as an instructor in Biology and taxidermy, a Biology preparator and curator, and a stockroom/laboratory coordinator. He died April 15, 2022; he was 105 years old.