Joy Apple, wife of the late Jerry Apple ’60, is escorted to midfield by #28 Jarrett Pleasant ’24 and #39 Kennon Magers ’23 for the official coin toss of the home opener on Saturday, September 10. Jerry E. Apple Stadium was completed and named in 2000 with generous gifts from the Apples. With the 2022 enhancement project completed for kickoff, a special reception and presentation to the leadership donors for the project were held prior to the game. Apple Stadium updates include an artificial turf field, additional stadium seating, fitness track, and lights.

Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards Honorees Announced

Austin College proudly announces the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Award and Service Award recipients. These honorees have distinguished themselves in their professions and in their communities, exemplifying leadership and ethical standards in their interactions. Throughout their lives, they model the spirit of service and broad-mindedness that is fostered by the Austin College educational experience. Distinguished Alumni provide support and advocacy for the College and its mission. The Cindy Curtis Bean Service-to-Alumni Award honors a member of the faculty or staff who demonstrates extraordinary commitment to the support of alumni. The Heywood Clemons Award is given to alumni or friends in honor of continued service and commitment to the College. Honorees will be recognized at the annual dinner during 2022 Homecoming and Family Weekend.
Join us Saturday, October 1 for ideas worth sharing at TEDxAustinCollege 2022.

Featured speakers include:

Jennifer Estes | The 3 C’s: Fanning the Flame of Creativity
Jennifer is Regional Director of Marketing & PR for Baylor Scott & White Health, the largest not-for-profit healthcare system in Texas.

Caitlin Graves ’13, Ed.D. | Keep the Cape: Invisible Disabilities Aren’t Superpowers
After Austin College, Caitlin received her master’s degree from Kent State University and doctorate from Abilene Christian University. In her professional life, Caitlin works in Organizational Development and Educational Innovation.

Felix Harcourt, Ph.D. | How to Talk About Hate Groups
Dr. Harcourt is an Assistant Professor of History at Austin College whose scholarship is primarily focused on issues of prejudice, politics, and popular culture in the United States.

Julie Hempel, Ph.D. | Gained in Translation
Dr. Julie Hempel is an Associate Professor of Spanish at Austin College and translator from Spanish to English. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan in Latin American literature. She is also the Director of the Center for Southwestern and Mexican Studies at Austin College.

Bella Sada-Nieto ’23 | Betting on Yourself: My Journey with Amplified Pain Syndrome
Bella Sada-Nieto is majoring in Latin American Studies and double minorin in International Relations and History. Bella was diagnosed with Amplified Pain Syndrome at 18 years old. In the summer of 2019, she went to a six-week intensive program that allowed her to live a normal life without the daily disturbances of pain.

Trevor Slansky ’22 | Gritty Optimism: Hope in the Face of Climate Change
Trevor Slansky graduated from Austin College last May with an Environmental Studies major and English minor. He says he’s at least 40% sure he knows what he’s doing with his life. Trevor was President of Austin College Thinking Green and a Fulbright grant scholarship semifinalist. He lives in Denver, Colorado.

Unite With Austin College and Make a Texas-Sized Impact!

This Thursday, September 22, Austin College will participate in the annual North Texas Giving Day, a one-day, online-giving extravaganza. You can designate a gift to any area of Austin College that you love to make a difference for the future.

Please visit NorthTexasGivingDay.org/AustinCollege to schedule your gift today!
Scholars, Writers, and Artists Convene to Confront Racial Conflict

The Confronting Racial Violence and Resistance convening will be held on September 23-24 in Clifford J. Grum Sanctuary in Wynne Chapel. While looking at the legacies of racial violence and resistance, with a particular focus on the Texas-Oklahoma region, this will be an opportunity to learn, contribute, and help move the conversation forward.

Prominent scholars, award-winning writers and artists, and transformational community leaders and educators will come together at Austin College. The event is part of a national series sponsored by the Council of Independent Colleges and Yale University's Gilder Lehrman Center for the Study of Slavery, Resistance, and Abolition.

Conference Registration is free and open to the public.

In Memoriam

Ellis Olmstead
April 3, 1935-September 2, 2022
Senior Trustee