



Theile Named Elite 19 and SCAC 100 Backstroke Champ

In an announcement made at a SCAC championship on February 10, [Austin College's Sammi Thiele'24](#) was named the 2023 SCAC Women's Swimming & Diving Elite 19 award winner. Thiele, a junior from Keller, Texas, currently holds a 3.91 GPA in English while minoring in Education. At this weekend's SCAC Championship, she earned all-SCAC honors in three individual events, including the 100 backstroke when she became just the third [Austin College](#) women's swimmer to ever win an individual championship at the SCAC championship meet, breaking the conference record to bring home the gold. She was also all-conference in the 200 IM and 200 breast.

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Seniors Selected as Fulbright Grant Award Semi-Finalists

Natalia Nevarez and **Addison Norman** have been selected as 2023-2024 Fulbright Semi-Finalists to proceed on to the National Screening Committee for this prestigious award. The final selections will be announced later this spring after review by the supervising agency in the host countries.

Natalia Nevarez '23 of Fort Worth, Texas, is the daughter of Benjamin and Socorro Nevarez. She has applied for an English Teaching Assistantship in South Korea. She is an International Studies major with a minor in Global Science, Technology, and Society. She says she hopes to earn a master's degree in International Relations and participate in programs through the



Department of State to become a Foreign Service Officer.



Addison Norman '23 of Pilot Point, Texas, is the daughter of Jason and Donna Norman. She has applied for the Fulbright Manchester Metropolitan University Creative Writing Award in the United Kingdom. She is an English major with an emphasis on creative writing and is completing a minor in Psychology. She says she's interested in being a Fulbright ambassador in the city of Manchester due to its prevalence in the literary world and designation as an UNESCO City of Literature.

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Black Expressions Student Organization Participates in BHM Festival

Austin College partnered with the Barbara Bowie Foundation and others in Grayson County for the Black History Month Festival. Events on campus included an original play titled, "The Rise, The Fall, and The Hope" staged in Clifford J. Grum Sanctuary of Wynne Chapel on February 10, and a banquet the next day. Members of Black Expressions participated in the weekend as part of the group's programming for Black History Month. Pictured above: **Rebecca Osei '23**, **Janaye Scales '24**, Dr. Barbara Bowie, and **Clemon White IV '24**.



Austin College Giving Day is coming soon! Watch your email and social media platforms for updates and meaningful giving opportunities. Also, check the list below for special AlumNight gatherings around Texas, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on March 7. Light bites and cash bar in all locations. Hope to see you there! To make your reservation for any location contact **Kristi** at klucchese@austincollege.edu

Lockhart Smokehouse BBQ

400 W Davis St.

Dallas, TX 75208

Hosts: Jeff Bergus '88 & Jill Grobowski Bergus '95, Jana Harrison '89, David Stone '75

The Southside Cellar

125 S. Main St.

Ft. Worth, TX 76104

Hosts: Kerby Haltom '85, Janet Moody Melton '85, Melissa Hannah Murnane '85

Little Death Wine Bar

2327 North Saint Mary's St.

San Antonio, TX 78212

Hosts: Clint Buck '07, Chad Carey '99, Kate Currie Carey '00, Gloria Carey Nwelue '09

Meanwhile Brewing Company

3901 Promontory Point Dr.

Austin, Texas 78744

Hosts: Caitlin Goode Gonzales '13, Charlotte Harper '89, Caitlin Larsen '10

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Alumni Featured in the McKinney Black History Month Lecture Series

Ron Kirk '76 will be the featured speaker on February 23 at the McKinney Black History Month Lecture Series: Stories of Grit and Perseverance. Fellow Austin College graduate **Dr. Gere Feltus** '01 will moderate the evening. Gere serves on the McKinney City Council and is a family medicine specialist. The event is free and open to the public; reservation required.

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Dr. Kenneth Street Annual Law Symposium: Challenges of Managing the Modern Law Practice

Austin College has opened registration for the 2023 Dr. Kenneth Street Law Symposium focusing on the theme, "Professional and Ethical Challenges of Managing the Modern Law Practice: Attorney and Judicial Perspectives."

Lawyers, students, and others interested in the law profession are welcome to attend the discussion on Thursday, February 23, from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. The symposium includes panel discussions, luncheon with keynote speaker, and a reception to follow. Approval of CLE hours is pending.

Symposium registration is \$50 for attorneys, \$25 for the general public, \$15 for members of the Grayson County Bar Association, and free to students from all colleges and universities as well as Austin College faculty and staff. Registration is required for all who will attend.

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2022 TEDxAustinCollege videos now available online; Hempel and Harcourt Highlighted by TEDx for Global Relevance

The TEDxAustinCollege 2022 videos are now all online and available on YouTube at @TEDx and the Austin College YouTube channel. Special congratulations go out to **Dr. Julie Hempel**, associate professor of Spanish, and **Dr. Felix Harcourt**, assistant professor of history, whose talks were selected by the TEDx organization to be published with a notification to their 34 million+ subscribers.

According to the TED representative, the talks were chosen because they represent valuable and timely ideas for our global audience. Both were published in January and have already been viewed more than 20,000 times. Follow the links to view each of the TEDxAustinCollege 2022 talks.

[Gained in translation](#) | Julie Hempel

[How to talk about hate groups](#) | Felix Harcourt

[Keep the Cape: Invisible Disabilities Are Not Superpowers](#) | Caitlin Graves

[The 3 C's: Fanning the Flame of Creativity](#) | Jennifer Estes

[Bet On Yourself: My Journey with Amplified Pain Syndrome](#) | Isabella Sada-Nieto

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