



On a recent July day, there were no less than 100 contractors on site working on major projects including: landscape and tree trimming on Windsor Mall, demolition in Caruth Hall restrooms, roofing to repair hail damage, campus-wide fire safety system inspections, and first-floor renovations in Wortham Center. Executive Director of Facilities David Turk and physical plant personnel have committed to an ambitious schedule, and great progress is being made in preparation for students' return to campus.



Austin College to Honor Alumni Athletes at Annual Event

Registration closes soon for the 2023 Legends Weekend event, July 28-30, where Austin College recognizes outstanding athletes who represent the College well in their professional and personal lives. The annual event includes the 'Roos Reception on Friday night, Award Dinner and Ceremony on Saturday, and the 40th Annual Slat's McCord Golf Tournament on Sunday.



Coach Joe Spencer Award Honoree Kim Randolph '75 has served as head softball coach at Episcopal High School in Bellaire, Texas, and is the principal and a biology teacher. As a coach, administrator and faculty member, he has worked alongside students on service projects and was recently awarded the school's Hexagon Distinguished Faculty and Staff Award.



Paul Burns, former Austin College Women's Soccer coach, 1996-2013, led the teams on a 14-season winning streak, and finished under .500 only three times. His career record with the 'Roos stands at 175-117-29 which includes winning the ASC East Division in 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001; and the ASC crown in 2000, which led to a berth in the NCAA Championship.



Gordon Eiland '79, 4-year athlete in football, one year of track; B.A. in biology/psychology, B.A. in physical therapy at UT Medical, and M.A. in exercise physiology at Kent State University. His career achievements include work as a physical therapist, athletic trainer, adjunct instructor, and editorial advisor for professional journals. He has worked at many high-profile athletic events across the nation and internationally.



Matt Finke '10, 4-year, 2-sport athlete in football and baseball; B.A. in business. He has been in the U.S. Army since 2015 and now serves as an Orthopedic Technician. In 2019 he deployed to Iraq, in support of Operation Inherent Resolve, where he served as the Movement and Security Non-Commissioned Officer In-Charge. There he received a Battlefield Promotion for his accomplishments.

Reed Heim '00, 4-year football letterman; B.A. in business administration, M.A. in education/sports management from Baylor. He has worked as a coach and recruiter on the college level, also has shaped the lives of high school athletes, now serving as Head Coach at



Denton Guyer High School in Denton, Texas.



Dyke McMahan '86, 4-year athlete in football and track; B.A. in sociology and physical education. He has a 30-year career as a Texas Game Warden and has been honored as Game Warden of the Year for Region 6 and Shakir Safari Club International Texas Officer of the Year. He has helped in rescues at major weather catastrophes such as Hurricanes Rita, Ike, Harvey, and

others.



David "Scooter" Means '09, 4-year athlete in football, 3-year athlete in baseball; B.A. in economics/business administration, AIF through Cannon Financial Institute, CLU through The American College of Financial Planning. He is a member of Dallas Estate Planning Council, Top of the Table—Million Dollar Round Table, National Association of Plan Advisors, Finseca and Forum 400.



Colleen Walsh '07, 4-year athlete in Women's Soccer; B.A. in Exercise sports science/biology, M.A. in Information Systems and Security/Information Assurance, M.E. in Curriculum, and Instruction, both from Our Lady of the Lake University. Since 2014, she has worked for USAA in various roles including systems analyst, software development and integrator, IT project implementation lead, security, operations, and investigations.



Classics Professor & Student Complete Archeological Dig



Dr. Martin Wells, Austin College associate professor of Classics, has recently returned from his 6th season as architectural specialist for the Huqoq Excavation Project in Israel. The month-long season runs from May 31 to July 4, and the 2023 season was the 11th and final of excavations in the 1,600-year-old synagogue at Huqoq. Since 2017, Wells has taken Austin College students for hands-on archeological learning experience. This year, rising senior **Miranda Brown** participated in the architectural dig for the first time. Brown is an anthropology/Classics major from Centerville, Texas.

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Alumni readers, please share updates about your careers, family, travel, and achievements in the popular **'Roo Notes** section of the upcoming annual magazine.

Submit your news and photos to ['Roo Notes - Austin College](#) or by email to editor@austincollege.edu. Pictures are welcome and encouraged! **Deadline is August 31.**

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Calling All Alumni Art Educators!



The Austin College Art Department will be hosting an exhibition at Homecoming 2023 celebrating the creative work of alumni who work in the field of Art Education.

The exhibit runs from Homecoming Weekend (November 3-5) through January Term. The theme is open and allows artists to exhibit work that best represents their current art practices. The only requirement is that exhibitors must be Art Educators.

Participation is welcome in all media, including but not limited to: painting, sculpture, photography, digital art, video art, mixed media, performance-based art, and installations. If you are interested in participating, email **Art and Art History Department Chair Mark Monroe** at mmonroe@austincollege.edu for more information.

Join Austin College alumni, family, and friends to cheer on the Texas Rangers as they take on the Miami Marlins at Globe Life Field in Arlington, Texas.

Block tickets are available through Sunday, July 23.

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Saturday, August 5, 2023 | 3:05 p.m.

All are welcome to this fun summertime event! We have a group of seats reserved for us to enjoy America's favorite pastime together.

Baseball and 'Roos—what could be better?
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Contact Kristi Lucchese at klucchese@austincollege.edu or [903.813.2419](tel:903.813.2419) for more information.

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