



**All across the north Texas landscape, redbud trees welcome spring** with their signature pink blooms. Austin College campus trees, including the redbud, are waking to the season, filling the canopy with fresh leaves.

Students returned from Spring Break to resume classes on Monday, March 18. The final weeks of the term present opportunities such as Austin College Scholars Conference, which begins today, Posey Leadership Award Convocation, Kangalooza, and registration for Fall Term 2024.

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# THANK YOU!



**#RooNation, you set a new record on Giving Day!**

**538 Donors**

**\$25,000** matched for immediate use scholarships

**\$664,640 Total Raised**

**8 Donor Challenges**

**Alumni, Parents, Faculty/Staff, Students & Friends**

**\$10,000** Added from Donor Milestone Challenge

**24 Hours**

**40 First Time Donors**

**35 States Represented**

**175** ESTABLISHED 1849

**Thank you to everyone in 'RooNation** who joined Austin College Giving Day! You made a difference for our students and set a new record for giving: \$664,640 in 24 hours! [Read more](#) about significant matching gifts from several generous alumni.



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**Monday, April 8, 2024**  
*Biggest solar event of our lifetime*

**Event: Noon to 3 p.m.**  
**Max Eclipse at 1:44 p.m.**

Eclipse glasses will be available at several locations across campus.



## Cueva Earns Prestigious McKinney ISD Award

**Evan Cueva '23** was recently awarded the "We Are McKinney! Superintendent Award," given monthly to one elementary and one secondary teacher in the McKinney Independent School District. Evan teaches 7th grade Texas history at Dowell Middle School and is the *only* first-year teacher to ever earn this award. The "We Are McKinney! Superintendent Award" is a peer-nominated recognition of teachers living out the district's vision of "Every Student, Every Day!" MISD is one of the fastest growing school districts in the state, with more than 24,500 students enrolled.

"Austin Teacher Program has prepared me for everything that my field of work has thrown at me," Evan says. "Austin College has also shaped my love for learning. With every single class I took, I learned something about myself and the world." Evan advocates for the emergent bilinguals on his campus and coaches the Mavericks Water Polo Club in The Colony, Texas.

**He is pictured here with Superintendent Shawn Pratt, Dowell Middle School Principal Melanie Machost, and Shelly Spaulding from MISD Communications.**

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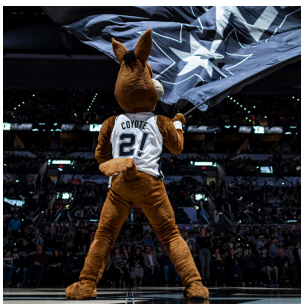
## AUSTIN COLLEGE DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AND VOLUNTEER AWARDS



### Distinguished Alumni Nominations Closing Soon

Each year, Austin College recognizes alumni who have distinguished themselves in their professions and their communities, who exemplify leadership and ethical standards in their work, and provide support and advocacy for the College and its mission. **Nominations are open through April 12, 2024.** Awards are presented at the Annual Distinguished Alumni and Volunteer Awards Dinner during Homecoming Weekend. For nomination criteria and access to the forms, follow the link below. For more information, email [alumni@austincollege.edu](mailto:alumni@austincollege.edu).

[Learn More & Submit Nominations](#)



#### Austin College Alumni Night

#### Spurs vs. New York Knicks

March 29, 2024, 7 p.m.

Tickets: \$28.90 - \$58.90 (purchase by 5 p.m. on gameday)

Frost Bank Center - Spurs

1 ATT Center Parkway, San Antonio, Texas 78219

Bring your family and friends and join us at a San Antonio Spurs game when they take on the New York Knicks. Use the link below for discounted tickets—including food

vouchers and special pre-game experience where you enter before the general public and watch both teams warm up from the first 13 rows of the arena.

**[Get Your Tickets Here!](#)**



**Before the Game! Join us for Happy Hour**

**Little Death**

*A Chad '99 and Katie Currie Cary '00 restaurant*  
2327 N. St. Mary's Street  
San Antonio, Texas 78212

The fun starts at 4:30 p.m. until time to leave for the game. No registration needed for happy hour—see you there! Special thanks to Nicole Christy '00 and Jack Wylie '88 for planning this fun evening!

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**POSEY LEADERSHIP AWARD**

**Leader-in-Residence**

**Posey Leadership Award Convocation**

**April 4, 2024 | 11 a.m.**  
**Wynne Chapel | Clifford J. Grum Sanctuary**

**Rick Lowe**  
**2024 Recipient**



**Celebrate the 175th Milestone with Service to Others**

'Roos everywhere can join in Austin College's 175th Year Celebration by serving others in your community and reporting your hours. We trust that alumni, parents, students, staff, and faculty already make a difference every day—and you can help us celebrate an ambitious, collective service goal of 17,500 hours during the 2023-2024 academic year. Follow the link below today to share your information!

**[REPORT YOUR SERVICE HOURS](#)**



# Hop *into* History



**In the fall of 1918, young women were admitted to Austin College to attend class as regular students.** Women were not strangers to campus, as many had been welcomed as “special students” as early as 1890 through a cooperative arrangement with the all-female Kidd-Key College across town.

Their regular admission was part of President Thomas Clyce’s plan to boost enrollment numbers, increase tuition revenue, and expand opportunities for women. In March 1918, he appointed a committee of three men to investigate the possibility of co-education and report

to the Board of Trustees by the following June. The committee wrote in its report, “Women are asserting their right to an equality with men in all things and are resenting, and will continue to more aggressively resent any law or custom which limits their activity or excludes their labor.”



In that first year of official co-education, 22 women enrolled and brought with them a change in the campus culture. Traditionally, students had been referred to as “the boys,” and overnight, they became “the student body.” Source: *Austin College Magazine* Winter 2018

[READ MORE](#)

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**MY STORY: EXPLORE. BELONG. MAKE A DIFFERENCE.**

The 175th milestone theme ***Explore. Belong. Make a Difference.*** is the story arc of most students who call themselves ‘Roos. They arrive here and begin their exploration; find belonging with like-minded peers; and answer the call to make a difference. Here are their stories—in their own words.



**Katie Seibert '20**

*Surgical medical assistant & histology technician  
Advanced Dermasurgery Associates  
Dallas, Texas*

Austin College taught me to be a lifelong learner. Learning does not stop after college, and I find that curiosity is the best skill my college experience equipped me with. This curiosity about new languages and places has taken me as far as South Korea for a Fulbright teaching award. Now, this passion brings me closer to home to serve the community around me. My current hobbies include improving my Spanish skills to better assist Spanish-speaking patients at work. I enjoy weekly Spanish classes and listening to new music to learn new vocabulary! In the next year, I hope to travel to Colombia and Guatemala for Spanish classes and travel.

In my role at Advanced Dermasurgery, I assist physicians in treating skin cancer and coordinate post-operative care. I am currently attending UNTHSC for my Master of Medical Science degree and hope to enter the medical field after.



**Jim Alexander '97**

*Attorney & author  
San Francisco, California*

I am a licensed attorney and author based in the San Francisco Bay Area. I previously worked at NASA and, after graduating from law school at Stanford, as an attorney at a multinational law firm and later at Visa Inc.

Wipf & Stock Publishers recently released *I Am Sophia*, my futuristic spiritual adventure novel, now available from booksellers worldwide. My writing explores frontiers in theology and the evolution of religion in the third Christian millennium. I currently serve as lay theologian-in-residence at an Episcopal cathedral.

My education and experiences at Austin College laid the foundation for everything that has come after. It was there that I became acquainted with the great conversations of our civilization. AC also gave me wonderful lifelong friendships, fond memories, and a life-changing junior year abroad. I cannot imagine what my life would have been like had I not been a 'Roo!



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