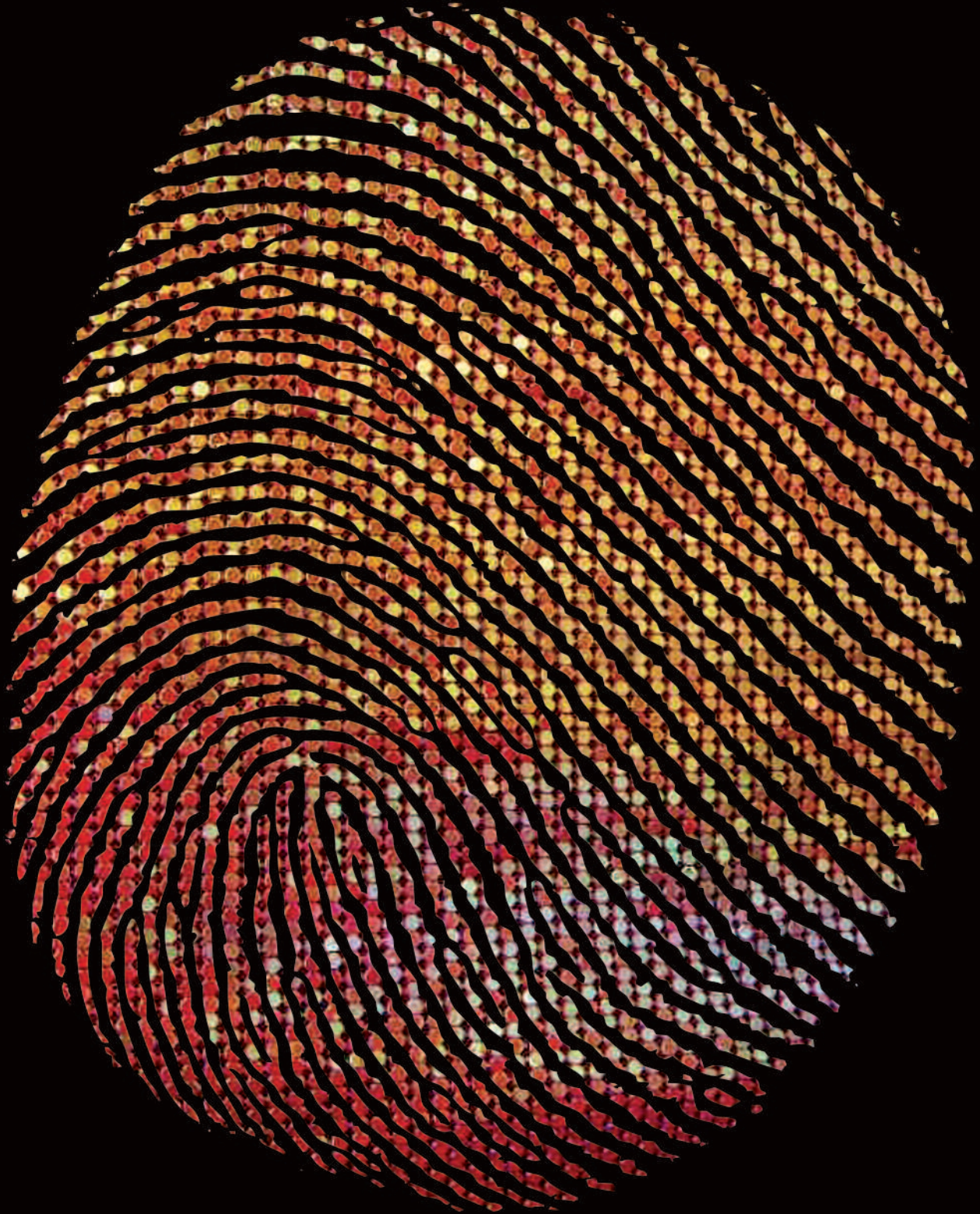


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## What energy source can provide power to the 1.4 billion people worldwide with no access to electricity?

### **STEPHANIE LEE '14 BELIEVES NANOGEARS ARE THE ANSWER.**

In her summer research, Stephanie created a gear only four molecules wide that can operate like a mechanical gear. Her discovery will lead to better understanding of how to incorporate geared molecular machinery into tiny, yet complex, nanomachines. Combined with other research in the Austin College Chemistry Department, these gears could someday provide the components for light-harvesting paint that captures the sun's energy—making electricity available to any home, anywhere.

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### **Stephanie Lee**

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*Stephanie is supported by the Edwin B. and Louise C. Jordan Scholarship Program.*

*Her summer 2012 chemical research was funded by a grant from the Welch Foundation of Houston.*

## PRACTICE IN EXCELLENCE

I have long been fascinated by people who have regular practices. As a magician, Larry spends a lot of time on practicing. He runs through basic sleights, vocal exercises, and script rehearsal on a regular basis. My work doesn't require that kind of basic skill review, so I am always a little bit in awe of his dedication and willingness to plan time every day for a return to "beginner mind."

But in the past year, I have come to have a practice of my own. Although I have taken yoga classes for many years, by committing to a daily yoga routine (in my case inspired by the Ashtanga yoga tradition), yoga has evolved from something that I happen to do into a genuine practice.

For me with my yoga, and for Larry with his skill drills, something more emerges in a practice than simply improvement or meeting a challenge. A practice requires that we make it a habit and approach it in a regimented and scheduled way—we have to practice regularly, in other words. But it also requires that we bring a certain kind of devotional attention to our actions, a focus on the process as well as the result. We bring our full selves to the work and stop seeing it as something that only our hands or our bodies do. We return from these sessions not only more limber or controlled but also spiritually and emotionally refreshed. Habit, attention, process, challenge—these are the cornerstones of having a practice.

The patient attention to the process of learning is an old virtue—and some might say it is an old-fashioned one. Technology has speeded our access to information; can't it speed up our access to knowledge and perhaps even to wisdom? Well, as we know at Austin College, some things can't be rushed. Critical thought sometimes requires soaking in a vat of ideas. Good solutions arrive on their own timeline and after relentless digging into the problem.

That is why we look forward to adopting and adapting new technologies into the Austin College experience. We are excited to bring Sal Kahn, founder of the Kahn Academy, to campus (*see page 7*) to hear how he created unprecedented access to basic skills by providing free online teaching materials to tutors, teachers, and students. And it is why members of our Humanities faculty have recently begun a digital initiative exploring ways that digital archives and communication media can enhance learning in languages, literature, and other fields.

But our passion for the deep work of learning is also why technology only can enhance—and not replace—our face-to-face, high-touch, hands-on methods of teaching and learning.

On campus we continue the practice of bringing out the best in our students. You can read in this magazine about experiences of students in international study and service. Students in multiple disciplines are

involved in research and a record number of our students are presenting work at professional conferences this year. Even now, students are thinking about January Term adventures awaiting them—adventures that may include the sorts of life-changing perspectives that many of you have shared with me.

Thank you for the investment you make in our students. Austin College could not continue without the love and support of our alumni and friends. Reaching out to give a hand up to a Kangaroo, confident that the chain of support will be passed on to the next generation—that is our way. Our challenges are many, and the struggle to preserve both academic excellence and access for students of modest means continues. But we are facing these questions head on and in a spirit of commitment to our core values.

May you continue this holiday season with peace and joy in your heart.

Gratefully,

*Marjorie Hass*

Marjorie Hass, President  
Austin College





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*The Colors of Academia—As the Austin College faculty files into Wynne Chapel for Opening of School Convocation, the academic regalia illustrates bright and colorful prospects for the year ahead.*

# MAJESTIC MUSIC

After Wynne Chapel was built at Austin College in 1958, the **Toddie Lee Wynne** family of Dallas, who provided funding for the chapel, decided it needed something more. After much deliberation as to the best possible choice, an Aeolian-Skinner grand pipe organ was installed in the chapel in 1963, also with gifts from the family.

Aeolian-Skinner has been recognized as one of the most important organ builders in the United States. It started as the Skinner Organ Company in 1901 and merged with the Aeolian Company in 1932. The company built several high-quality organs, including the Wynne Chapel addition, before ending business in 1972. When Mr. Wynne was considering organs, he wrote to Austin College President **John D. Moseley**: “The first question, as to the builder, to practically all organists is simply one answer—the Aeolian-Skinner. This is considered by most organists to be the finest built and best musical instrument.”

The late **Richard Tappa**, longtime music faculty member and College organist, came to Austin College partly because of the fine quality organ. **Anna Laura Page**, former first lady of Austin College and an accomplished organist, said, “Because of its historical nature, we need to strive to keep this wonderful instrument in good working order. It is a spectacular instrument with incredible acoustic qualities, and I am so proud to be able to play it on occasion.” Anna Laura recalled that a few years ago, a doctoral student doing his dissertation on Aeolian-Skinner organs viewed the Wynne Chapel organ and was very excited to find it still in place and so well cared for—a tribute to the careful attention of Dr. Tappa.

## A Pipe Organ Primer

To produce the sounds made by a pipe organ, air must pass through the rows of pipes as keys are played. Water wheels and hand-pumped bellows are among the methods that helped blow air through the pipes before electricity, but ‘modern’ pipe organs are powered by a motor-driven fan. Air is pumped into the **reservoir**, which holds the air under constant pressure to produce a steady tone through the pipes.

Austin College’s organ has three keyboards or **manuals** and a **pedalboard**, which the organist plays to produce the range of notes and sounds in organ compositions.

**Pipes** are arranged by timbre and pitch into **ranks**—or rows. (The Austin College organ’s 32 ranks are housed in the organ case behind the stage.) The organist pulls **stops** to admit air to each rank—the origin of the phrase “to pull out all the stops.”



*The Wynne Chapel organ, which took many months to create and install, will have been part of the campus tradition for 50 years in 2013. In honor of the organ's 50th anniversary on campus, Austin College has initiated a "50 for 50" mini-campaign to raise \$50,000 for needed organ repairs. The Opal Carlton Estate has designated a 1:1 challenge grant of \$25,000 to assist in meeting the need by the time of the organ's anniversary in 2013. Individuals wishing to make gifts toward this challenge may contact **Brooks Hull**, vice president for Institutional Advancement, at 903.813.2419.*



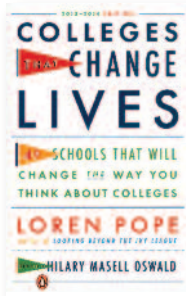
## Still Changing Lives

Many alumni would line up to attest to the transformational impact of their Austin College experience. New ideas, new involvements, and new passions kindled during their education set them on a path of success and engagement. Earlier this fall, Ambassador **Ron Kirk** '76, U.S. Trade Representative since 2009, said that his experiences on campus and the “dedicated faculty passionate about teaching” were key in his own development.

When people outside the Austin College community recognize the power of that transformation, more students are drawn to the experience. In 1996, former *New York Times* education editor Loren Pope released *Colleges That Change Lives*, including Austin College among the 40 schools profiled. That book, designed to help high school students find colleges where they could develop a lifelong love of learning and build a foundation for a successful and fulfilling life beyond college, helped direct thousands of students. Revised editions in 2000 and 2006 also included Austin College.

After Pope died in 2008, his family hired an education writer to compile an updated edition—based upon all new visits and interviews. Though writer Hilary Masell Oswald was to include 40 schools, the mandate was that the 40 schools should not be exactly the same list selected by Pope.

“We were very pleased that Austin College is again included among these 40 exemplary schools,” said Austin College President **Marjorie Hass**. “We work very hard to provide an education with challenging academics supported by expert faculty members whose first priority is their students. The residential community of our campus emphasizes an engagement beyond the classroom, providing opportunities for leadership, collaboration, faculty-directed research, and personal growth. Austin College is a place for students to see themselves and the world with new perspectives—indeed, changing lives and creating possibilities.”



*“I thought I’d come here, plow through the premed program, and go to med school and become a dermatologist. It was such a superficial plan,” says a senior biochemistry major. “Now I want to work for Doctors Without Borders. Austin College shows you that we all have humanitarians in us. I had these things in me but they were brought out by this campus.” – a quote from Colleges That Change Lives, 2013 edition*

## Lives Changed

When **Sameen Wajid** '13 returned in 2011 from an Austin College Global Outreach Fellowship to Karachi, Pakistan, she realized her world had changed. “When you have a life-changing experience,” she said, “how do you make it impact the rest of your life?” Applying for law school with plans to work in human rights, she obviously has a plan for the future. But she’s not waiting to make a difference.

Though Sameen lived in Pakistan until she was 5 years old and has made several trips there to visit family, she had no idea what she would discover when

she traveled there in 2011 to work in an orphanage. While interacting with the children, she talked with the young girls about their futures. They told her that they would likely work as maids and had no ambitions beyond that. Sameen was shocked by the response. Recognizing the reality of poverty there for the first time, Sameen realized the lack of educational opportunities and the cycle of poverty that results.

Her glimpse into the lives of a handful of girls and women grew into something much more than new cultural awareness. “No one can really understand poverty unless you’ve lived in it,” Sameen said. “The GO Fellowship takes you as close as you can get. I witnessed the hardships and substandard living and the lack of opportunities in their upcoming future. I

really felt for these women and knew something had to be done to help them overcome their societal, cultural, and financial barriers.”

After returning to the U.S. and speaking with her sister Zareen, who recently completed a master’s degree in international business, the idea emerged to start a website to empower the women of Pakistan to use their talents in sewing or craft making and sell their products online. The sisters formed JashnaDesign.com with hopes to utilize the women’s strengths and skills to help them help themselves. On their own, the women could not afford the supplies and had no market for their goods. The sisters provided seed funds and a market. Those who had no skills received money to purchase scarves and similar items in Pakistan (at local prices) and sell those on the website.

Sameen thought she would have to seek out women to take part, but the word has spread quickly. “These women have talents, but they were not able to use them to escape their circumstances,” Sameen said. “We don’t want to just give them money; no one wants charity and they can’t continue on their own. But through the website business, they can earn money for themselves.”

JashnaDesign.com went into operation this fall. Since Sameen is still in school, she doesn’t have as much time as she would like to work on the project, but the website now includes shoes, scarves, wallets, and jewelry. She has been amazed and touched by the reactions of others willing to help.

Stories of the women in Pakistan are included on the website to offer insight into the women making the products. “Poor economic conditions, the lack of education, and the need for survival drive these women into a vicious cycle of lifelong servitude,” Sameen said. “It is amazing to be able to help through these efforts.”

On the website, the mission is clear: “When you make a purchase at Jashna Design, you are helping women in Pakistan. ... We want their work to be worth it. We want to support them in their ambition to help provide for their families. We want to encourage them to rise above their conditions and build a better future for themselves and for those whom they love. We would sincerely appreciate your help in helping them achieve their goals and dreams.”

*Sameen is supported by an Austin College Dean’s Scholarship.*



Sameen Wajid

## 2013 Posey Leadership Award Announced

In recognition of his vision and work toward providing global access to education, the Austin College Board of Trustees will honor Salman Khan, founder and executive director of the Khan Academy, with the 2013 Posey Leadership Award.

The Austin College Posey Leadership Award was created to promote and recognize service and leadership in a global context. Khan has made basic learning skills possible for people around the globe who have been denied access to education. By providing free and open access to teaching and resources, both teachers and students are benefitting in situations in which the most basic prerequisites for education have been missing.

The award will be given following a presentation by Khan at the Austin College Global Outreach Forum at 7 p.m. on March 21, 2013, at the Perot Museum of Nature and Science in Dallas. Khan also will speak on campus at 11 a.m. that day and interact with student groups.

In addition to providing educational options where there are none, Khan suggests the potential of incorporating digital technology into a rethinking of the basic model of the standard classroom, envisioning online lessons that would open in-class time for interactive learning and true connections.

"There's an old saying that life is school," Khan has said. "At every moment, we are both students and teachers; we learn by studying, but we also learn by helping others, by sharing and explaining what we know."

As digital technology plays an increasingly greater role in education, Khan's work is seen as innovative and even revolutionary. Austin College President **Marjorie Hass** applauds this opportunity to have a dialogue around Khan's efforts to make basic learning skills available world-wide. "I am interested in what we can learn that will help us build on our campus-based approach to education," Dr. Hass said. She sees his work as one means of enriching college preparation and creating greater access to learning around the world. "His integration of digital technology and learning," she said, "can transform the way in which students are prepared to succeed in a college education and may hold lessons for what we can achieve in our own classrooms."

See [www.austincollege.edu/go](http://www.austincollege.edu/go) for more information about Khan, the 2013 events, and seating availability.

The Austin College Posey Leadership Award was created through the generosity of Sally and the late Lee Posey, founder of Palm Harbor Homes. Previous recipients include Wendy Kopp (2006), founder of Teach For America; Dr. Paul Farmer (2007), Harvard professor and physician whose story is told in *Mountains Beyond Mountains*; Geoffrey Canada (2008), president and CEO of the Harlem Children's Zone; Greg Mortenson (2009), educational activist and author of *Three Cups of Tea* and *Stones into Schools*; Muhammad Yunus (2010), Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and founder of Grameen Bank; Zainab Salbi (2011), founder of Women for Women International; and Marian Wright Edelman (2012), founder and president of the Children's Defense Fund.



## Class of 2016 by the Numbers

The Austin College Class of 2016 already is making its mark by bucking a trend in higher education. Women outnumber men on the campuses of most U.S. colleges and universities today, but of the 308 freshmen who enrolled at Austin College in September, 52 percent were men.

In other ways the class is much like other Austin College classes before it. The majority of students, 89 percent, come from Texas—but from every corner of the state. They represent 26 other states also, from California to Minnesota, New Hampshire to Georgia. Of those living in the U.S., 10 are citizens of China, India, Ghana, Mexico, Pakistan, the United Kingdom, and Venezuela. Eight international residents also are among the class, coming from China, Ethiopia, Ghana, Morocco, Netherlands, and the Republic of Korea. Austin College continues to recruit a multicultural class, with nearly 34 percent of students self-identifying as ethnic minorities.

Though Austin College is related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), not all students are Presbyterian—far from it. Of the students in the Class of 2016 who indicated a religious preference, the top four listed, in order, were Catholic, Baptist, Methodist, and then Presbyterian.

Several students continued an Austin College family tradition—45 freshmen had some legacy connection. Among them were, shown at right, **Reed Cook** with dad **Paul Cook** '85 and **Cleo Almond** with dad **Greg Almond** '89. Many follow siblings, and a few continue their grandparents' Austin College legacy.

Academic excellence continues with the middle 50 percent of SAT scores falling between 1140 and 1320 (ACT, between 23 and 29).

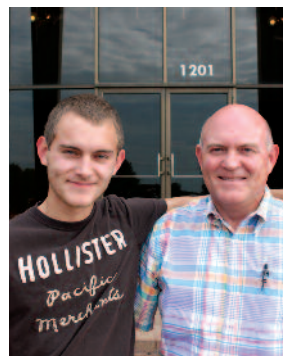
Students represent nearly every sort of high school organization from athletics to student government, prom kings and homecoming queens to Model UN, band to yearbook and choir. Most regularly volunteered in high school. The class includes at least nine Eagle Scouts and two Girl Scout Gold Awardees. Many have traveled beyond the U.S., and some have visited many countries—at least five were People to People cultural exchange ambassadors.

Many members of the class have overcome physical and emotional challenges and experienced tragedies and the loss of parents and family and friends, but they persevere. They've had spiritual epiphanies and held jobs and gone on missions trips. And they've got big goals for the future.

Yes, they're Kangaroos!



*Representing the Class of 2016: Stopping for a photo during lunch are, left to right, seated, J.P. Seale of Houston, Texas; Andy Villarreal of Shady Shores, Texas; and Jade Ross of Austin, Texas; standing, Askhay Shetty of El Paso, Texas; Phyllis Goode of Lubbock, Texas; Phillip Friedman of Temple Texas; Kat Jones of Austin, Texas; Sandra Nworkorie of Allen, Texas; Jinsu Kim of Busan, Korea; and Masha Ali of Sugar Land, Texas. Each of these students and the legacy students below received Austin College scholarships or grants in support of their education.*



## A Masterful Moment

*In Sherman to play the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No. 1 with the Sherman Symphony Orchestra this fall, renowned pianist Scott Watkins offered a piano master class to four Austin College students during his visit. An associate professor of music at Jacksonville University in Florida, he has performed around the world, with solo performances throughout the U.S. At left, he works with **Hannah Sansavath** '16 of Sherman.*

## Cross-Cultural Learning

Having just completed a year-long study abroad program in Egypt, **Ashton Gelat** '13 initially thought that spending summer 2012 living in Jordan wouldn't be much different. She was awarded a U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship for study of Arabic in Amman, Jordan. Read below Ashton's own words about her experiences.

I was pleasantly surprised to discover Jordan, and more specifically the Levant, had a different feel and vibe completely unique unto itself. Whereas Cairo was bustling, loud, and fast, I found Amman to be a much more tranquil environment despite its 2.8 million inhabitants!

My program in Jordan was through the Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which created an intensive eight-week program of language immersion for critical languages. At first, the 10-12 hours per day of Arabic study seemed as if it would overwhelm the entire summer, precluding any experiences outside of the library or the terrace I frequented to study. However, I quickly learned that flashcards can be used in the back of taxis; papers can be written on iPhones; and notes can be carried in a large purse.

On the way to local music concerts, archaeological sites, dinner, or while experiencing the traditional highly-sweetened mint tea with hookah, I would whip out my notes and furiously study during my down time. Jordan became a series of experiences interspersed with even more experiences. Through this bizarre time management, I was able to visit all the historical sites in Jordan that had drawn me to study in the antiquity-filled country: Petra, the ancient city carved out of stone; Wadi Rum, a deep and beautiful sandstone and granite valley in which I camped with local Bedouins and slept under the stars; Jerash, an ancient Greco-Roman city filled with well-preserved ruins and columns reminiscent of the ancient empire in its zenith; Umm Qais, a town with a breathtaking view overlooking the Sea of Tiberias and Galilee of Biblical renown, the Golan Heights, and the Yarmouk river that feeds into the Dead Sea.

The language pledge of the program and studying Arabic allowed me to fully immerse in the local culture, experiencing life from a completely different



perspective. Living abroad has solidified my interest in studying and working overseas in an attempt to gain fluency in Arabic and to bridge the gap between Western and Middle Eastern culture.

As a young woman of Palestinian heritage, my time in Jordan was particularly eye-opening to the various socio-political thoughts within the region. Regardless of my career objectives, cross-cultural understanding is applicable in any environment, whether in Sherman or in a foreign country. I hope to continue my involvement with the State Department and its various efforts to support language education.

*Ashton, completing a major in international relations and minors in Spanish and philosophy, is Austin College's Ruth Adair McNair Presidential Scholar, preparing for a future that might take her anywhere.*



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## Successes in Science

*Some months ago, we asked alumni to share their success in the sciences. In several instances, the stories of success came not from the individual, but from a friend or spouse. Such is the case with the following story about **Kim Randolph '75**, shared by his wife, **Patti Harvey Randolph '76**.*

Today, after a somewhat circuitous route, Kim Randolph is teaching AP biology at Episcopal High School of Houston, Texas.

After graduating from Austin College with a degree in biology, he received a scholarship to Washington University in St. Louis for its then-new Technology and Human Affairs program, graduating in 1976. Through the years, he used his science background in almost every vocation he pursued—construction, oil field and wastewater technology, and now, teaching.

Kim is a rare “born” teacher. He doesn’t have a degree in education and has never taken an education class. I earned a master’s degree in education at Austin College in 1977, and I am still amazed at his natural insight, methods, and teaching techniques. He began teaching at EHS in 1996, at first teaching five freshman biology and AP biology classes. Now, as dean of students, he teaches only an AP biology class and coaches softball.

Kim has nothing but the highest regard for all of his biology professors at Austin College. He knows that the rigor of all of those classes prepared him to be the teacher he is today.

Kim is a success story for Austin College science because he has not only a love for biology but also an understanding of its relevance and application. He hasn’t won any awards; he is not high-profile; and he hasn’t been published, but his impact on his students and the inspiration they draw from him has led many to continue into various studies of science, becoming successful doctors, researchers, analysts, professors, teachers, and more.

So, as his wife, I say, “Keep up the good work, Austin College. Keep the standards high, the goals commendable, and the classes cutting-edge. Stay the course of rigor, relevance, and application.”



*Patti did not consider her own science story—of squeaking through Environmental Biology as a freshman with the help and mercy of faculty member Dr. Howard McCarley—worthy of the title “success.” She did, however, successfully undertake a research project at his instruction to bolster her grade. After weeks of daily logs and observation, she discovered she was growing flies for McCarley’s other lab projects. She earned a “C” rather than the failing grade she feared. That, perhaps, is another type of success in the sciences! Patti has been teaching for 16 years, the last 10 as the physical education teacher at Cunningham Elementary School in Houston.*

## Elements of Learning

Chalk dust coats the fingers of assistant professor of chemistry **Stephanie Gould** from the many examples and problems written on the blackboard at the start of class. As she walks the room, helping students who look lost, she unconsciously rubs her hands on her slacks, leaving ghosting trails of dust where a pocket should be. Stephanie doesn’t notice; she’s keeping an eye on her 25 students, all engrossed in solving the day’s chemistry problems.

As she hands back a previous week’s tests, she stops to ask one student if something is wrong and to offer additional help. Her course, Organic Chemistry, is inherently challenging, and Stephanie holds her students to high standards. “I want everyone to succeed, but it’s a tough class,” Stephanie said. “It’s about putting in the work and learning how to work for yourself.”

Her students know her expectations. “She’s really fun and enthusiastic,” **Caroline Her '13** said. “She does a great job explaining mechanisms. She’s very approachable, which is helpful when you have questions and will slow down, even if it means being behind for the day.”

Stephanie’s class is more informal than a visitor might expect. She encourages students to work together to solve the problems on the board at the beginning of class. But she is completely in charge; when she speaks, the class falls silent, scribbling notes and drawing the chemical compositions in the examples. Stephanie says her method is straightforward: “I try to meet students where they are; if I have a class where I feel they are better at working problems, I try to lecture less.”

A graduate of Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology in Terre Haute, Indiana, Stephanie’s personal experiences drove her career. “I went to a small school that had a similar relationship between faculty and students. I believe my learning experience was better for having that direct contact with faculty,” she said. “I always knew I wanted to teach somewhere that I could have that same impact on students.”

After completing her master’s degree and Ph.D. in organic chemistry at Arizona State University, Stephanie made her way to Austin College. “Working at a small school like Austin College allows me to be more connected with my students’ progress. If I see the same three questions being asked during office hours, I know they missed something in class, and it is time to circle back to reinforce that material,” she said.

**A Family Moment:** Patti and Kim Randolph, at center, pose with their children, Heidi and Clint.

She simultaneously holds her students responsible for what they should have already learned—reminding them to spend an hour every day working practice problems—and offering support to those who are falling behind. “I will make every attempt to help students learn, if they agree to do their part and try,” she said. “That means being available to help, even if it’s not during office hours. Usually, I can help provide that one little piece of information that helps the student put the puzzle together. I would prefer to help when there is a problem instead of having them wait a week to come to office hours.”

Stephanie manages a complex balancing act, with time for courses; answering student questions in person, over the phone, or via email; guiding student-researchers working on a project funded by the American Chemical Society; and personal time for her family. But her intense schedule seems to energize her; by the end of class, she often has the glow of a runner’s high for a class well-taught.

*A \$50,000 American Chemical Society grant funds Stephanie’s research on solid-state nanogears for molecular-scale machines. She is providing opportunities for students to work directly in the lab with her, researching ideas that may result in publications and professional experience for the students. The crystal-based gears could have uses including nanobots to deliver a cancer drug directly to malignant cells, protecting healthy cells from damage.*



Stephanie Gould

## Supreme Court of Texas Returns

Austin College’s annual Kenneth Street Law Symposium, scheduled for February 26, 2013, will be a special one, including session with the Supreme Court of Texas hearing oral arguments on the campus during the morning. Afternoon panel sessions are now in the planning stages.

The keynote speaker at the luncheon will be Tom Phillips, retired Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas and current partner at Baker Botts. Three panels will be presented after the luncheon, with some of the justices serving on one or more of the panels. At least one panel will cover ethics.

The schedule, registration fee, and CLE credit will be announced as available. See the Austin College website for details: [www.austincollege.edu/lawsymposium](http://www.austincollege.edu/lawsymposium).

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## Each Moment Matters

Several individuals with Austin College ties were among the honorees at the Presbyterian Communities and Services Foundation annual Each Moment Matters luncheon in October. The honorees, according to foundation materials were an “inspirational group of quiet heroes whose lives and actions embody the mission of the foundation to make each moment matter.” Criteria included compassion and excellence in daily living, faith in serving with joy, gratitude, respect, and kindness; courage in empowering and educating others; and the highest levels of integrity.

### The honorees and their Austin College connections:

- ❖ **Rebecca Moseley Gafford** '72 of Dallas, Austin College Board of Trustees
- ❖ **Kay and David Jordan** of Dallas, former Austin College vice president for Academic Affairs
- ❖ **Sharon King** of Richardson, Austin College Senior Board of Trustees
- ❖ **John “Victor” Lattimore** of McKinney, former member, Austin College Board of Trustees
- ❖ **Cyndy and Blair Monie** of Dallas, honorary Doctor of Divinity, 1997
- ❖ **Sara Bernice Moseley** of Sherman, former first lady of Austin College
- ❖ **Janet Guthrie Sims** '52 of McKinney, Austin College Senior Board of Trustees
- ❖ **Betty and Ray Stephens** '50 of Sherman, Austin College Senior Board of Trustees
- ❖ **John D. Williams** '84 of Sherman, Austin College chaplain

***Congratulations:** Not only was Sara Bernice Moseley one of the Each Moment Matters honorees this fall, she celebrated her 95th birthday in August. She was 34 when her late husband, John D. Moseley, became president of Austin College. She still delights in watching campus activity from her front porch just across Grand Avenue.*



## Science for a Lifetime

When **Emmett Essin** '40 makes a trip to the grocery store, he frequently receives hugs from other shoppers—with whom he has a unique relationship: “You delivered me!” is often the accompanying greeting.

That could happen a lot. Dr. Essin isn't sure how many babies he has delivered, but presumes the number to be between 5,000 and 6,000, considering his training and medical school years, work in a Naval hospital, and the 50-plus years he operated an obstetrics/gynecology practice in Sherman.



Since Austin College is celebrating 100 Years of Science education, Dr. Essin was a good person to talk to about some of those earlier years in the sciences. Though he graduated from Austin College more than 70 years ago, Dr. Essin remembers his own college experiences well.

Campus life was much different in the 1930s than in 2012, but the College's reputation for preparing students for medical school already was well established. That's what brought Essin to the College. His mother was seriously ill when he was a young child, and he made the decision then that he wanted to become a doctor. Throughout his high school years, he talked to his own family doctor about the types of courses he should take to prepare for college and then to continue on to medical school.

That's exactly what he did. After graduating from Austin College with a major in biology and chemistry, he attended University of Texas Medical School at Galveston. After a stint in the military, he returned to Sherman and formed an obstetrics/gynecology practice. He retired from that practice 15 years ago, but has now been on staff for 66 years at Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital – WNJ (formerly Wilson N. Jones Hospital).

At 92 years old, he still goes into the hospital every day where his roles include chairman of the credentials committee, a member of the bioethics committee, and physician for the case managers, which involves consultation on the duration of patient stays in the hospital.

But, back to earlier days. When Dr. Essin attended Austin College, he didn't live on campus as he was from the local area. He managed to be very involved

with campus life nonetheless. All alumni from the period will tell you that the students of the era had no money, were paying out their tuition, and many had to work on campus. Many of the faculty had little money, either. “But there were a bunch of good and smart people,” Dr. Essin said.

He recalled football, basketball, and track teams; dances; wiener roasts; and bonfires. And, again, like nearly all alumni from the period, he shared stories of pranks that seemed to have been fairly commonplace in the era: a cow in the basement of Thompson Hall, an outhouse placed on the second floor of the Skeleton (the steel structure of Caruth Administration Building that sat dormant for several years). With all the fun, he recalled excellent programming brought to campus, including as examples, a news correspondent who gave students a glimpse into what was happening in Germany and a Presbyterian minister who served as the minister to the Texas Rangers (the law men—the baseball team was not yet established!).

Dr. Essin said he remembered very well those who were his faculty. “Dr. Dean Moorman was the head of the Biology Department; Park Street Wharton was the chemistry professor. All the science courses were held in Thompson Hall. Dr. Essin described the chemistry lab in his days as very good and the biology lab adequate, with all the equipment that was appropriate. But, he said he had excellent preparation from his faculty—Dean Moorman in biology, Park Street Wharton in biochemistry and chemistry, and Walter Steffey in physics. And that preparation was evident when he went to medical school.

Though times have changed, the foundations of campus life and community remain the same. “I think one of the prime things that we had in school here was the closeness of the students to the faculty,” Dr. Essin said. “If you had a question, you could sit and talk to faculty; they'd invite students to their home to talk. They were interested in the student individually. That's invaluable.”

Dr. Essin, named an Austin College Distinguished Alumnus in 1987, also had experience as an Austin College parent, as his sons are graduates. During the years his sons were in school, Dr. Essin recalls they always had two or three extras at supertime, but that it was a fun time. Today, son **Emmett** '64 is a history professor, and **Robert** '65 is a lawyer.

Living in Sherman, Dr. Essin continues to watch the changes on campus with interest. He has seen presidents come and go and board members come and go, but always with advancements and good programs. “Austin College is a wonderful school,” he said, “one that will live on because of the kind of leadership it has.”

*Dr. Essin received his orders to report to the U.S. Navy in 1945. By the time he left home, the war was over, and his primary duty was on the USS Ajax, a repair ship. He said it was “quite a show” when the ship was sent out to test the atom bomb, the fourth atom bomb explosion. His ship was eight miles from the target ship. “Our instructions were to turn away from the ship until we heard the blast. At eight miles, it nearly knocked us off our feet.”*

# A TRIBUTE TO LEADERSHIP

**Robert M. Johnson** '53 ended his tenure as chair of the Austin College Board of Trustees this fall so the October board meeting included a special celebration of his contributions in that role, as well as the commitment, dedication, and support that he and his wife, **Joyce**, long have demonstrated on behalf of the College.

Named a Distinguished Alumnus of Austin College in 1987, Bob joined the Board of Trustees in 1993 and had significant roles in the planning and celebration of the College's Sesquicentennial in 1999. He also served as chair of the successful New Era Campaign that raised more than \$120 million for College facilities and programs. That campaign included a \$10 million gift from the Johnsons that supported several campus initiatives. Bob served as vice chair of the board from 1998 until he took on the chairman's role in 2007.

The October evening of celebration included comments on behalf of faculty, Board of Trustee and Senior Board of Trustee members, Student Assembly, and the Sallie Majors Religious Life Intern Program created by the Johnsons. There were also video tributes and photographs that highlighted the Johnsons' involvement with the College. Members of the Johnsons' extended family came to be part of the evening that even included special entertainment by renowned magician **Larry Hass**, since Bob is a big fan of magic.

The Johnsons live in McLean, Virginia. Bob, president of The Johnson Group, is a producer and director with nearly 40 years of experience in broadcasting, event production, and communications, including many award-winning projects like the moving film *Paper Clips*, documenting a middle school's efforts to conceptualize the loss of lives in the Holocaust; Bob is always seen with a large paper clip on his lapel in remembrance. Joyce served many years in a successful career as a senior employee with American Airlines.

"I am thankful for what we have been able to do for Austin College, especially for the students," Bob said when he got his turn at the podium.

In addition to the many students the Johnsons have assisted through scholarships, programming, and facilities, a list was prepared by College Chaplain **John Williams** '84 showing that the Majors Religious Life Intern Program, which he oversees, has involved 94 graduates between 2000 and 2012, with 42 who began church-related jobs after graduation; 21 who attended seminary; 14 who are ordained Presbyterian ministers around the country; 20 who are in education; and nine who served as Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Young Adult Volunteers.

Obviously, the impact of the Johnsons' gifts extend far beyond campus and will touch lives far into the future—and create a very fitting legacy.



***Happy Moments**—Bob and Joyce Johnson enjoyed many moments of smiles and laughter during the evening. Later, they posed with several current Sallie Majors Interns. Pictured, left to right, are Cora Barraza, chaplain John Williams, Joyce and Bob Johnson, Heather Farquhar, Jennie Nichols, and Jason Henry.*



# HENRY BUCHER: MISSION AROUND THE GLOBE

For **Henry Bucher, Jr.**, all life is mission: global and local. In 1985, he came to Austin College as chaplain and associate professor in humanities, where his interests in faith and peace with justice continue to reach beyond the College and north Texas. During the 2012 Homecoming Alumni College, he shared highlights of his travels and personal intersections with history in the making.

Henry was born to missionary/educator parents in China. When Japan invaded Hainan in 1939, bombing raids required Henry's furlough-bound parents to leave all they owned, abandon their Model A on the beach, and load their three toddlers onto a Chinese junk bound for Haiphong (then French Indo-China). Returning to Asia a year later, they soon were relocated to the Philippines as the Sino-Japanese situation worsened.

The Buchers were living in Manila when, hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor, bombs announced the Japanese invasion of the Philippines. Henry was 5. Missionary families from Allied countries were put under house arrest. Later in WWII, the Buchers were taken to the Japanese concentration camp at Los Baños, where systematic starvation permanently harmed all interned.

Days before Henry's ninth birthday, the U.S. Army 11th Airborne Division, aided by Filipino guerillas, dropped rescuing paratroopers near the camp, just 10 minutes before a dawn "kill order" was to trigger execution of the 2,147 surviving Los Baños internees.

In 1947, all the Buchers returned to Hainan Island. For seventh grade, Henry was sent to Shanghai American School—but evacuated eight months later to a Navy hospital ship as communist forces approached Shanghai. Once reunited, the Bucher family repatriated to the U.S. until Henry graduated from high school.

At Davidson College, Henry chose a Junior Year Abroad program at American University of Beirut (AUB), Lebanon, followed by a summer service project in the Cameroun. Henry returned to AUB for his senior year; between semesters, he took his longest bus ride ever: Beirut, Damascus, Baghdad, and Teheran; returning by train through Abadan, Basra, Ur, Kish, Babylon, Mosul (Nineveh), Aleppo, Hama, Homs, and Tripoli. Henry visited his parents in Thailand when civil war in Lebanon delayed his graduation. He left the Middle East via Israel, where he helped build homes for Jewish Iraqi immigrants.

After enrolling in Princeton Theological Seminary, Henry traveled to Athens, Ohio, to hear Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., (with whom he later worked). Henry





volunteered with Operation Crossroads Africa in 1960, working in Dakar, Senegal. (He later hosted an Operation Crossroads group in Gabon.)

World leaders were guest lecturers at the University College of Legon, Ghana, as Henry enrolled for his seminary year abroad, using every opportunity to visit neighboring countries. He returned to Princeton overland to Senegal, flew to Brazil, and then traversed the southern Americas by trains, buses, and hitchhiking.

His last year at Princeton, Henry developed a friendship with “Mr. Bao,” known now as Thich Nhat Hanh, the Vietnamese peacemaker, Zen master, philosopher, and author.

When Dr. Albert Schweitzer turned 90 in 1965, Henry was working as a youth pastor in Gabon, and was briefly recruited as interpreter for the *LIFE* magazine team covering the celebration. Henry made a third trip to Gabon in 1974 as a Fulbright/Hays Fellow, finishing doctoral research on the Mpongwe.

Henry believes his most career-impacting decision was to choose a Junior Year Abroad (JYA) program where he could “be a fellow student with those who, in half a generation, may decide between peace and war,” as his JYA letters to his family accurately predicted.

Through Austin College, he has been able to share global education opportunities with new generations of students. His Jan Term classes have traveled to Jordan, Egypt, Israel/Palestine, Syria, India, Cuba, Haiti, South Africa and Namibia after Apartheid, Burkina Faso, The Gambia, Senegal, and Mali (2002, 2004, and 2006 January Term trips also included Timbuktu.) International Alternative Spring Breaks helped Austin College students serve throughout Central America.

Today, Henry and his wife, Cat, live a view blocks from campus, and he continues teaching courses on the Middle East and Africa, is writing about the Mpongwe and Benga of Gabon (19th century), and is considering requests to publish the prayers he invoked at Austin College. Technically “semi-retired,” he never tires of contributing to his community and world. “Invest yourself,” he says. “It may change you, your world view, and your future.”

*Clockwise from left: Henry Bucher speaks with Dr. Albert Schweitzer (in white) in 1965. • Henry and other American University of Beirut students pose with Egyptian President Gamal Abdelnasser, who invited them to view the damage after the Suez Canal was invaded in 1956. • Henry poses next to Mr. Bao (now Thich Nhat Hanh) and other international students at Princeton Theological Seminary. • Henry’s passport in the 1950s required the addition of several pages to contain documentation of his many travels.*

*By participating in the JYA program, I could be a fellow student with those who, in half a generation, may decide between peace and war.*



## HEARD AROUND CAMPUS

### Johnson Center Visiting Lecturer

*"The key to good teaching is ... that I'm learning with and alongside my students, and they know that their participation matters greatly. That relationship has to be developed and nurtured—it requires trust; it requires learning how to read not just the book in front of you but reading other persons in a conversational format, reading the three-dimensional interpersonal body-language cues, the table pounding, the quizzical finger thumping, the rolled eyes, the pregnant pauses, the wry grins, the nervous laughter, with spontaneous interjections and sentence fragments and outbursts and light bulb poppings that so often characterize a revealing seminar session. You don't cultivate that trust and develop those reading skills by taking an online course."*



—**John Seery**, professor of politics at Pomona College, "The Moral Center of a Small Liberal Arts College"

### 2012 Williams Executive-in-Residence

*"No matter what field you go into, most likely you will be closing (a business deal). So, a lot of critical thinking must go into closing, and of course it does. The important thing is to be ethical, truthful, and straightforward in your dealings with people. It sounds like a cliché, but it's how you will succeed for a lifetime—and you'll sleep better along the way."*

—**Greg Rohan**, president and owner of Heritage Auctions



### 2012 Austin College Allen-Head Lecturer

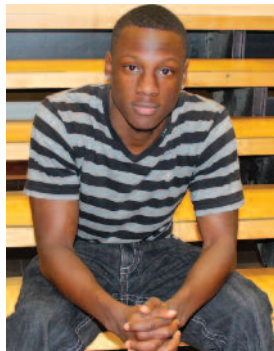
*"It would have been unfathomable to see this 30 years ago, or in the '70s or the '80s. This was really a line that an American politician, especially an American politician seeking national office, would never have crossed."*



—**Jacques Berlinerblau**, author and Georgetown University professor, on the use of religion in politics, particularly the prayer rally organized by Texas Governor Rick Perry

## An Outstanding Start

College life can be a big adjustment for freshmen: new freedoms, the challenge to manage time and studies along with new friends and new experiences—and still get to classes every day. Even so, most do just fine. Still others excel, and each spring at the Student Affairs Leadership Banquet, one student is recognized as Outstanding Freshman, based upon excellence and potential in leadership and scholarship.



In 2012, that student was **Kevin Graham**. He jumped in with both feet at Austin College, participating in many areas—H.E.A.T (service), Campus Activities Board, Great Day of Service, varsity basketball—and he was elected president of the student group Black Expressions.

Kevin is living up to the potential seen in him as a freshman, both inside and outside the classroom. Basketball coach **Rodney Wecker** said, “Kevin has a burning desire to win at all facets of life on and off the court. He is in college first and foremost to gain an education and has shown the courage to push himself to the limit. He also has a strong sense of duty and loyalty to the people and organizations he serves as he works for the betterment of each individual with whom he interacts, conscious of how he might benefit them in his role as teammate or friend.”

Learn more below about Kevin, a John D. Moseley Alumni Scholar, who plans to major in sociology and psychology and then attend graduate school to study psychology or law.

**Q. How athletics fit into my Austin College experience:**

**A.** “I’ve been playing all my life, and I still have certain goals that I feel that I can reach. Athletics have taught me that adversity can make a weak person into a strong person.”

**Q. Favorite class as a freshman:**

**A.** “Sociology of the South, a class with Bart Dredge, was by far my favorite. The topics discussed made me think of things in a different way, and anytime I do that, I pretty much want to find out more.”

**Q. A “defining moment” that has directed or changed my life:**

**A.** “Any time with my grandma, in church, or seeing my parents work hard”

**Q. Most important lesson learned:**

**A.** “If you fall down seven times, you better get back up eight times.”

**Q. The first purchase if I won the lottery:**

**A.** “Buy my mom a house”

**Q. Favorite quote:**

**A.** “By any means necessary”

**Q. Most important qualities in a friend:**

**A.** “Loyalty and ambition”

**Q. Dream job:**

**A.** “Playing for the Miami Heat”

**Q. Idea of a perfect day:**

**A.** “Seeing everyone I know happy and not stressed out about life”

## GLOBAL 'ROOS

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# MY SUMMER OF LEARNING



by Elizabeth Kubacki '14

When I stepped off the plane in Nairobi, Kenya, and inhaled my first lungful of the thick humid air, I had no idea what the next nine weeks would hold for me. I was hoping to teach a little, learn a lot, and have the greatest adventure of a lifetime. However, what I received was much, much more.

With no running water or electricity, no method of transportation other than my own two feet, and not understanding a lick of Kiswahili, Kenya was a whole new challenge. I was there for a GO Fellowship to volunteer in Isinya, a Maasai village, for nine weeks. I was supposed to teach in a primary school, but I quickly realized that I had a lot more to learn than I could teach.

Most of the children of Isinya were born into traditional Maasai families, meaning the fact that they are in school at all is nothing short of a miracle. In torn-up sneakers and thread-bare sweaters, these children showed up ready and eager to learn every day. Classes would start at 8:20 a.m., but with no lights at home, the students arrived at sunrise to study by the sunlight in classrooms with no floors and missing doors.

It took only a matter of days for me to fall completely in love with the Maasai people. Even as a “mzungu” (white person) I was almost adopted into the village, given a name, and now bear their traditional markings. Every day I learned something new: how to make a new meal, how to fetch water, how to carry firewood properly, how to pronounce things, what not to wear, new words, new friends, new experiences. Every day was something new. Every day my students found it easier to understand me, and I them.

I have never seen a harder working group of people in my life, or children that were so appreciative of education and opportunities. Children who have next to nothing, some of them total orphans, or sick, all had brilliant, shining smiles on every day. These children have no real reason to be happy, yet they are. They seem to have an untouchable sense of joy that was inspiring.

I was hoping for an adventure and a summer full of new experiences. What happened was far greater than anything I could have imagined. I left a chunk of my heart in Kenya with the Maasai people of Isinya. They taught me to be thankful for every drop of water, to appreciate my education and to never stop, and to be grateful for my family.

*After a few weeks at home with her family, Elizabeth again boarded a plane—this time to Spain for a semester-abroad program in Seville, to be followed by the spring 2013 term in Australia.*

*Elizabeth is creating a calendar with pictures from her trip to Kenya. She hopes to sell them and raise money for a child she met who cannot afford to go to high school. In Kenya, the government pays only to the eighth grade. For more information, email Elizabeth at [ekubacki10@austincollege.edu](mailto:ekubacki10@austincollege.edu).*

*Elizabeth receives the Austin College Alice E. Hull Memorial Sponsored Academic Honors Scholarship.*



*Elizabeth now bears the traditional Maasai markings.*

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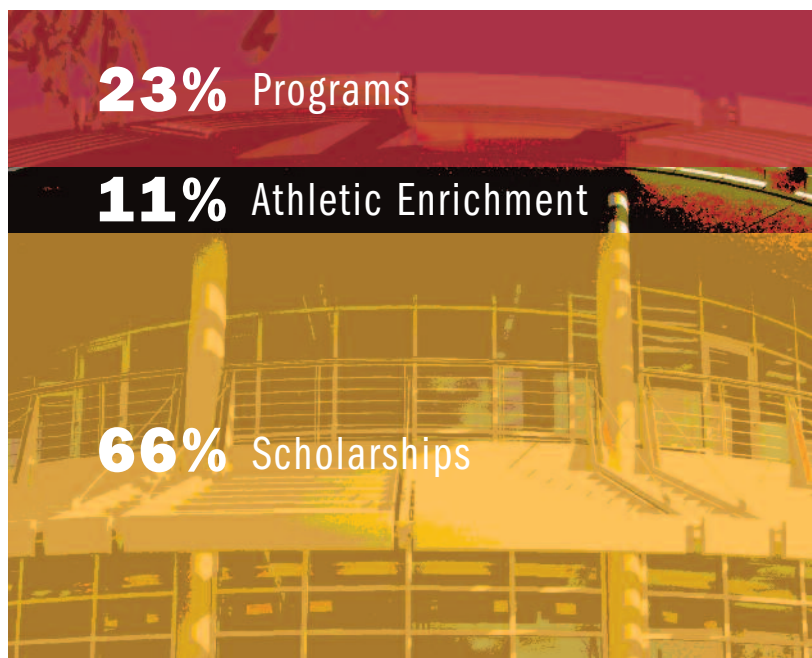
## Annual Giving

### Why Give to Austin College?

At Austin College, every gift makes a difference. Annual support from the College's alumni and friends touches all academic areas, enriches the co-curricular experience, assists students with financial need, and provides resources for the greatest priorities of the College. These gifts are crucial in supporting Austin College's commitment to both excellence and access for talented young men and women, regardless of their financial means.

### What does your annual gift support?

- ❖ *Austin College's top priority is increasing the availability of scholarships—which means greater access for families who understand the value of an Austin College education but do not have the resources to pay for it without accumulating significant debt.*
- ❖ *Support for Athletic Enrichment ensures funding for student-athletes with an emphasis on travel expenses, uniforms, equipment needs, and improvements to athletic venues*
- ❖ *Unrestricted gifts provide yearly support for the College's programs—from academic departments to the Service Station to laboratory supplies*



**2012-2013 ANNUAL FUND GOAL:  
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The **Austin College President's Circle** is a premier recognition society for donors of \$1,000 or more annually, and membership in the President's Circle represents a commitment to directly impact the lives of students. The resources made available through these gifts support the distinctive features and value of an Austin College education.



## Austin College Annual Recognition Societies

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# The NOW Scholarship Campaign

## How a Scholarship Changes the World

Since 1849, Austin College has maintained an unwavering commitment to the transformative power of a liberal education—an environment defined by academic depth and breadth, strong faculty-student relationships, and experiential learning on campus and abroad.

Today's students have been affected by economic change: more students coming to college need financial help, and those who have always needed help need more.

More than 60 percent of students at Austin College qualify for need-based assistance, and one-quarter of the student body has high financial need—often the greatest barrier to entrance, as well as the greatest challenge to persistence to graduation.

The NOW Scholarship Campaign is the most ambitious scholarship fundraising effort in Austin College history, supporting the College's top priority of providing more financial aid for academically talented students and for those with unmet need.

The College envisions raising \$3.65 million in new gifts during the next three years—helping hundreds of students access Austin College and fulfill their potential as world-changers, while reducing their future debt as they enter the workforce in a variety of professions.

## The Future is Wide Open

Could a scholarship gift change the world? That's the promise of the NOW Scholarship Campaign. Every young person who comes to Austin College has the potential to change the world; preparing these students as engaged citizens for a global community is at the heart of the College's mission.

## By the Numbers

68%

of students qualify for federal financial aid, and of those, 25 percent of students are Pell grant-eligible—the highest designation of financial need by the U.S. Department of Education

96%

of students receive some form of financial aid—scholarships, government grants, or institutional need-based aid

## Campaign Scope and Goals

### Increasing sponsored scholarships

The NOW Scholarship Campaign aims to establish 350 new sponsored scholarships each year—a minimum of \$1,050,000 annually during the three-year campaign timeline—equivalent to awarding a \$3,000 scholarship to every incoming freshman. These funds would assist both middle-income students who don't benefit from federal aid and high-need students who often have no resources to close the gap toward tuition costs.

### Building dynamic donor-student relationships

A sponsored scholarship requires a minimum commitment of \$3,000 annually for four years—supporting a student throughout his or her college career. Sponsored scholarship donors will be linked to a student, providing an opportunity to develop a meaningful connection between donor and recipient.

### Growing the NOW Scholarship Fund

Raising an additional \$500,000 annually in new gifts to the NOW Scholarship Fund—an unrestricted fund for both need and merit-based scholarships—also will help families who are struggling to pay for college. The NOW Fund will impact hundreds of students whose dreams depend on a responsive financial aid program.

### Supporting recruitment of a talented and diverse student body

Scholarships are critical to providing access for students from all backgrounds to enter the college of their choice. Austin College has a longstanding commitment to nurturing a talented community of students of economic, religious, racial, and cultural diversity.

For more information on scholarship gifts or other opportunities for support, contact the Austin College Office of Development at 903.813.2419 or [development@austincollege.edu](mailto:development@austincollege.edu).



# VIEWS OF THE OUTBACK

**Steven Phillips** '13 picked up a camera during a family trip to Italy during spring break 2011—and discovered a talent and a love for photography. A previous family trip had exposed him to Australia—something else he loved. So, when he learned of a summer study abroad program for photography in Australia “Edge of the Outback,” he was quick to sign up.

“I look for any excuse I can to get myself to Australia,” said Steven, who had spent summer 2011 in study there and in New Zealand. The 2012 program offered his first course in photography, with basic instruction and critique of students’ work. Most of the 20 students in the course were American, many from the East Coast, and most were women. Steven was one of three males.

The terrain of the outback, he said, depends on the part of the country, but that this summer, what he saw was fairly flat, and the group could see for miles to the horizon. They saw a lot of bushes and shrubs as well as a few hills and some interesting gorges—and lots and lots of kangaroos and emus. “We were doing a lot of landscape photography and our instructions were to break the mold and find our own niche,” Steven said. “We traveled to an old mine with a lot of old equipment. I got into shooting the textures.”

The class made quite a splash in Mildura, a small town fascinated by the group of photographers. They were interviewed for television and newspaper there. The town also was the site of the group’s gallery exhibit at the end of the course.

Steven, completing a major in psychology and a minor in English, is considering graduate school in psychology or pursuing photojournalism. “I have a lot of fun with photography and people seem to enjoy my photos,” he said. “I see no reason to stop.”

*Steven is a photographer on the Austin College Observer staff, historian for Chi Tau Chi fraternity, and member of the Psychology Club.*



*Steven Phillips*



# our identity

*The successful “products” of the Austin College experience are engaged citizens who think globally and act locally, leaving an imprint upon the communities in which they live and work and make their homes. ¶ Likewise, Austin College strives to be an engaged “citizen” in its own right, taking an active role in its “hometown,” leaving its mark upon its own friends and neighbors. ¶ The students, faculty, staff, and alumni of the College are part of the fabric of life in north Texas. The imprint of Austin College is visible on volunteer rosters at service and outreach agencies, on local commerce and economic development, on cultural opportunities, and on places of faith. ¶ The College’s prints mark the local schools where alumni and current students contribute to the education and training of area children and young people, the hospitals and private practices in which alumni doctors and dentists and therapists and other health professionals serve the region, on sports fields and in boardrooms, and at the myriad businesses, small and large, within the community Austin College calls home. ¶ Frequently, this magazine profiles the contributions of individual alumni and friends to make their neighborhoods, their workplaces, and their world a better place. This profile focuses on local citizen Austin College.*



# SUMMERS OF ADVENTURE

For the past 10 years, Sherman elementary students have experienced exotic global travel, exploding volcanoes, and extreme weather—all from within Jefferson Elementary classrooms. The students participated in Austin College's unique Thinking Camp program, which brings together Austin Teacher Program students and gifted and talented elementary students for an intensive two-week summer learning experience.

The program, offered free to participants, was begun in 2003 by **Julia Shahid**, Austin College associate professor of education, and Cyndi Petray, gifted and talented specialist for kindergarten through fourth grade in Sherman Independent School District. "There are a lot of offerings in the summer for kids, but many of them are \$200 to \$300, and a lot of parents just can't afford that," Petray said. "We decided 'let's try this and see how it works.' Julia had graduate students that needed classroom teaching practice, and we had students that needed learning options in the summer. It was a match made in heaven."

This year's Thinking Camp, which highlighted the culture and people of India, was filled to capacity with 82 students. Since its creation, Thinking Camp has hosted about 550 elementary students and provided experience for more than 100 future teachers. The summer ATP teaching methods course focuses on science and social studies, opening a wide range of topics for the camp. Previous topics have included space, the environment, plants, weather, Japan, and the beach.

The program offers learning experiences for all involved. "This is a 'win-win' for the community and Austin College," Shahid said. "The local elementary students have access to an enriched learning environment with a low student-teacher ratio. The Austin College students grow as teachers. They make large gains in their confidence in terms of classroom management and teaching both social studies and science. They figure out how to apply ideas they have about building a strong classroom culture."

"Experience is not something I can learn from a book," said **Christopher Hickson '12**, who was among Thinking Camp teachers this summer. "This camp allowed me to refine my craft of teaching. As a teacher, I am committed to lifelong learning; any time I step into a classroom there is opportunity for me to learn from the students while they are learning from me."

*In 2012, a grant from the Capt. H.T. Hastings Charitable Trust of Sherman provided funding for the program.*

*Bottom line is that the more experience you have in a classroom, the more beneficial it is for you as a teacher.*

*This Thinking Camp provides us experiences and teaching opportunities by the truckload!*

— Andrea Schneider '12





# PLAIN LEARNING

*"It was the beautifullest thing I have ever seen just so you know ... I was wondering if I could take my family to see it? Oh, and my favorite part of it all was the amazing flowers, plants, and creatures I saw ... so once again thank you for letting me and my classmates come see that exstrodinary place."*

Fourth-grader Olivia wrote that summary of her experiences in her thank you note to **Peter Schulze**, professor of biology and environmental studies and director of the Center for Environmental Studies, and **Sarah Campbell Stevens** '75, center coordinator, after her class field trip to Austin College's Clinton and Edith Sneed Environmental Research Area and Prairie Restoration site.

Stevens has stacks of letters just like that one, with pictures and highlights of hundreds of class field trips. Third- to sixth-grade classes have been taking field

trips to Sneed prairie since 2002. Stacy Banam has taken her fourth-grade class from Wakefield Elementary in Sherman every year since 2003.

"It's so relevant to what we're studying in Texas history," Banam said. "We always begin the school year with the regions in Texas, and we start with what we live in. When we go to Sneed prairie, they get to see what we're talking about. They have a basic understanding of conservation and a drought, but they get a real hands-on experience. We always see a total understanding after the field trip, and they have a deeper appreciation for the area we live in."

Laura Blalock is a teacher at Henry Sory Elementary in Sherman, and has taken her fourth-grade classes to Sneed since 2007. "The students make connections," she said. "Now they have something to connect other things, like Earth Day, to Sneed. And, we watch the movie *Sarah, Plain and Tall*, and when they see Sarah go to live in North Dakota, the students relate that to what they've seen at the Sneed Center.—'It's just like the big drought when there were cracks in the earth!'"

The field trips to Sneed are unique. The field guides on each trip are Austin College students who teach the elementary visitors using curriculum developed with help from the Austin Teacher Program. Trips can include an

erosion demonstration, an explanation of the solar panels and recycled water used in the site's Howard McCarley Pavilion, experience as a bison stomping seeds into the ground, data collection, a session about plant root systems, animal and plant identification, and even education about fossils.

For the teachers, it is fantastic. Blalock said, "It's very applicable. Austin College does an excellent job preparing information that the student needs to know, and kids are engaged the whole time. I've been there when it's freezing and when it's scorching doggone hot; I've been after it rains or when it's really windy but the kids are always focused and paying attention."



*I hope by the time I grow up the whole prairie will be restored back to its old healthy ways again.*

## Broader Impact

Former Sneed field guides found the experience at the research center to be life-changing.

### David Shanafelt '09

*Working toward his Ph.D. in theoretical ecology at Arizona State University*

"It's an absolute blast. It's a great opportunity for kids to get exposed to ecology and the environment in a hands-on experience. I don't think you can get better than that. It gave me a really good resource that tells more about my work ethic and dedication to what I do."

### Joan Youngblood Dorsey '06

*Stanford Institute for Innovation in Developing Economies, Stanford University*

"The prairie restoration seemed cool and I just loved it. It literally changed my life. I learned what it takes to take care of and restore a place that has been broken. It's fun, especially as a young woman, to learn how to burn a giant field in a safe manner and feel empowered to do large heavy-lifting work."

### Mari Elise Ewing '03

*Working toward her Ph.D. on conservation biology and landscape ecology at the University of Colorado in Boulder*

Sneed "really made that connection to our everyday life. I think that, for me, the big benefit was just to get out there and get other people there so it was no longer a mystery. I think my job is to communicate why we care or why we should care about the world around us. It is therefore incumbent on me to explain how the prairie is connected to us, to our communities. To really understand a thing helps us to better appreciate that thing."

### Sneed prairie restoration projects and field trips have been funded by grants from:

Dixon Water Foundation  
Constellation Energy EcoStar  
Margaret A. Cargill Foundation  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Whitesboro Rotary Club  
Grayson County Rotary Club  
Rotary Club of Sherman  
Denison Rotary Club  
National Fish and Wildlife Foundation  
Magnolia Trust  
Texas Parks and Wildlife  
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Robert & Ruby Priddy Charitable Trust  
Meadows Foundation  
Wray Trust  
Individual Donors

Making the field trip even more useful for teachers, **Cassie Ensminger '12**, who completed a major in environmental studies and now is in the Austin Teacher Program working toward her Master of Arts in Teaching degree, is updating the field trip curriculum to closely comply with Texas standardized testing goals.

"It's directly correlated with what we're teaching; it is nearby; and the materials are supplied for us so we know what will be going on and can prep the kids so they know what will be happening," Banam said. "It is a wonderful experience, and we look forward to it every year. It helps us out because we don't have much money for field trips. It's really something special. Not only is it a top-quality field trip, but Austin College helps us make it happen every year."

Because the Sneed prairie trips and research are funded by grants and other gifts, the field trip is free to school districts and their students—another thing the teachers are grateful for. "We don't get to take very many field trips, because it's hard to make them valid," Blalock said. "Austin College has done an excellent job of caring about that and making the field trip enhance the classroom."

And the lessons stick: in another thank you note, one of the elementary students wrote, "I hope by the time I grow up the whole prairie will be restored back to its old healthy ways again. I also hope that you will be successful in informing others and convincing them to help restore the prairie."





# REACHING OUT IN SERVICE

Very few service organizations in the local community have *not* benefitted from the volunteer efforts of Austin College students, faculty, and staff. Whether assisting with filing in a busy agency office, engaging children in games, tutoring high school students, or planting a flower bed, Austin College students are very active in the local community. Through the campus Great Day of Service each fall, JanServe every January, and GreenServe each spring, as well as many individual projects, hundreds of Austin College students spend countless hours offering a helping hand in the neighborhood they call home for many months of the year.

Through the College's Service Station, students log more than 12,000 local hours of service each year. Projects include highway cleanup, volunteer support at area animal shelters, painting, organizing, food collection, or fundraising for holiday gifts. The students work with people—children at area youth centers or those needing tutoring or classes that need readers to visit and share; the elderly in nursing homes and senior centers; women needing babysitting services at the Crisis Center; other community volunteers needing assistance at thrift shops or Goodwill.

The list of agencies assisted by Austin College students grows each year so that

this fall at the Great Day of Service, students worked at approximately 50 sites in Sherman, Denison, and throughout the surrounding area. In January 2012, volunteers spent an afternoon at three Sherman schools, working with Partners in Education to staff science-themed, hands-on learning sessions.

The students also invite others to campus. One Saturday each month, students host Saturday Morning Program for neighborhood elementary school children, providing fun learning opportunities and cultivating the importance of education, and the annual Halloween 'Roo Boo program brings nearly 800 children to campus.

Service is an important part of the learning process at Austin College. Though service is not required by faculty or administrators, many student organizations require service hours of their members, recognizing the lessons learned in serving others, as Gandhi advised, "The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others."



*The best way to find yourself is to  
lose yourself in the service of others.*

## Much to Offer

Austin College's 1,350 students have skills and talents that can be exercised even as they are learning. Much of that happens in the local community as students engage in internships and collaborative programs with area businesses and nonprofit agencies.

**Lauren Hill** '13 received a summer 2012 stipend, funded by Texoma Council of Governments and Austin College, in the College's Social Entrepreneurship for Poverty Alleviation program. Students in the program gained grant writing experience during the spring and then spent the summer with area nonprofit groups putting those skills to use, working on proposals and programs to help area agencies to address critical issues in the local community.

Lauren worked with the City of Denison and appreciates the involvement and immersion City Manager Robert Hanna and Main Street Director Donna Dow offered her. She was able to work with planning for a number of city events, from the Fourth of July celebration to Music on Main concerts to the annual Arts and Wine Renaissance. The work, she said, involved everything from designing flyers to stuffing envelopes—which helped her appreciate the effort that goes into local events, especially with a limited budget.

She was charged with completion of two major projects: setting up a 501(c)3 tax-exempt, non-profit public charity and writing a downtown design guideline for the historic overlay district in Denison. Through both projects, she gained knowledge and experience that will help her in the future, while completing important work for the city. While learning much about procedure and policy, Lauren said the experience allowed her to become particularly aware of the significant role of non-profit entities in support of local governments.

"This internship has definitely secured my interests as far as a career path goes," Lauren said. "Local government is one of the closest forms of contact constituents have to our democratic system yet very few people participate or are aware of how much local government really does for them."

*Lauren is supported by the John D. Moseley Scholarship Program and the Posey Leadership Scholarship Program.*



## A Green Footprint

Sometimes the students and faculty of Austin College lead the way regarding important issue in the local community. When it comes to environmental awareness and sustainability, students and faculty have led the charge and joined with others in work for the environment.

- ❖ Research by an environmental studies student helped lead to the implementation of community-wide recycling in the City of Sherman—still going strong 10 years later.
- ❖ Environmental studies faculty and students' research at Lake Texoma discovered bacteria and subsequently uncovered chronic problems at a local wastewater treatment plant.
- ❖ Through GreenServe projects, students have helped repair and groom walking and bike trails at Eisenhower State Park, cleaned up area parks and highways, offered free energy-efficient light bulbs to neighbors around the campus, and prepared plots at the Sherman Community Garden.
- ❖ Introduction of the 'Roo Route bus service—a partnership with TAPS Public Transit—has aided in reducing carbon emissions from individual vehicles and served as a pilot program for other fixed-route bus service in the region.
- ❖ The College has hosted several community-wide electronic-recycling programs, collecting household electrical items for reuse and recycling.
- ❖ Austin College's goal as a member of the American College and University Presidents Climate Commitment is to reduce campus greenhouse gas emissions and eventually have no net emissions. The College is on track to achieve 100 percent wind-generated electricity in 2015.

## Hands-On Service Learning

In the past four years, 16 Austin College students have served as interns at the Texoma Council of Governments, the regional planning agency for the counties of Cooke, Grayson, and Fannin.

These projects have included community needs assessments, programming for aging services, and regional marketing for the Lake Texoma region—the latter a significant project straddling two states and led by **Katy Cummins** '07, who served for two years on TCOG staff as program manager for community and economic development for the agency.

During summer 2012, **Weston Moffett** '13 presented to the TCOG Governing Board the findings of her year-long study on "Regional Housing Affordability."

Dr. Susan Thomas, TCOG executive director, said, "Weston and our other interns have injected a tremendous amount of energy and new perspectives into our programs and services. From grant writing, to web development, to comprehensive assessments of policy issues, these students have tackled big projects for us and have proven to be very valuable to our work. We're always looking for new ways to engage students and utilize the many resources Austin College offers our region."

# AUSTIN COLLEGE'S 2011 -

Austin College had a total impact of more than **\$277 million** on the North Texas region's economy during fiscal year 2012, with more than \$12 million of that coming from construction of the new IDEA Center.

Economic impact is calculated by looking at direct and indirect effects of expenditures, including employee salaries, volunteer hours, core institution expenditures, and earnings and spending multipliers to calculate the estimated impact of new and induced jobs created for every one job at Austin College.

But community impact reaches well beyond the dollar. The total estimated number in the Texoma workforce of Austin College-affiliated persons (alumni, spouses, and college faculty and staff) is more than 1,100. In the education field alone, 100-plus affiliated teachers serve in local school districts. Physicians, dentists, attorneys, and dozens of professionals and social service program directors are contributing to a higher quality of life for the region.

Through civic and cultural engagement and leadership, Austin College significantly impacts community life as well. In addition to the



# 2012 ECONOMIC IMPACT



outreach programs highlighted in this issue of *Austin College Magazine*, a full spectrum of programs are served by the dozens of Austin College faculty who serve as community volunteers and advisors in their areas of expertise. Campus-directed programming in the arts includes the Sherman Symphony Orchestra, Community Series, concerts and theatre performances, art exhibits, and the contribution of talent and services related to presenting the arts.

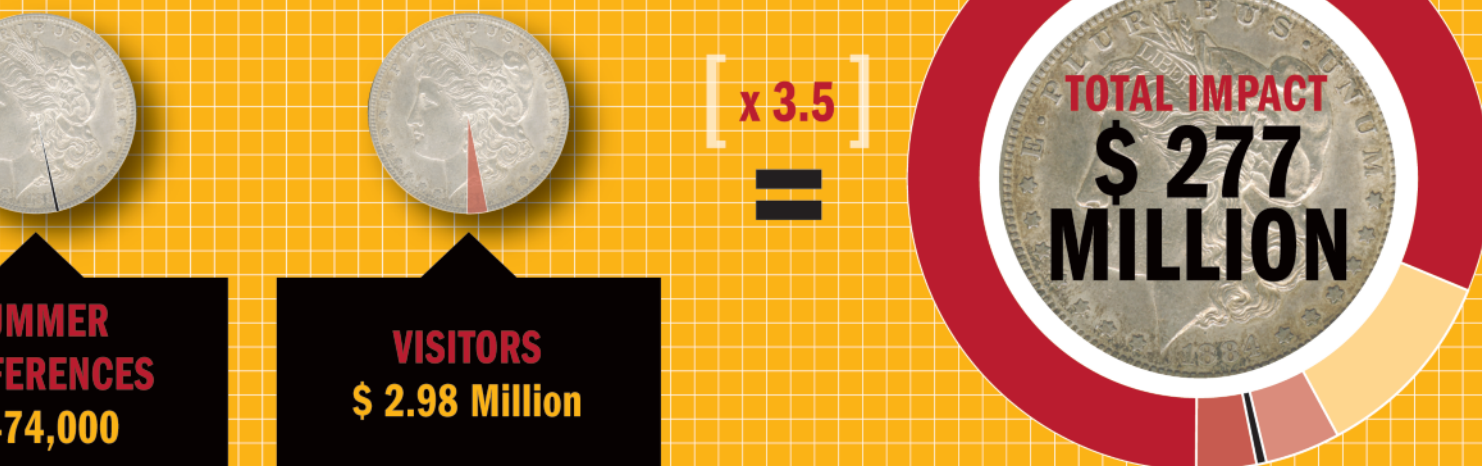
Area youth benefit from summer camps, technology partnerships with local school districts, thousands of hours of tutoring and

enrichment programs, and even some campus fun, including the annual 'Roo Boo Halloween party.

The College's role in leadership and global awareness also is noteworthy; significant events such as the annual Kenneth Street Law Symposium, the Posey Leadership Award and GO! Forum, Asia Week, numerous lecture series, and a strong commitment to study abroad and international awareness bring to campus opportunities that provide a window to the world for the community that is home to Austin College.



**EXPENDITURES**



<sup>1</sup> Core Institutional Expenditures include operational and non-operational expenses reported on the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Finance Survey maintained by the National Center for Educational Statistics (NCES)

Spending multiplier of 3.5 was used to estimate the effect of core and direct local expenditures

# HONORING A STORIED CAREER IN CHEMISTRY

When Dr. **Michael Imhoff** stepped up to the lectern in Wynne Chapel on September 3, his tall frame cast a long shadow, both literally and historically, across the audience gathered for the traditional Opening of School Convocation. His address, “The Other Side of the Mountain,” marked the beginning of the 164th academic year of the College, and also—even more significantly—coincided with the announcement that Imhoff would retire at the end of this academic year.

Imhoff, the Rupert B. Lowe Chair in Chemistry, has been a member of the Austin College community since 1970 when he joined the chemistry faculty. He became vice president for Academic Affairs and dean of the faculty in 2000 and has been instrumental in the planning and design of the College’s new science complex. Completion of the IDEA Center, set to open its doors to students in fall 2013, is certainly a fitting capstone to Imhoff’s esteemed career in academics.

In recognition of Imhoff’s significant contributions to Austin College as a professor and administrator, President **Marjorie Hass** has announced a presidential challenge grant toward a fund for laboratory equipment for the IDEA Center. The Michael Imhoff Challenge will match individual donor gifts dollar-for-dollar, up to a total \$250,000. Fulfillment of this challenge would result in half a million dollars to purchase vital research instrumentation in every scientific discipline for the new facility—equipping it to provide top-

notch science research that will prepare Austin College students to succeed in their careers.

Critical equipment needs total nearly \$1 million, and funding requests for several large instruments—such as a state-of-the-art 400 MHz NMR spectrometer for the Chemistry Department—have been presented to private foundations. And while some existing equipment will move from Moody Science to the IDEA Center, much of the current instrumentation has exceeded its expected life, as purchases have been held in anticipation of the departmental moves to new laboratories.

“We want to do something very special to honor Mike Imhoff’s impressive career at Austin College, and seeing the IDEA Center equipped through this challenge should be a fitting tribute,” said President Hass.



## The Michael Imhoff Challenge

*A Sampling of Vital Equipment Needs*

- ❖ NMR spectrometer (chemistry)
- ❖ Bicycle ergometers (anatomy & physiology)
- ❖ Computerized GPS telescopes (physics)
- ❖ Refrigerated microcentrifuge (biology)
  - ❖ Protein gel rigs (biology)
  - ❖ Microscopes

Make a gift to the Michael Imhoff Challenge online at [www.austincollege.edu/giving](http://www.austincollege.edu/giving), or contact Brooks Hull, vice president for Institutional Advancement, at 903.813.2419.

# Coming to Fruition



## Behind the Scenes with Bob the Builder

On October 29, Hunt Construction—general contractor for the IDEA Center—hosted youngsters and their parents for a tour with “Bob the Builder” on the construction site of the College’s new science complex.

Outfitted in hard hats, the special guests got an inside look at the building in progress, and learned a few fun facts about the enormous scale of this 103,000-square-foot facility. For this state-of-the-art, LEED-certified structure, this is the first of many outreach events to be offered to the community as the IDEA Center opens its doors for learning and collaboration.

## IDEA Center Fun Facts

### Electrical:

Conduit

47,500 linear feet (9 miles) = North Sherman to Denison

Wire

333,000 linear feet (63 miles) = Sherman to Denton

### Plumbing & Mechanical:

Piping

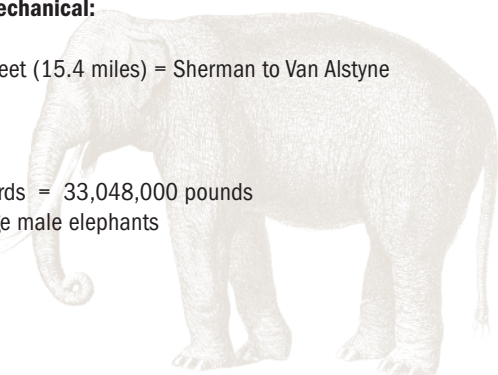
81,450 linear feet (15.4 miles) = Sherman to Van Alstyne

### Concrete:

Ready mix

8,262 cubic yards = 33,048,000 pounds

= 2,754 average male elephants



## A “green” deal for all

Austin College chemistry students and faculty have a new tool for learning—one that will transform the laboratory experience in several courses. In October, technicians installed a Bruker-AXS SMART/CD x-ray diffractometer in the inorganic chemistry lab in Moody Science. This advanced instrument aids in determining molecular structures of organic and inorganic compounds by analyzing the scattering pattern created when an x-ray beam passes through the subject material (typically single crystals). The new addition completes the recently-added crystal growth and determination laboratory in Advanced Inorganic Chemistry. The machine will enhance chemistry courses and undergraduate research, while placing the College among an elite group of liberal arts colleges to own such equipment.

The installation was made possible when Dr. **Brad Smucker**, associate professor of chemistry, brokered a generous offer involving Texas Christian University and the machine’s manufacturer, allowing TCU’s current diffractometer to be moved to the Austin College campus as TCU made room for new equipment. The only cost to Austin College was transporting the instrument from Fort Worth to Sherman, and that’s where **Bob Wright**, senior trustee and former Board of Trustees chair, stepped in to underwrite the moving costs.

Happily, the move went smoothly, and fall semester students used the machine to examine crystal structures and gather data.

“You could think of this situation as a ‘green’ use of this instrument,” said Smucker. “It traveled a much shorter distance (to Sherman versus returning to the Bruker-AXS plant in Wisconsin), is functional (it would have been dismantled in Wisconsin), and vastly improves our teaching and research capabilities here at Austin College. It’s just a win for all parties involved!”

Among the many benefits of the new diffractometer is the enhanced experience for Austin College students to train on advanced instrumentation while examining data that has become the standard for publication in many journals. More than 60 percent of science majors at Austin College have some type of formal undergraduate research experience before graduating.



## Olympic Spirit

The Austin College women's soccer team enjoyed a 10-day trip "across the pond" this summer to take on some competition and soak up some Olympic spirit. Of course, they were mistaken as members of the Australian national team a time or two in London-Heathrow airport—and admit they, in their jetlagged state, may have agreed to that identity!

The women did make their way to the Olympic soccer venue, but as spectators, able to get tickets for two matches at Coventry and one at Wembley Stadium. The players found the Olympic talent amazing as they first took in the Japan/Sweden match, where they joined in chants they didn't understand with the fans around them, but the language barrier didn't lessen their enjoyment of the game or the camaraderie.

Before that, however, they had competition of their own, taking on two British amateur teams—the Coventry Ladies in Birmingham and the Peterborough Ladies in Peterborough, England. (Peterborough happens to be the hometown of coach **Paul Burns**, who has led the 'Roos women's soccer team since its varsity beginnings in 1996.)

## 500th Victory for Garza

The Austin College volleyball team's victory over Centenary College at the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference Divisional tournament in San Antonio on October 21 was a historic one—the 500th career coaching victory for **Ed Garza**, who took over the coaching duties for the 'Roos in 1996.

He has guided Austin College to five appearances in the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament, while bringing his collegiate coaching record to 500-176.

Garza began the 2012 season as the 20th "winningest" active coach and 32nd in all-time wins at the NCAA Division III level. He was a seven-time Coach of the Year in the American Southwest Conference and in 2007, was named Coach of the year in the SCAC.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, Garza lettered in track and cross country as a student-athlete.



## More 'Roo Competition: Women's Cross Country

Austin College added its 13th NCAA sport this fall—women's cross country. The team competes in the Southern Collegiate Athletic Conference. This is the College's first NCAA cross country squad, though a NAIA team competed many years ago. Team members are, front row, left to right, Sally Humphries, Rachel Ramos, Emily Olvera, Naina Singh, Genevieve Norman; and back row, Jessica Carlson, Megan Daugherty, Sophie McDonald, Ashley Fitzpatrick, Christine Garner, and Amy Sims.

# THE LEGENDS COME HOME

Each July, Austin College alumni athletes gather to honor their own during the Legends weekend. Storytelling and laughter are the foundation of the event that is highlighted by an awards dinner honoring former athletes and coaches.

An Austin College coaching legend, the late **Sylvan "Sig" Lawson** was the honoree for the 2012 Coach Joe Spencer Award for Meritorious Service and Lifetime Achievement in Coaching. Lawson joined the Austin College coaching staff in 1976 as an assistant coach in football, head swimming and diving coach, and athletic trainer. After 1988, he coached only swimming and diving until his retirement in 1999. Sig died suddenly just months later. His daughter **Gigi Lawson Woodruff '83** accepted the award during the Legends celebration.

## Athletic Hall of Honor inductees for 2012 were:

**David "Moose" Adams '83** of Rockwall, Texas, a former football standout who works in sales in the pool industry;

**Dale Anderson '82** of Fort Worth, Texas, a Kangaroo tennis player who is a physician with Consultants in Cardiology;

**Brent G. Badger '94** of Richardson, Texas, a former football honoree who is a lead emergency room physician assistant at Medical Center of Plano;

**George "Trey" Crosthwaite III '64** of Sherman, Texas, a four-year baseball player who has a dental practice in Sherman;

**Tony Toro '68** of Dallas, Texas, who led the Kangaroo basketball team and is the retired president and CEO of Landmark Realty;

**Clyde L. Hall '46** of Sherman, Texas, who played golf as a student and has been involved in Austin College athletics for years as a member of the College's economics faculty from 1950 to 1988 and as professor emeritus since that time. (honorary inductee)

**Larry Fedora '85** was honored as Kedric Couch Alumni Coach of the Year after leading the University of Southern Mississippi to the Conference U.S.A. title in 2011. Fedora, now head coach at the University of North Carolina, was unable to attend.

The weekend concluded with the 30th annual Slats McCord Golf Tournament, especially poignant since the long-time Austin College coach for whom the tournament is named had died in April.



*Sig Lawson*



*Moose Adams*



*Dale Anderson*



*Brent Badger*



*Trey Crosthwaite*



*Tony Toro*



*Clyde Hall*



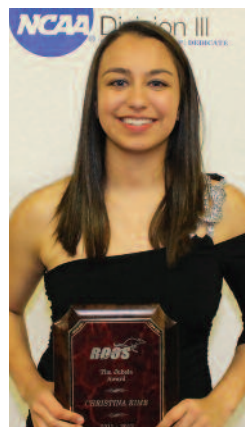
*Larry Fedora*

## The Next Generation: Jubela Outstanding Freshman Athlete 2012

In fall 2011, freshman point guard **Christina Kime '15** was asked to take on a large leadership role when the women's basketball team was hit with several injuries. She responded by turning in one of the best first-year performances of any player in the conference, leading the Kangaroos in scoring and assists. Christina, an Austin College Founders Scholar, also led the conference in minutes played.

That excellence of play and leadership earned her the Austin College Tim Jubela Outstanding Freshman Athlete Award at the annual athletics awards presentation in spring 2012. Now, her coach looks to see that excellence continue.

"Christina assumed a lot of responsibility on the court last season and performed wonderfully," said women's basketball coach **Michelle Filander**. "I look forward to watching her continued growth in the college game and to see her achieve a great and noteworthy career."



**ROOS FOR ROOS**

Gifts to Athletic Enrichment help ensure the continued competitive experiences for the 300 Austin College student-athletes who represent 'Roo Nation every year. Help them succeed by making a gift today:

[www.austincollege.edu/support](http://www.austincollege.edu/support)



## Joey's Corner

❶ Jessica Donna Bridgeford was born June 17, 2012, (Father's Day) to Jennifer and **Jeffrey Bridgeford** '98. Jeffrey says he is outnumbered three to one now, with big sister Jacqueline already at home. This fall, he "jumped ship" from the Medical Sciences Division at NASA Johnson Space Center in Houston in favor of a private industry job with the world's second largest contract research organization, Pharmaceutical Product Development, at its headquarters in Wilmington, North Carolina. He is the associate director of clinical data management and works primarily with pharmaceutical companies on global oncology studies.

❷ Twins Adalyn Elise and Emmett Darrell Enloe were born March 20, 2012, to **Amber Townsend Zarazinski** '01 and Harvey "Cody" Enloe of Henderson, Texas. They join big brother Dawson.

❸ Katelyn Reece Olds was born November 4, 2010, to Duane and **Christa Bowen Olds** '01. Katelyn joins older sister Tarah. Christa is a long-term care administrator in Charleston, South Carolina.

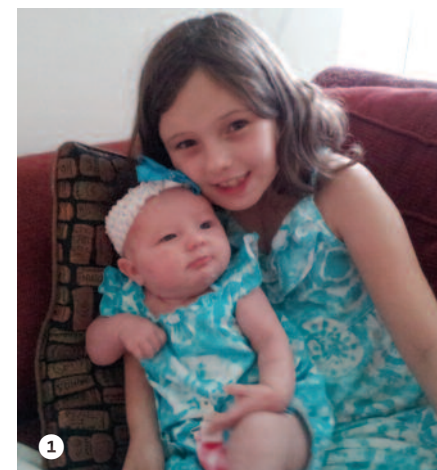
❹ **Cameron** and **Sarah Demarest Allen** '03, plus big sister Zanna, welcomed home Wyatt Lee Allen on May 21, 2012. Cameron and Sarah graduated from Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 2007.

❺ Cori Ann and Carli Rae McDowell were born January 17, 2012, to **Cory** and **Jennifer Whetsel McDowell** '04. The family lives in Midland, Texas. Cory is an estate planning and probate attorney with Cotten Bledsoe Tighe and Dawson. Jennifer, who had taught kindergarten, now stays home with her daughters.

❻ William James was born November 5, 2011, to Elizabeth and **Kimberly Lang Sanberg** '05. The family lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where Kimberly is a fundraising and communications consultant, and Elizabeth works at a law firm.

❼ Evelyn Grace Kelly was born on March 27, 2012, at Scott and White Memorial Hospital in Temple, Texas, to **Drew** and **Nicole Hagenbuch Kelly** '07.

❾ Three Class of 2001 football alumni gathered this summer with their own future 'Roo athletes. Pictured are **Grant Sadler** with Easton Columbus Sadler, **Travis Stein** with Henry Forester Stein, and **Aaron Kernek** with Grayson Jon Kernek.



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**Stan Cobbs** attended the National Music and Worship Conference of the Presbyterian Association of Musicians held this summer at Mo-Ranch. There he ran into **Erich Thompson** '79, pastor, religious furniture creator, and woodworker, as well as **David Johnson** '78, now director of networking and information services at Mo-Ranch. Adding more Kangaroo connections, Stan was a member of the Austin College staff from 1970 to 1982, and he met up with former Austin College staffer John Sniffen, now director of church relations and public relations at Mo-Ranch.

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**(14) G. Ward Beaudry**, managing Partner of Winn, Beaudry, and Winn, has been named to the Texas Super Lawyers list as one of the top attorneys in Texas for 2012. Operating for more than 50 years, the law firm is consistently rated one of the top estate planning and probate law firms in Dallas. The Super Lawyers list, which appeared in the October 2012 issue of Texas Monthly, includes outstanding lawyers from more than 70 practice areas who have attained a high degree of peer recognition and professional achievement.

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**Nick Lund** serves as chairman of the Arizona State Committee on Trails, which makes recommendations to the Arizona State Parks Board about trails nominated for inclusion in the State Trails System, which now includes more than 800 trails. He also is president of TRACKS, a group of 400-plus volunteers who plan, build, and maintain more than 200 miles of trails for hikers, mountain bikers, trail runners, equestrians, and cross country skiers in the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forests of northeast Arizona. Lund also co-chairs the Arizona Game and Fish Heritage Fund Public Advisory Committee, which makes recommendations about use of the state lottery funds earmarked for wildlife preservation, habitats, scientific study, and education.

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**Buck Files** of Tyler received a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Criminal Justice Section of the Texas State Bar in July at the State Bar's Advanced Criminal Law course in San Antonio. "Buck's attributes and contributions to the State Bar of Texas and the criminal justice system are far too numerous to list," David Botsford, incoming chair of the Criminal Justice Section Council, said. "He has endlessly devoted himself to the improvement of the criminal justice system and has had a pronounced impact upon thousands of people, lawyers and non-lawyers, and effectuated incredible change within the criminal justice system throughout his career." The State Bar of Texas is an administrative agency of the Supreme Court of Texas that provides educational programs for the legal profession and the public, administers the minimum continuing legal education program for attorneys, and manages the attorney disciplinary system. Files was sworn in as president of the State Bar of Texas earlier this year.

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**Michael Walker** recently retired as college professor after teaching for 43 years at the University of Houston, Georgia State University, the University of Oklahoma, North Texas State University, and the University of Cincinnati. He taught 27 years at the University of Cincinnati where he was the Virgil M. Schwarm Professor of Finance and Investments and served terms as a department head and as an associate dean.

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**(2) Mark Miller**, a partner in the law offices of Jackson Walker, was included in a recent list of best lawyers in San Antonio for his work in intellectual property. In a survey conducted by San Antonio Scene magazine, attorneys were asked to nominate peers in different practice categories. The list appeared in the June/July issue of the publication. Miller chairs Jackson Walker's intellectual property section and his work focuses on counseling, transactions, and litigation concerning intellectual property (patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets), franchise, license, and antitrust matters.

Numbers in color within entries correspond to photos on page 40 and 41.

## A 'Roo Renaissance Man

When TCU's new football stadium opened this fall, a bit of an Austin College touch was included. A piece of art by **Ron Murphy** '61 hangs in the officials dressing room. Ron knows all about those sorts of dressing rooms. He was a football official in the Southwest Conference and the Big 12 for 27 years, officiating at hundreds of games, including 15 major bowl games—twice each at the Fiesta, Sugar, Orange, and Rose Bowls—and two national championships. He retired at the close of the 2000 season. (In the 1980s, Ron officiated in the NFL but moved back to college football.)

A 1996 Austin College Athletic Hall of Honor inductee, Ron has always been something of a Renaissance man. While a starting pitcher on the baseball team and an NAIA top-10 pass receiver for the Kangaroo football squad, he was completing a major in art. Though he began officiating high school games alongside his own Austin College coaches while a graduate assistant coach for the 'Roos, he hasn't left his love for art behind. Under the name Murphy's Creations, Ron has done illustrations and

book covers for sports books and magazines, as well as children's books. He's done other work over the years too: he owned a sports apparel marketing company for many years, and he has spent the past eight years as director of sales for Petra, a Canadian-based manufacturer of spa and resort locker room amenities. He's also been very involved in service to his community through his church and community organizations like Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Big Brother Big Sister, and Coaches Outreach ministry.

Many things could be written about Ron's 40-plus years in the game of football (he even had a role as a football official in a movie with Burt Reynolds), but back to the TCU stadium. ... Over the years, Ron has created Murphy's Illustrated Football Signals, cartoons of football players and officials, and a set of those cartoons greet the officials at TCU who have taken Ron's place on the field. Ron said it is an honor to have his work as part of the new stadium and that the referees' dressing room will be "forever dear and memorable in my thoughts."



# 'roo news



*A Family Affair: The Andersons pose around one of the machines in the roasting process. At left are Erik and his wife Carola, then Sally, Don, and daughter Jana, who is the office manager.*

## Your Preference Is Our Passion

What happens in Vegas doesn't stay in Vegas—at least not for a family of entrepreneurs who ship more than a ton of roasted coffee beans to wholesalers throughout the country every month while aiming to live up to the company motto: “Your preference is our passion.”

After full careers in teaching in southern Nevada, **Donald '68** and **Sally (Michero) Anderson '71**, along with their son **Erik '00** opened Colorado River Coffee Roasters in Boulder City, Nevada, in March 2009.

Don had been a teacher, principal, and director of research and development; Sally was an elementary school teacher for 10 years and a school librarian for 17 years. Their son Erik had worked with Disney throughout the U.S., South America, and Japan for five years. Upon retiring, Don opened Delphi Research of Nevada, a social research firm specializing in program evaluation and impact assessment. He continues this work along with the family's new venture.

Colorado River Coffee Roasters (CRCR) began with the vision of bringing the highest quality specialty-grade coffees to southern Nevada, and the firm has lived up to that vision, receiving glowing reviews from as far away as New York and Japan.

Don and Sally attribute the company's success largely to Erik's craftsmanship. Each type of coffee bean requires different roasting temperatures and processes, and Erik has spent considerable time studying roasting and training for his craft. But study alone is not the secret; Don said that clients and other roasters who have witnessed Erik at work have said that his focus, intuition, and manipulation of all the variables in the roasting process are extraordinary.

Still a young company, CRCR has experienced steady growth, tripling sales in each of its first three years. The company sells to food and beverage establishments such as coffee houses, fine dining restaurants, and specialty cafés “that consider coffee to be of as much importance as the other items on their menu,” Don said.

The company's beans also are available to retail clients online: [www.crcoffeeroasters.com](http://www.crcoffeeroasters.com).

## [ ACCOLADES ]

### Outstanding Research

**Kamran Ahmed**, a student at University of Texas Southwestern Medical School, has been awarded a Sarnoff Fellowship, which offers research opportunities for outstanding medical students to explore careers in cardiovascular research alongside preeminent cardiovascular scientists. After selection as a Sarnoff Fellow, Kamran interviewed at nine labs around the country to find the best fit for his interests. He now is working alongside



Dr. Anthony Rosenzweig, director of cardiovascular research and associate chief of cardiology at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a hospital of Harvard Medical School.

“An Austin College education is an invaluable preparation for medical school and beyond,” Kamran said. “It is because I developed very personal relationships with my professors at Austin College that I was able to model from them a love for learning, a passion for self-development, and a commitment to servant leadership. The liberal arts education at Austin College allowed me to broaden my view of the world, and I have continued to develop, within my mind, the beautiful connections between the various fields of academia.”

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(8) **Ellen Nelson Clarke** reported a momentous year, finishing a two-year term as president of the West Hartford Garden Club in June, and in January, she and her husband, Brian, had the honor of playing the king and queen of the Boar's Head Festival at Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford, Connecticut. Then, Ellen enjoyed a family reunion with her five far-flung children when her older son was married in August. In addition to her children coming from China, Australia, Florida, Texas, and Panama, alumni **Dacia Calvert Panich** '75 and Ellen's nephew **Joe Peters** '03, attended the festivities. Ellen, pictured on page 40 with her daughters and daughter-in-law in their wedding finery, is second from the right.

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**Erich Thompson** crafted furniture for and taught a class in sacred space at the Mo-Ranch Worship and Music Conference in June. Erich is a minister at large in Salem Presbytery and works in Greensboro, North Carolina. He ran into former Austin College first lady **Anna Laura Page** at the conference.

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**Joseph H. Roosth**, M.D., was appointed to the rank of major with the Texas State Guard and serves with the Houston Medical Response Group as chief medical officer. He encourages anyone interested in the guard to email him at J.Roosth\_1@DrRoosth.com.

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(4) **Gregg Fort** was named vice president for institutional advancement at Hilbert College in New York in July. He leads all aspects of Hilbert's fundraising efforts and the college's government relations and alumni affairs programs. He had spent the previous five years as assistant vice president for university advancement at DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois. Gregg and his wife, Nicci, who is head women's basketball coach at Colgate University, live in Buffalo.

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**Sharon Vincent Down** has returned to her first love of teaching after spending more than 10 years in the business world. She spent over three years teaching in for-profit education and recently was appointed to a full-time position at Gateway Community and Technical College in Edgewood, Kentucky, where she teaches English composition and literature.

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(3) **James R. Webb** has been named senior vice president-legal and general counsel for Chesapeake Energy Corporation, headquartered in Oklahoma City. He had worked on a contract basis with the firm for several months as chief legal counsel before the appointment. Webb had spent 17 years practicing law at McAfee & Taft, Oklahoma's largest law firm, and served as a partner for the past 12 years.

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(1) **Aaron Cernero**, M.D., was named a Texas Super Doctors 2012 Rising Star in the list published in the July issue of *Texas Monthly*. He owns the North Texas Center for General and Bariatric Surgery with offices in Sherman and McKinney. He and his wife, Ailee, are life-long residents of Sherman and now have two daughters, Sophia and Allie, and a son, Charlie. Certified by the American Osteopathic Board of Surgery, Cernero received his Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine degree from the University of North Texas Health Science Center in 2001. After residency at Plaza Medical Center of Fort Worth, he returned to Sherman to open his practice.

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(6) **Joanna Lo** and Jason Fabrikant, a native Washingtonian and a professor at American University, were married July 17, 2011, in Washington, D.C. Joanna received a master's degree at George Washington University in 2000 and works on trade remedy cases at the U.S. International Trade Commission. Jason is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and the Washington College of Law at American University. The bride and groom met while working part-time at a yoga studio and continue to live in Washington, D.C. Several Austin College alumni attended the wedding and are pictured on page 40, left to right, **Lynn Choi Tam**, **Chau Pham Axelrod**, **Joanna Lo Fabrikant**, **Ajita Reddy**, **Jon Deason** '95 (who caught the bouquet!), **Karla Lopez Minai**, and **Kim Jefferson**. **Jacqueline Quan Bryce** attended but is not pictured.

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(15) **Denice Hicks Trimble** has joined the law firm of Riddel Williams and its real estate and land use practice. She advises public and private clients with real estate and land use interests, including acquisition and disposition, residential and commercial development, and leasing and finance. She began her legal career at Hughes & Luce (now K&L Gates) in Austin, Texas, and was a partner at Van Ness Feldman GordonDerr before joining Riddel Williams. ■ **Eric W. Cox** was named an associate professor of political science at Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas, in April 2012. In addition to teaching, Eric serves on the TCU Common Reading Steering Committee and directs the TCU Model United Nations Program. He is an elected faculty representative on the National Model UN-New York Advisory Board.

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(13) **Mark Kellogg** became the head women's basketball coach at Northwest Missouri State in April 2012. He had spent seven seasons as the head coach at Fort Lewis College in Durango, Colorado. During his tenure there, the Fort Lewis team won 79 percent of its games, and Kellogg earned three Rocky Mountain Athletic Conference Coach of the Year awards and two Women's Basketball Coaches Association Region Coach of the Year honors. ■ (5) **Adam Meierhofer** was elected to a three-year term on the school board of Richardson Independent School District and began his term in May. Pictured on page 40 are, left to right, Adam's dad Mike, Adam '98, Adam's wife **Brandy Harmon Meierhofer** '99, Adam's mom Libby, and in front, Adam and Brandy's children, Ava, Slade, and Elizabeth.

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(7) **Jeff Duffey** was selected as one of the "Best Real Estate Agents in Dallas" in a *D Magazine* listing this summer. He has worked in real estate, serving Park Cities, Preston Hollow, Lakewood, and surrounding areas for nearly a decade, and in 2010, started his own real estate firm, Jeff Duffey and Associates. He enrolled this fall at SMU Dedman School of Law.

02

(16) **Gregory Parks** and **Paula Peterman** were married May 21, 2011, at Wynne Chapel. The wedding party included maid of honor **Ellen Bond**, best man **Harrison Parks** '07, and bridesmaid **Jane Lee Parks** '06. Reverend **Amy Summers-Minette Fetterman** officiated. Honored Austin College guests included the groom's father **Wayne Parks** '72, aunt **Nancy Parks Shamburger** '75, **Rachel Branaman** '01, **Lisa Thiebaud Nicoli**, **Kimberly Van Exell**, **Christine Soliva Krasnozhan**, **Anthony Escobedo** '01, **Michael Bardgett**, and **Karl-Hans Larsen** '07. Gregory and Paula live in Lexington, Kentucky, with their dogs Roxy and Roscoe. Paula is pursuing a master's degree in education. Gregory recently completed his neurology residency at University of Kentucky and is in private practice. ■ (11) **Amy Summers-Minette** and David Fetterman were married on December 29, 2011, in Richmond, Virginia. Attendees included bridesmaid **Neli Moyo** '05, **Ellen Bond**, **Lisa Thiebaud Nicoli**, **Paula Peterman Parks**, and **Noell Rathbun-Cook**.

03

(10) **Lindsay Thompson** and Robert Cleland, a graduate of Georgia Tech, were married on April 1, 2012, in the Texas Hill Country. The wedding party included **Sarah Steward-Lindsey**, **Deidre Woodruff Baird**, and **Christine Martin Sterkel** '04. Alumni attending included **Dianne Hardie Thompson** '68, **Memie Adams Hardie** '70, **Paula Hardie Kleypas** '78, **Christopher Thompson** '92, **Jenny King** '92, **Jill Gin Dinges** '01, **Rebecca Silva** '02, **Carrie Beach** '01, **Irene Yardley** '03, **Allison McBee Dawson**, **Greg Dawson** '05, **Kristen Molloy Greene** '02, **Ashley Allison**, **Stephanie Helvey Richards**, **Natalie Ridley Baerwaldt**, **Kristin Shapiro** '08, **Julie Herron Hayes** '04, **Andrea Barnett** '04, **Jacque Decoux** '04, **Laura Shelton Mendenhall** '69, and **Brandon Baird** '04.

04

**Ariana Vasquez Crowther** was appointed co-chair of the Graduate Student Council Division of the American Educational Research Association for the 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 academic years. She also was named programs director for the Graduate Student Assembly at the University of Texas at Austin for the 2012-2013 academic year.

Numbers in color within entries correspond to photos on page 40 and 41.

05

**(12) Elizabeth "Liz" Christian** graduated with her Doctor of Physical Therapy degree from Texas Woman's University in May 2012. She was offered a commission as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy and serves as a physical therapist in the Medical Service Corps.

07

**(9) Harrison Parks** and **Jane Lee** '06 were married at Cityplace in Dallas, Texas, on November 19, 2011. Attendees included the groom's father **Wayne Parks** '72; the groom's aunt **Nancy Parks Shamburger** '75; best man **Gregory Parks** '02; **Paula Peterman Parks** '02; groomsmen **Karl-Hans Larsen**, **Benjamin Hamid-Khani**, and **Benjamin Morgan**; maid of honor **Christy Lee** '03; bridesmaids **Amy Newton** '05 and **Grace Huh** '07; **Teena Thomas Chacko** '03; **Danielle Leung** '03, **Malini Velamati** '07, **Kristin Saboe** '07, and **Jonathan Walgama** '07. Harrison graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry in 2011 and is completing his specialty in periodontics. Jane graduated from Baylor College of Dentistry in 2012 and is working as an associate general dentist. The couple lives in Dallas near White Rock Lake with their dogs, Fella and Charlie.

■ **(10) Adam Spore** earned his Master of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology at SMU in May 2012. He is associate pastor at Whitewright/Marvin United Methodist Churches.

08

**(18) Drew Kelly** received his medical degree with honors from Texas A&M Health Science Center College of Medicine in May 2012. He was joined in celebrating by his wife, **Nicole Hagenbuch Kelly** '07, and their daughter, Evelyn. Drew is continuing his medical training as an orthopedic surgery resident at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in Oklahoma City, and Nicole works part-time from their home in Edmond, Oklahoma, for the finance department of Titus Transportation and also as a full-time stay-at-home mom.

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**(17) Neal Spradlin** has been elected to the Texas Tech University School of Law executive committee for the Board of Barristers, Tech Law's premiere advocacy organization that conducts intra-school competitions in mock trial, moot court, and negotiations. Members of the Board of Barristers are selected from advanced students who demonstrated competence in advocacy competitions and are interested in assisting other students to improve their skills. Neal serves as vice chair of appellate advocacy. At Tech Law, he is a member of the Phi Delta Phi honors legal fraternity and serves as the vice president of the Business and Bankruptcy Law Association. He is pursuing a J.D./M.B.A. and plans to practice business litigation and transactions.

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**(19) Alexander Clark** and Katherine Perkins were married May 26, 2012, at Wynne Chapel. The wedding party included **Shamyal Khan** '08, **Dallas Key** '10, **Chris Donovan**, best man **Mark Hagge** '13, **Riley Howell** '13, **Eristeo Perez** '13, and **Yasien Eltigani** '14. (Fun Fact: Alex, Shamyal, Dallas, and Mark all are past Austin College student body presidents.) Alex and Katherine live in San Antonio, Texas, where they both are 2012 Teach For America corps members. Alex teaches third grade at Stewart Elementary, and Katherine teaches special education at Barkley-Ruiz Academy.

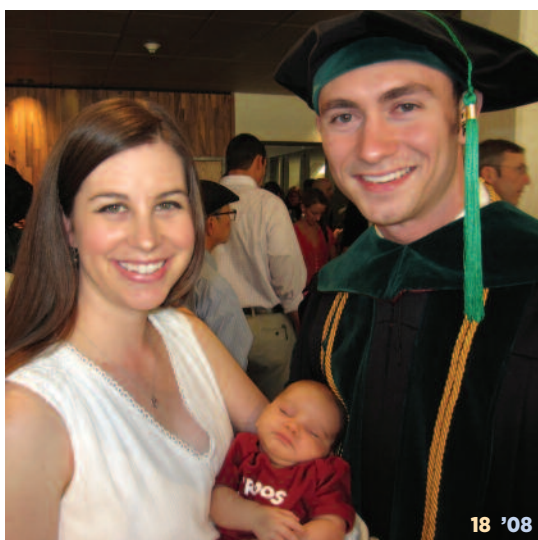
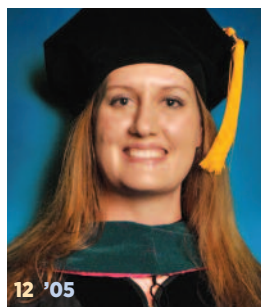


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# THE POWER OF A CROWN



A beautifully dressed woman can create quite a stir entering a room—especially when she’s wearing a sparkling sash and a glittering crown. For **Rachel Blacketer Hedstrom** '00, Mrs. Texas 2012, that sash and crown are about opening doors.

Beyond a child’s fascination with becoming Miss America, Rachel didn’t see herself as a “pageant person.” After graduating from Austin College, she worked in Washington, D.C., with Congressman Ralph Hall, then as media relations director at Children’s Medical Center in Dallas, and in 2009, opened her own public relations firm. Volunteering at an American Heart Association event, she met Mrs. Texas International 2010, who was sharing the AHA Go Red message around the state. Seizing an opportunity to get publicity for a program near to her own heart, Rachel asked the woman to mention Honor Flight whenever possible. The response, “Why don’t you do it?” That led to Rachel’s entering the Mrs. Texas pageant—winning—and spending the past several months talking about Honor Flight at every opportunity.

Honor Flight Network is a non-profit organization created to honor America’s veterans by taking them—at no cost—to Washington, D.C., to reflect at their war memorials there. Top priority is given to World War II survivors and other veterans who may be terminally ill. “I went into the pageant for my veterans,” Rachel said. “I had knocked on lots of doors to raise money for Honor Flight. I thought that if I could knock as Mrs. Texas in a crown and sash, maybe the doors would open—and they have. I’ve been able to raise money and awareness for Honor Flight as I’ve traveled the state.”

Rachel became involved with the organization in 2009. A member of a military family, she has great respect for veterans. “They mean the world to me,” she said, adding that her grandfather, an Army Air Corps veteran who was a prisoner of war during World War II, is her inspiration. “Those vets saved the world and came home to mow their lawns for the next 60 years. They didn’t feel special; everyone had gone to war.”

Rachel works with Honor Flight’s DFW hub, serving north Texas, helping to raise \$1,000 per veteran to make the two-day trip to Washington, D.C. She has helped with funding for 10 trips, and even accompanied the veterans on one trip. “Standing at the World War II Memorial was very emotional, seeing a field of 4,000 stars that represents the 400,000 Americans who died. For the veterans to see the memorial with other people who understand what they went through in the war is an incredible experience,” Rachel said. “Having the honor to stand at the memorial with 50 veterans—and

*Who knows?  
I may be  
influencing  
the next  
mob of 'Roos.*





knowing I had helped to make the trip possible—was amazing.” Having her grandfather at her side was the most special part. The trip also included a visit to the Vietnam Memorial and other significant sites, plus placing a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns. Rachel’s friend Congressman Hall also met the veterans at the memorial.

“Then we had a heroes banquet for them,” Rachel said, smiling broadly. “Everywhere they go during the trip, we arrange huge receptions, with people to clap and honor the veterans and thank them for their service. I saw the appreciation in the vets’ faces. None of them ever asked for it, but it’s great to give them the rock star treatment they deserve.”

Rachel said the Mrs. Texas International program is service-oriented and attracts a person who thinks big. “It takes a certain kind of person to be willing to step out in a sparkling tiara,” she laughed, explaining that the pageant’s contestants come from all walks of life, from former Marines to those in fashion and women in the corporate world.

Rachel came to Austin College to become a doctor. Her career choice was inspired by her childhood experience with Guillain-Barre Syndrome, staying home from school an entire year. At Austin College, Rachel “majored in Carol Daeley” (that’s English, as most every Austin College student of the past 39 years knows) and decided to use her talents as a writer and storyteller rather than as a physician.

But she hasn’t forgotten her childhood hospitalization and remembers the magic of a hospital visit by a pageant queen. “Children always want to know how I got my crown, and I tell them that by having a dream and doing well in school, they can make a difference,” Rachel said. “I talk to them about going to college, too. Who knows? I may be influencing the next mob of ‘Roos.” Rachel makes many appearances as Mrs. Texas and takes each interaction seriously, explaining, “My crown and sash may have the power to change someone’s day.”

*Rachel and her husband, Eric, have some interesting pastimes, like autocross, road course racing, the highest speed racing done at the amateur level. “I love the spirit of competition and I love that each time you go around the track, you can do better and better, striving for a personal best every time,” she said. “And, there’s not much else you can think about while traveling 120 miles per hour! It keeps you focused on the task at hand.” Rachel also has earned a private pilot’s license.*

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# AUSTIN COLLEGE 2012 SERVICE AND

*The following awards were presented by Austin College President Marjorie Hass and Sarah Gunderson '81, Alumni Board president, during Homecoming festivities on campus in October.*



## HEYWOOD C. CLEMONS VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

**Jeff Mabray '96** of Carrollton, Texas  
Specification Sales, Edwin Jones Company  
Master of Fine Arts, Tulane University

### Why I work on behalf of Austin College?

"I do what I do for the school because no matter how much I do, I can never repay the institution for the things that it has done for me—in shaping me, helping me become the person that I am today. At 18, you make this decision about where you are going to go to college. You go and visit; you like the campus; you get a feel for the place. You think you make the right choice. In reality, you have absolutely no idea the impact that that one decision has on the entirety of the rest of your life. Friendships made, viewpoints formed, ways of thinking learned—all these things become a major part of who you are, what you become, and what you do with your life and in service to others. All of these are cultivated from the roots that you form at that place. Austin College has been those roots for me."

### "Life" advice for an Austin College freshman?

"Do as much as you can. If you know what you want to do, become as involved with that as you possibly can. If you don't know, try to do many different things until you find something you really feel passionate about. Find that thing that drives you—explore it; love it; hate it; feel it; do it."



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREE

**David Corrigan '81** of Dallas, Texas  
President and CEO of Corrigan Investments,  
commercial real estate development and investment firm

### What makes a good leader?

"A positive attitude and the ability to work with others are critical for a leader."

### "Life" advice for Austin College students today?

"Stick to your goals, never give up! Be careful what you wish for; chances are it will come true."

### My goals in serving others?

"I want to make the world better than I found it."

### Most important in my life?

"Christ, family, and service."



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREE

**Charles H. Reynolds '79** of Lansdale, Pennsylvania  
President, GFree—a structure-based drug discovery  
company in Philadelphia;  
Adjunct Professor at Pennsylvania Drug Discovery  
Institute  
Ph.D., University of Texas at Austin

### Why I do what I do?

"I have always been fascinated by science. Even as a kid I always wanted to know how things worked. The greatest thing about my job is that there is something new every day; the questions inevitably outnumber the answers."

### What I consider the true value of my Austin College education?

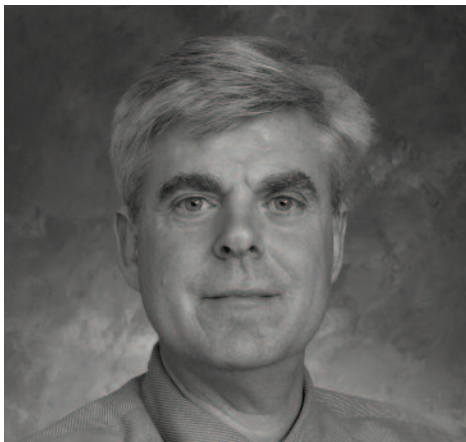
"For me the value of my Austin College education goes well beyond academics. I think the "hands-on" atmosphere at Austin College helped prepare me to be successful in the interdisciplinary and fast-changing worlds of science and business."

### "Life" advice for Austin College students today?

"I have always tended to be a planner, and I think a little cautious. But in my career some of my most exciting and interesting, although perhaps not easiest or most comfortable, opportunities have come when I took a chance and made a big change. So my advice to students is to be fearless—not reckless, but fearless."

To nominate classmates for Distinguished Alumni honors, see the Austin College website:  
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Nominations must be received by February 1.

# DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARDS



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREE

**Kirk Smith '81** of Galveston, Texas  
Arnold P. Gold Associate Professor of Internal Medicine,  
University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine in  
Galveston;  
Executive Director of Frontera de Salud health care  
program for the underserved  
M.D., Ph.D., University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston

### What makes a good leader?

"Leadership for me has been following my passion and helping others follow theirs. Austin College is where I learned that commitment to something larger than yourself is a worthy goal for a human life, and the best antidote I know to quiet desperation."

### "Life" advice for Austin College students today?

"Marry the right person; live beneath your means; don't own a television. I've succeeded any time I've been willing to fail, but not give up; two steps forward and one step back is still progress."



## DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI HONOREE

**Todd Williams '82** of Dallas, Texas  
Retired partner, Goldman Sachs;  
Executive director of the independent nonprofit  
organization Commit!, dedicated to helping Dallas County  
children realize their full potential  
M.B.A., Wharton School of Business, University of  
Pennsylvania

### Why I do what I do?

"I am absolutely convinced that the challenges within our current education system are the single biggest threat facing our country as we know it. Effective public education feeds the American Dream and provides hope for many. It drives our level of critical thinking and discourse and our ability to solve big problems. It's the ladder that so many of us used to transform our own lives, and those who ignore or dismiss it as unsolvable are in effect acquiescing to the ladder being pulled up behind us. It's not the right moral answer, nor is it the right economic answer. It's solvable, but it takes a lot of people to care."



## FIRST DECADE AWARD

**Amanda Thomas '02** of Washington, D.C.  
Architect, Gensler  
Master of Architecture, University of Houston

### Why I do what I do?

"When I started at Austin College, I thought I wanted to be a computer science major. I quickly learned that programming was not my strongest skill and that I really loved my photography classes. As I started to think about the options for an art major, I went on a Jan Term to France and Italy with a day trip to Barcelona. I fell in love with the architecture and began my applications to graduate school. I've found that architecture is the perfect combination of design and technical for me. In Washington, D.C., I focus on sustainable design and sustainable consulting. This specialty speaks to my passion for innovative design solutions and technology to increase building performance. It has also become an opportunity for me to help the world become a better place, one 'green' project at a time."



## CINDY CURTIS BEAN SERVICE TO ALUMNI AWARD

**John D. Williams '84** of Sherman, Texas  
Austin College Chaplain—William E. Elliot, Jr., Chair in  
Christian Ministry—and Director of Church Relations  
Master of Divinity, Austin Presbyterian Theological  
Seminary; Ph.D., Southern Methodist University

### Why I do what I do for the College?

"I love being a small character in the inspiring and epic story of Austin College and of so many different students and alumni. I enjoy accompanying students through this important season of their lives and knowing them as they leave Austin College and live useful and interesting lives that impact the lives of others. I also like representing the church in the life of the College and representing the College in the life of the church."

## THE HOME OF THE BRAVE

Just as the last strains of the “The Star Spangled Banner” rang out in Apple Stadium before the Homecoming football game, a U.S. Navy F/A-18 jet roared above the crowd. Lieutenant **Ross “Jackpot” Jackson** '02 wanted to honor the men and women of the U.S. military as part of the celebration of his 10-year reunion.

After graduating magna cum laude from Austin College, Jackson was commissioned as an ensign in Pensacola, Florida, after completing Officer Candidate School in November 2004. Following flight training in Corpus Christi and Kingsville, Texas, Ross was designated a naval aviator in March 2007. He completed training in the F/A-18 Super Hornet at NAS Lemoore, California, in March 2008, earning Top Hook awards for carrier qualification in both the T-45 and F/A-18F during his flight training.

Jackson reported to the Black Knights of Strike Fighter Squadron 154 at Naval Air Station Lemoore, California, flying the F/A-18F Super Hornet, in March 2008. During this tour, deployed aboard the *USS John C. Stennis* and the *USS Ronald Reagan*, he served as the squadron Air-to-Ground Weapons Training Officer and the head landing signals officer.

In March 2011, Jackson reported to the United States Navy Fighter Weapons School, Top Gun. After graduating from the course, he joined the staff as a Top Gun PGUN instructor pilot and now serves as the U.S. Navy's Subject Matter Expert for both the AIM-9 Sidewinder and Aerial Gunnery. At Top Gun, he flies the F/A-18 Hornet, F/A-18 Super Hornet, and F-16 Fighting Falcon. During his career, he has accumulated more than 1,100 flight hours and more than 225 carrier-arrested landings.

Jackson lives in Fallon, Nevada, with his wife, Rachel, and their sons, Otto and Everett.



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## [ ACCOLADES ]

### Advocating Medicine

**David Savage** has been elected the American Medical Association Speaker of the Governing Council for the AMA Medical Student Section (MSS). Eight members of the Governing Council work with AMA staff to lead the 50,000 members of the student section of the AMA. The term of the national office is from June 2012 to June 2013 and, as speaker, David worked with staff and the vice speaker to plan and run the national meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii, in November 2012 and will plan the June 2013 meeting in Chicago, Illinois. He also will attend the MSS Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., in February 2013.

He said this leadership role with the AMA will help enhance his organizational skills and refine his speaking skills. “I want medical advocacy and politics to be an integral part of my lifelong career as a physician, and this position is an additional step in my preparation,” he said. “The career network I have built with students, residents, and physicians nationwide the past three years will also be invaluable to my future aspirations in medicine and advocacy.”

A fourth-year M.D./Ph.D. student, David also is one of 240 Albert Schweitzer Fellows selected around the nation who are carrying out service projects this year in under-served communities, while continuing their academic responsibilities. David's work is with the Alliance for Multicultural Community Services, empowering refugees to navigate Houston's healthcare system.

“I am passionate about tackling health disparity problems, and I aim to make it central to my future career as a physician,” he said. “The past few years, I have worked closely with Students Improving Global Health in Texas at medical school, working on projects in Houston for refugees and for a very mixed immigrant community on the U.S.-Mexico border. These have been some of the highlights of my training, and this fellowship will allow me to gain valuable skills in problem solving, resource management, and leadership that will help me to achieve my future goals in service.”

David, a student at the University of Texas Medical School at Houston, plans to pursue a career in oncology upon completing his M.D./Ph.D. program.



## Remembering Senior Trustees

The Austin College community lost two longtime friends in recent months with the deaths of senior trustees Fred Meyer and J. Layton Mauzé III.

Dallas business leader **Fred Meyer** died September 25. He served as a member of the Austin College Board of Trustees from 1995 to 2007, when he moved to the senior board.

A leader in the Republican Party, Meyer was named Dallas County party chairman in 1979, a position he held for seven years. He also served as chair of the Republican Host Committee for the party's national nominating convention in Dallas in 1984, and in 1988, 1990, and 1992, he was elected chair of the Republican Party in Texas.

Also a leader in the business world, Meyer held a number of executive positions, including treasurer, with Aladdin Industries in Nashville, Tennessee, before joining Tyler Corporation in Dallas in August 1967. He moved up in management at that company and in 1970, was named to the executive committee of Tyler's board of directors, and shortly thereafter, as senior vice president. He served as president and chief operating officer from July 1983 until

December 1986. He continued to work with the company as a consultant until 1989. In May 1987, he was named president and chief executive officer of Aladdin Industries.

Meyer received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Purdue University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard University in 1958, graduating with highest distinction.



Presbyterian leader **J. Layton Mauzé III** died June 7. A member of First Presbyterian Church in Statesville, North Carolina, Mauzé served as senior pastor for the church from 1971 to 1982. He also served First Presbyterian Church in Fort Smith, Arkansas; Covenant Presbyterian Church in Staunton, Virginia; Front Royal Presbyterian Church in Front Royal, Virginia; Ginter Park Presbyterian Church in Richmond, Virginia; First Presbyterian Church in Danville, Virginia; and First Presbyterian Church in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mauzé continued his ministerial work in retirement, serving as the interim pastor for First Presbyterian Church in Asheville, North Carolina; Second Presbyterian Church in Charleston, South Carolina; First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh, North Carolina; and First Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, North Carolina.

Very active in the communities in which he served as pastor, Mauzé was on the board of directors for Leadership Fort Smith and Arkansas Valley Habitat for Humanity. He acted as president on the Hospice House Board in Fort Smith, Arkansas; trustee for Sparks Regional Medical Center; and chair of the Pastoral Care Committee for Sparks Regional Medical Center in Fort Smith. In addition to serving on the Austin College Board of Trustees from 1987 to 1999, and then the senior board, he also served as a trustee for Lyon College and Presbyterian School of Christian Education.

Mauzé earned his undergraduate degree from Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri; his B.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, in 1962; and his Doctor of Divinity from Westminster College in 1977. He was ordained on July 22, 1962, by the Presbytery of Winchester, Synod of Virginia.



## IN MEMORIAM

'34	Viola Brice	September 7, 2012
'41	George Tebow	October 31, 2011
'45	Curren Rogers McLane	June 7, 2012
'46	William Bird Jackson	July 18, 2012
'49	Mary Elizabeth Horton Stribling	August 30, 2012
'52	Charles R. Inman	August 29, 2012
'52	Daniel J. Lewis	September 25, 2011
'57	Gaylord H. Dodgen	March 22, 2012
'58	Elsa Mickle Carsner	September 5, 2012
'61	Jerry Harmon Harlan	July 14, 2012
'61	Dan M. Thompson, Jr.	March 6, 2012
'62	Murray Lloyd Johnston, Jr.	August 17, 2012
'64	John T. Young	August 15, 2012
'65	William Streun	July 12, 2012
'66	Doris Coffey Koriath	April 17, 2012
'66	Jack T. Whitener	February 25, 2012
'67	Marie "Suzy" Dickinson Jameson	June 15, 2012
'68	Mary Wheat Hahn	August 20, 2012
'69	Jim Johnson	November 26, 2011
'71	Gary M. Watkins	January 27, 2012
'74	Robert D. Newton	September 14, 2011
'74	Cynthia Anne Marietta	August 16, 2012
'78	John Edward Hein, Jr.	July 8, 2012
'85	Withers W. Caldwell III	October 7, 2011
'87	J. Matthew Green	May 7, 2012
'99	Charlsie J. Goforth Colville	November 24, 2011
'00	Nathan K. Flint	August 8, 2012

## College Mourns Loss of Student

The Austin College community mourns the death of sophomore **Amaud Hassan**, 19, of Denison, Texas, who died in a single vehicle accident in Whitewright, Texas, on November 2. According to police reports, Amaud apparently lost control of his motorcycle on a curve.

Amaud was born on December 17, 1992, the son of Aziz "Azzie" and Mehfooz Hassan. He is survived by his parents, his brother, Saad, and his sisters, **Sara** '13 and Anam, as well as many extended family members and friends.



# EMPOWERING CHANGE

by Rachel Branaman '01

I casually waved my arm in a lazy motion, cocked my head, and implored through sheer willpower the approaching car to slow down. More often than not my wish was granted, and I negotiated a lift with strangers whose kindness was greater than the ride, as they allowed me a brief insight to their world as we traveled on a journey that took me further than my destination. These simple interactions, a free lift to the next town, a friendly conversation, an invitation to learn more about other cultures, are some of my fondest memories of my Peace Corps experience.

My love for exploration started well before I hit Namibian soil in 2009 as a Peace Corps volunteer. As a teen, I studied abroad in far flung destinations across Europe and Australia and soaked up new cultures as others soak up the sun. I was fortunate to have parents and an educational system that encouraged study abroad opportunities and fostered opportunities to allow me to thrive outside my local community.

I continued to travel through Austin College's Jan Term program as well as participation in Alternative Spring Break trips, widening my global perspective with trips to Quebec province in Canada; interior Mexico; and Asia where I visited Japan, South Korea, and China. My desire to work in international development emerged through my experiences as a student at Austin College while studying for a French degree. Professors and mentors, such as Bernice Melvin and Cynthia Manley, encouraged me to aim high and remain open-minded about where my degree could take me in life. I was convinced I would lead a life of international intrigue and jet-set around the world. Although my French is now rusty, my purpose, to empower others toward change, never faded.

I was fortunate to find a career path I loved following graduation. I accepted a position with a Dallas nonprofit and completed a master's degree in nonprofit management, which ultimately led me to accept a position as a community development advisor for Namibia's Ministry of Health and Social Services with the U.S. Peace Corps.

If my time in Namibia taught me anything, it is that together, as a community, we hold the power to create change. While I loved serving my small community of Otavi, Namibia, the truth is, you don't have to cross the Atlantic to make a difference. When I returned to the U.S. after completing two years of service, I wanted to serve as a testament to the value of community development. I started my own business, Talem Consulting, the name coined from the Latin "talis" meaning distinguished or empowered, a sentiment I hope to instill in nonprofits through capacity building and resource development. Outside of my professional endeavors, I give back to my community through projects like Austin College's GreenServe, as well as by serving on the board of directors for Journey of Hope Grief Support Center.

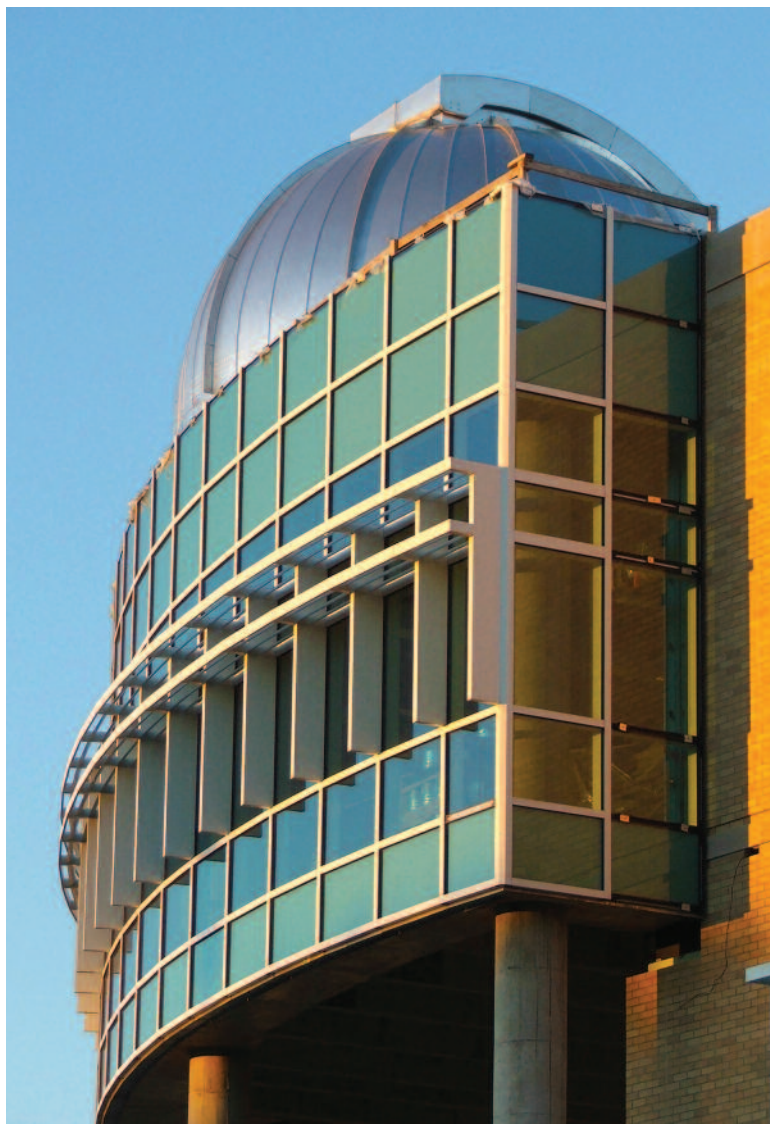
Some of the greatest lessons I have learned were taught by the most unlikely teachers. I credit my professors at Austin College for teaching me to think outside of the box, my close college friends with showing me that regardless of the path we take in life we all can make a difference, and the gracious drivers who pulled over and gave a hitchhiker a lift to the next Namibian town for expanding my worldview. Each of these individuals showed me how to empower change in my personal life as well as in my professional and for that I am thankful.

*Rachel Branaman lives in Dallas and continues to serve the community as annual fund director for Dallas Black Dance Theatre.*

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