

President's Newsletter

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From left, St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston, Dr. Sampson Davis, Dr. Rameck Hunt and Dr. George Jenkins.

President's Lecture Series Welcomed "The Three Doctors"

St. Philip's College had the privilege of hosting Drs. Sampson Davis, Rameck Hunt and George Jenkins in the President's Lecture Series titled, The Three Doctors. The event highlighted impactful stories on how the trio overcame many obstacles that led them to become one of the most remarkable success stories of inspiration, dedication and determination.



St. Philip's College Receives INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine's 2019 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award.

St. Philip's received the 2019 Inspiring Programs in STEM Award from INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine, the largest and oldest diversity and inclusion publication in higher education. The Inspiring Programs in STEM Award honors colleges and universities that encourage and assist students from underrepresented groups to enter the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). Inspiring Programs in STEM Award winners were selected by INSIGHT Into Diversity based on efforts to inspire and encourage a new generation

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President's Message



Mobile college students (18-34) and children under the age of five were the most undercounted populations during the previous U.S. Census. In partnership with the City of San Antonio

and Bexar County, a High Education
Task Force was formed to promote and
encourage local colleges and universities to
respond to the 2020 Census. As a member
of the Complete Count Census Education
Committee, I want to encourage you to
ensure that you are counted, as well as your
family members, neighbors and friends.

The decennial census helps determine how we are represented in the U.S. Congress and how federal funds are allocated to address our most-pressing regional needs.

The U.S. Census Bureau makes it possible for you to choose how to respond -- online, by phone or by mail. You'll receive an invitation to respond beginning in mid-

You can respond online in English or in 12 other languages, including American Sign Language (ASL). Braille and large print guides are also available. If necessary, you can respond in person beginning in mid-May. Census takers will visit all households that have not yet responded.

Responding is important. A complete count helps ensure that services like Medicare, Medicaid, social security, and public transportation can support those who need them.

Responding is safe. All of the information you share with us is protected by law and cannot be used against you.

Responding is accessible. The U.S. Census Bureau is working hard to ensure that everyone has a way to respond.

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D. President

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of young people to consider careers in STEM through mentoring, teaching, research, and successful programs and initiatives. INSIGHT Into Diversity magazine selected St. Philip's College's Women in Non-Traditional Occupations (WINTO) because the program, now in its 11th year, significantly increases interest in careers underrepresented by women. WINTO supports high school and college students by hosting an annual conference, featuring speakers who are women in maledominated fields. The program is designed to support high school girls interested in careers such as plumbing, HVAC, aircraft technician, advanced manufacturing and more. Through WINTO, young women can engage in services and activities that can help them overcome obstacles in the male-dominated industries and feel empowered by expanding their horizons into the technical education fields. Manuel

Navarro is the program director and Diane Galvan is academic program specialist. The event is held in celebration of National Women's History Month. It is grant-funded by the Carl D. Perkins' Basic Grant and includes post-conference workshops for faculty and staff. "The goal of WINTO is to ensure that every female student enrolled in nontraditional occupations is helped to realize her capability for learning, raise her qualifications and follow a pathway tailored to her aptitudes and aspirations," said St. Philip's College Vice President for Academic Success Randall Dawson. WINTO encompasses a variety of services and activities for students enrolled in programs nontraditional for their gender in an effort to improve retention and graduation rates. The program also offers leadership opportunities and networking with employers to make a smooth transition from the classroom into the workplace.





St. Philip's College Alumna Ashley Narvarez. Ashley graduated with an Associates of Applied Science in Aircraft Technician Airframe, Certificate in Aircraft Structures Mechanics and Certificate in Aircraft Mechanics.

St. Philip's Early College High School Earns 'A' Rating from the Texas Education Agency (TEA)



The TEA released their 2019 A-F
Accountability Ratings in August listing St.
Philip's Early College High School under
the 'A' accountability ratings status. A-F
accountability uses a variety of indicators
such as graduation rates, college, career
and military readiness, SAT/ACT scores
and college prep course completion. The
majority of a district's rating is based on
indicators other than the State of Texas
Assessment of Academic Readiness
(STAAR) test. Districts receive a grade or
rating based on performance in three areas:
student achievement, school progress and
performance among student groups.

ST. PHILIP'S THEATRE PRESENTS



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Nov 15, 16, 17, 21*, 22, 23, 24

Fri & Sat: 8pm | Sun: 2pm | *Special High School Peformance, 11/21, 10am

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GENERAL \$10; ACC STUDENTS & EMPLOYEES, SENIORS, SATCO \$5; HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS \$5 CASH ONLY AT BOX OFFICE • FOR ADVANCED TICKETS, CALL MARIA ANDREWS (210) 486-2205

Safe SPaCe - Supporting People Through Advocacy, Care and Equity

The St. Philip's College Safe SPaCe & Advocacy Center provides students with the tools necessary to help overcome any hurdles that may keep them from being successful. The services exist to ensure students have the support needed to face stressors that threaten their academic goals. For some students, socio-economic issues become barriers that can ultimately result in the decision to abandon their education. Our student-centered advocacy center is committed to providing the resources to ensure life's obstacles do not impede or hinder their ability to succeed.



Dr. Paul Machen

Elizabeth Castillo



Rosalinda Rivas

Grab 'N Go Food Pantry:

Currently-enrolled students at SPC MLK Campus and SW Campus have access to meal and snack options through our Grab 'N Go Food Pantry. A recent study reported that 47% of college students are food insecure. While most students skip meals due to lack of funds, our services hope to target hunger and food insecurity by providing students with immediate support. "Many times, the hardest part about college is what happens outside of the classroom. We help students with basic needs so that they can focus in the classroom," says Liz Castillo, St. Philip's College Director of Student Success.

Prevention and Education:

By forming relationships based on equity and empowerment, students can report suspicious behavior that can ultimately have a negative impact on their academic success. Additionally, we provide information related to Alamo College Student Code of Conduct, SPC rules and guidelines and student's rights and responsibilities. "During my college experience, being engaged on campus was the best decision I made... Getting involved will allow for a deepening of your college experience and afford you keys to student treasures throughout the college," says John Martin, Director of Student Conduct, Title IX.

Counseling Services:

Counseling Services provide students with a safe space of inclusive support and help for personal, social and academic challenges. Counseling sessions are "free, short-term, and confidential to students who are experiencing stress regarding academic and/or personal issues," says Rosalinda Rivas, St. Philip's College Personal Counselor. Counselors also assist students who are experiencing mental health challenges and those who desire referrals to community agencies.

Disability Services:

Our Disability Services are committed to providing all students encouragement and reasonable accommodations. Additionally, the office works closely with faculty and staff members to monitor students' progress and encourage a positive educational experience.

Community Resource Referrals:

SPC provides short-term financial assistance to eligible students to address emergency situations. Students can apply for emergency grants to get assistance with situations and allowable crises not covered by scholarships and financial aid.

Enida Rehome

John Martin



James Cooper



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Financial Literacy:

The Financial Literacy program "supports our students by providing financial education and training that is necessary to make informed financial decisions," says Enida Rehome, Financial Literacy Coach. Free online financial coaching is accessible from certified financial coaches that provide information on grants available. Providing financial literacy to students allows them to be prepared to make wise financial choices while attending school to prepare for post-graduation debt responsibilities.



Grab 'N Go Food Pantry:

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Community Resource Referrals:

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Financial Literacy:

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St. Philip's College Participates in HBCU Week in Washington, D.C.

Our nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities converge on the nation's capitol each September to celebrate the significance of a shared purpose to promote high quality education and to recognize White House Initiative on HBCUs scholars.



Representing St. Philip's College during HBCU Week in Washington, D.C. are, from left, Vice President for College Services Lacy Hampton, Vice President for Student Success Dr. Mordecai I. Brownlee, 2019 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar Catherine Cantu, St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston, College Budget Officer Jorge Flores, Dean for Academic Success, Arts and Sciences George Johnson and Vice President for Academic Success Randall Dawson.



St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston (left) and 2019 HBCU Competitiveness Scholar Catherine Cantu (right), joined U.S. Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos in celebrating HBCU Week in Washington D.C. at the 2019 National Historically Black Colleges and Universities Week Conference.





Dr. Roman Gomez of Southwest Research Institute inspires student to explore STEM careers during STEM Lecture Series titled "A Life in Physics."

From left, Dean for Academic Success, Arts and Sciences George Johnson, St. Philip's College President Dr. Loston, Dr. Roman Gomez Senior Research Scientist at Southwest Research Institute and St. Philip's College Mathematics Instructor Jessica Lopez.

St. Philip's College Celebrates Topping Out of New Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Building



Event attendees participated in the signing of a giant steel beam which was then raised by an immense crane to the top of the area of the building where Artemisia's, the colleges respected restaurant staffed by Culinary Arts students, will be housed.





The event was the first "topping out" ceremony to be held for a project funded by the district's 2017 \$450 million bond program approved by Bexar County voters. The college broke ground on the new facility in October 2018.



From left, Alamo Colleges District Chancellor Dr. Mike Flores; ACD Board Trustee Dr. Yvonne and St. Philip's College President Dr. Loston.



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Alpha Kappa Alpha - Alpha Tau Omega chapter kicked off its Celebration of HBCU week with their adoption of St. Philip's College as their HBCU. During this monumental event, St. Philip's College recognized Alpha Tau Omega members who graduated from St. Philip's or who were previously honored as Distinguished Alumni of St. Philip's College.

Upcoming Events

Fall Commencement
December 13
MLK March
January 20

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