



President's Newsletter

"A Point of Pride in the Community"

PRESIDENT'S NOTES

St. Philip's College has a lot to celebrate!

Alumni, guests, faculty and staff joined in our 2009 Homecoming Celebration last month.

Faculty, Staff and students are engaged in many "Good to Great" activities such as:

During the fall 2009 semester we have been awarded over \$500,000 in grants.

SPC was officially named – "Military – Friendly School"

Health Sciences - OTA Program saw a 100% pass rate during Spring 09 .

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Retirement Tribute For Professor Emeritus Dr. William Conan Davis –26 Years of Service



Quote by Dr. Davis:
"What I gave I have, what I saved I lost."

SPC held retirement services for Dr. Davis during the month of October. Dr. Davis is best known for discovering a process for "instantizing" mashed potatoes and the sugar that gives frozen desserts their texture. While working on how to keep saws from gumming up when sawing wood, he was part of the team that discovered a wood sugar that is now used to produce industrial glue. The SPC Science building will be renamed in his honor.

SPC Faculty Member Holds Book Signing
Faculty member and author Diana Lopez held several book signing sessions and readings from her recently published book "Confetti Girl."

Programs sign 18 new Tech Prep Agreements.
Alamo Tech Prep, along with the Business Information Solutions and Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts departments has established 18 new Tech Prep Agreements with local school districts.



San Antonio Apartment Association (SAAA)
Certified Apartment Maintenance Training (CAM-T). A Press Conference was held on Tuesday, September 22, at SPC/SWC. Key individuals at the campus who met to make this effort a reality included **Mr. Juan Villela, Mr. Stanley Krause, Mr. Vernard Grice, and Mr. Erick Akins.** Countless hours were spent with SAAA directors, property managers, and on site supervisor in order to develop the curriculum and program for the four levels of the CAMT training.

SPC Faculty Member Receives Lifetime Achievement Award



The Society of Educators and Scholars awarded "The Lifetime Achievement Award" to Sounny Slitine, Professor in SPC Math Department. Sounny was one of only two Professors from the United States to receive this prestigious award.

St. Philip's College named "Military-Friendly" **G.I. Jobs** magazine has listed St. Philip's College in its newly released 2010 list of Military-Friendly Schools. Mr. John Westerbeck, Coordinator of Veterans Affairs at St. Philip's College believes "this listing will pay big dividends".

The veteran-owned magazine began researching its list in 2008 and looked at more than 7,000 schools.



The Electronics and Information Technology department submitted a grant proposal for the State Energy Conservation Office Distributed Renewable Energy Technology Project, to the State Comptroller's Office, that would install solar panels on the Center for Excellence in Science and Mathematics at the Southwest Campus. Project title is St. Philip's College Southwest Campus Solar Photovoltaic Project.

Potential benefit – If the grant is approved, installation of the photovoltaic system is projected to produce a cost savings of **\$103,397** during the first year of operation and provide a total payback of over **\$10M** over the 30 year life expectancy of the system.



SECO Grant Proposal

NSF Grant Award - \$396,648

Faculty members **Herb Pennick, Cindy Katz and Dr. William Davis** (retired) were instrumental in St. Philip's College being awarded The National Science

Foundation grant to help recruit, retain and educate minority students for careers in science, technology, engineering and math through a program titled "Project GeNex: Educating the Next Generation of STEM Professionals."

Project GeNex strives to improve STEM education at St. Philip's College and increase the number of STEM professionals in the nation's workforce.

Three objectives are targeted to achieve this goal: increase high school student recruitment, increase student retention, and increase graduation and transfer rates of STEM students. The transfer students are directed toward four-year institutions where they will complete undergraduate degrees in STEM disciplines. Articulation agreements with several universities are established to streamline student transfer.

Other Grants Received by St. Philip's College

Community Action Grants - \$3963 provide funds that address issues related to the needs of women and girls or that provide information to educate and benefit the public on those issues. Faculty member – Renita Mitchell.

SPC was awarded a **Head Start Grant** in the amount of **\$145,647** from the Department of Health and Human Services. Instrumental Faculty member – Pam Ray.

The Big Read – \$10,000 Tim O'Brien, Kicked off The Big Read at SPC with a reading from his novel The Things They Carried. Faculty Members-Sean Nighbert, Mike Moran, Janet Flores, Lauri Humberson, and Kelli Wilder all participated in the writing of the Big Read grant.

THECB awarded SPC \$80,000 under the FY 2010 & FY 2011 Work-Study Student Mentorship Grant. Staff member -Ana Lisa Garza.

College Connections \$189,000 To build awareness among high school seniors of a college education, increase rates of participation in college, increase the number of students who successfully transfer to a four year college.

CCAMPIS Grant – \$138,460 Child Development Center - Child Care Support. Staff member – Sharon Evans.

Department of Transportation - \$90,000 Commercial Motor Vehicle Operator Safety Training. Staff member - Fred Landeros.

Faculty Member Pam Ray asked for scholarship donations during her promotion celebration and raised \$155.

Special recognition to the following SPC Faculty and Staff for participating in the mentoring and development of students awarded Student Engagement Grants for Fall 2009:

- Electronics (EIT) -**Robert Fransman**
- Community Action Teams (CATS)-**Kevin Schantz**
- Automotive -**John Eichelberger**
- Learning Resource Center (LRC)- **Kelli Wilder**
- SPC Ambassadors -**Larry Ynman**
- Mascot -**John Martin**

Your commitment and dedication to the success of this program is greatly appreciated and instrumental in moving SPC from "Good to Great".

The SEG Scholarship is available to full-time or part-time students who have a minimum GPA of 2.5 or higher and who are able to show a commitment to the special initiative funded by the Student Engagement Grant (SEG). Engagement activities must be related to one of the strategic goals: 1. Access to higher education; 2. Student support; 3. Workforce development. Full time students receive \$1250 and part time students receive \$750.

Students Awarded Student Engagement Grant for Fall 2009

ELECTRONICS

Joshua Armstrong
 Kristopher Dean
 Eduardo Cuellar
 Yolanda Ollervides
 Augustine Reyes
 Felix Rios
 Yoshiaki Wohlschlegel
 Andrew Tschoepe
 Joshua Schladetsky

LRC

Matias Abrego
 Vilma Aguayo Gaona
 Eric Andrade
 Janay Branham
 Janet Campa
 Valeria Gutierrez
 Donna Horton
 Leonard Martinez III
 Nancy Matali
 Cynthia Ramirez
 Erika Ruiz
 Toni Segura

CATS

Laura Lopez
 Erika Ruiz
 Toni Segura

AUTOMOTIVE

Angel Gonzalez
 Elizabeth Lerma
 Samuel Lucio
 Peter Luna
 Jeremy Villareal
 Craig Walter

AMBASSADOR

Toni Segura
 Maegan Hajifathali
 Lisa Howard

MASCOT

Trinice Leonard

Five Students were awarded The 2009 St. Philip's College Presidential Scholarship.

Recipients receive \$1,500 in the Fall semester and \$1,500 in the Spring semester for a total of \$3,000.



Recipients are: President's Honor Roll Members
 All Have a 4.0 GPA

Johnell Gould, Psychology major

Doris L. James, Early Childhood Studies major

John Chavez, Automotive Technology major

Carlos Escajeda, Mechanical Engineer major

Eduardo Cuellar, Network Maintenance major

SPC's Homecoming Celebration was held
 October 16th – 18th



Celebration activities included a dance, basketball tournament, golf tournament, and church services.
Special Thanks to Dr. Sharon Crocket-Bell.



St. Philip's College Volunteer Opportunities

Scholarship Reviewers/Processors Needed

Volunteers are needed to participate in The City of San Antonio Martin Luther King Jr. 2010 Commission Scholarship Committee. The committee welcomes participation by volunteers with prior experience in processing scholarship applications. This is one of the most important behind-the-scenes activities provided by our college in support of the nation's largest MLK march program each year. Contact information: City of San Antonio and Dorothy Lee Collins 863-0053/532-4497.

Fall 09 Graduation Volunteers Needed



Enrollment Management is seeking volunteers to assist in **FALL 09** Graduation activities. **Contact:** Dr. Burton C. Crow 6-2303.

Volunteer Income Tax Processors Needed

Consider representing the college as an Internal Revenue Service-certified volunteer income tax processor at the college's 2010 federal income tax preparation service site in the Bowden Building from January 2010 through April 2010. Volunteers will provide free tax help in the form of advice and tax return preparation to persons earning \$45,000-or-less. For additional information please contact **Kenneth Bankston** at kbankston@alamo.edu or call 6-2122 or 6-2080.

Fall 2009 Commencement Speaker

Dr. Julian M. Earls, Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Glenn Research Center will be the keynote speaker for SPC's fall 2009 graduation ceremony. Commencement is scheduled for 7:00 p.m., Friday December 11th at Municipal Auditorium.

SPC Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA)

Students in SPC Health Sciences Occupational Therapy Assistant (OTA) Program experienced a 100% pass rate during spring 2009 testing. This exceeds the U.S. average by 16%!

In Memoriam – Beloved Members of SPC

Henrietta Stevenson

Adjunct Faculty Member Henrietta Stevenson (born July 24, 1915—departed Oct. 30, 2009).

Dr. Lanier Byrd

Professor Emeritus and former Vice President of Academic Affairs (served: 1972-2007).

Tina Wait McGoodwin

Former St. Philip's College Chair of Reading (served: 1977-1985).

Wallace Goodlow

Natural Sciences faculty member and SPC Director of the Pre-Freshman Engineering Program (served: 1998-2009).

Hidden Talents of SPC Facilities Superintendent Featured in Monthly Publication



SPC Facilities Superintendent Sherry Toliver restored her Uncle's '65 mustang, from a vehicle that others felt was ready for the junkyard to what is pictured above. Sherry's work was featured in the September 2009 edition of Mustang Monthly. In the article Sherry credits two SPC Automotive Faculty William Fuller and Herman Hauschildt with providing help and advice in the restoration of the vehicle.

St. Philip's College hosts Latina Mother & Daughter Conference

St. Philip's College hosted a one day Latina Mother & Daughter Conference on October 9, 2009 to provide an opportunity for Latina mothers and daughters to engage with St. Philip's College and with each other. The theme of the event was Bonding a Generation: Building a Lasting and Loving Relationship. A total of 69 mothers and daughters participated, attending workshops orienting them to St. Philip's College and its resources, improving communication between mother and daughter as well as encouraging young Latina girls to complete high school and continue their college education. Two students received \$250 scholarships to buy books and supplies and one student received a \$100 book voucher. **Special Thanks to Felipa Lopez.**