



President's Message



Greeting friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students! The Spring semester was a very exciting time, filled with lots of activities that included college and community events, special celebrations, and student recognitions.

We began the year by participating in the annual MLK March and hosting the Youth Empowerment Summit. Our culinary arts students gave back to the community by preparing and serving tacos during the 2016 Cowboy Breakfast.

In observance of Black History Month, we hosted a meet-the-artist reception and art exhibit featuring the works of SPC Alumni Glen "Frank" Franklin. LeVar Burton, an accomplished actor and one of the world's most visible advocates for literacy, education and self-determination, was the guest lecturer for the President's Lecture Series.

On March 1, 2016, St. Philip's celebrated its 118th birthday, and I celebrated my 9th year of service as President of the College. During the month of March, we also observed Women's History Month with a keynote address by The Honorable Vera Bumpers, Houston Metro Police Department Chief. Our 8th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament was a huge success raising \$163,000 for student scholarships.

During the 135th graduation ceremony in May, more than 1,000 degrees and certificates were conferred. There were 48 Memorial Early College High School graduates who received an Associate of Arts degree and 8 Warren High School-Construction Career Academy students who received the Plumber's Helper Certificate. Congratulations to the Spring Class of 2016!

As always I invite you to visit our campus, A Point of Pride on San Antonio's Eastside.

Best Regards,

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

Delivering Outcomes for Communities, unprecedented partnerships



SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston participating as a panelist during a Partnership for Public Service class on unprecedented partnerships with moderator HUD Secretary Julian Castro May 9 in Washington, D.C.

On May 9 in Washington, D.C., SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston participated as a panelist during a Partnership for Public Service class moderated by HUD Secretary Julian Castro, former mayor of San Antonio, for federal employees looking to make neighborhood change in partnership with local leaders. During his tenure as mayor, Castro became known as a national leader in urban development. The class offered to federal employees focused on best practices for building and implementing a collaborative approach to place-based initiatives in a community. San Antonio's Eastside is the only neighborhood in America that has received funding to implement major projects under three key Obama Administration revitalization

initiatives: Choice Neighborhoods, Promise Neighborhoods and the Byrne Criminal Justice Program. Federal employees were keen to join the conversation because of the unprecedented collaboration in developing the San Antonio community programs highlighting the possibility of progress when state, county, local and federal officials and private sector partners are aligned. Dr. Loston and featured panelists Jackie Gorman (San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside Executive Director), and Alan Warrick II (District 2) shared their biggest lessons learned drawing on real-world experience in bringing community based initiatives to scale in San Antonio.

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MLK March

The season of public service for SPC began with participation in the city's annual Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Commemoration Jan. 18, 2016. More than 100 students marched with a record 300,000 participants, VIA Metropolitan Transit operated a park-and-ride site at SPC. Students gave back as participants in the city's Martin Luther King Day Wreath-laying Ceremony. The delegation was co-led by SPC Student Government Association executive board member LaTonya Jones (president) and Ms. St. Philip's College Katrina King (no relation



More than 100 SPC students marching with a record 300,000 participants during a king-sized day of service Jan. 18.

to Dr. King). As part of the city's King Week agenda, SPC hosted the Youth Empowerment Summit in the Watson Fine Arts Center and the Heritage Room. The summit offered educational workshops on science, technology, engineering, arts and math (STEAM).

Cowboy Breakfast

On Jan. 29 at Cowboys Dancehall, 40 SPC students gave back to the community by serving a reported 30,000-plus guests at the 2016 Cowboy Breakfast, an event that enjoys regional and national status as the signature San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo kickoff. Proceeds have funded scholarships for study in the hospitality professions at SPC since 1999. The students are also involved in helping the foundation's aspiration to enter the Guinness World Records for most tacos served (in excess of 10,000). The results of the record attempt by SPC students will be shared after several months of review.



Cowboy Breakfast Foundation Chair Chuck Christian (above at right) speaks to SPC culinary students.

Jessica's Project

The spring 2016 lineup of Jessica's Project activities at SPC began with 150 nutrition students sharing knowledge in the East Side Community Garden in partnership with Green Spaces Alliance and Antioch Transformational Network Inc. The garden property was doubled from its original 6,500-square-foot size for the 2016 season, requiring labor to clear an additional 6,500-square-feet of chest high vegetation from the property. Students also



SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston, faculty and students celebrate infrastructure improvements at the Eastside Community Garden.

planted eight fruit trees to enhance the garden where seniors take produce home for meals. On April 15, SPC observed Earth Day by celebrating the achievements of SPC's garden labor and community engagement in partnership with Green Spaces Alliance and Antioch Transformational Network Inc. and East Side residents. President Dr. Adena Williams Loston officially inaugurated student-led improvements to garden infrastructure. Jessica's Project season concluded with a stroke prevention and rehabilitation awareness event on April 27.

2016 Green Energy and Engineering Conference



A 2016 Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering San Antonio Divisional STEM Competition participant during the 2016 Green Energy and Engineering Conference Feb. 26.

On Feb. 26 at the Southwest Campus, SPC's 2016 Green Energy and Engineering Conference for aspiring and practicing members of the area's math, science, technology and engineering community during National Engineering Week. The conference's 340 guests participated in hands-on workshops in science; concurrently the 2016 Texas Alliance for Minorities in Engineering San Antonio Divisional STEM Competition had more than 100 participants.

Physical Therapy Assistant program students assist at Special Olympics

On April 1 at the Piper Bass Building of the Blossom Athletic Center complex 23 first-year physical therapy assistant program students and program faculty gave back as volunteer staff with the North East Independent School District Special Olympics Motor Activity Training Program and Track Meet program. Under the leadership of SPC faculty and NEISD special education staff, SPC students assisted NEISD students who have motor activities disabilities, which render them unable to participate in the district's regular Special Olympics as they lack the functional ability to do so. The program at NEISD began nearly 50 years ago, and SPC students have been support staff members since 2009.

U.S. Office of Personnel Management workshop

SPC was an education partner in what the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) described as a comprehensive effort to improve employment opportunities for veterans in the Federal service. The facts became clear during a Jan. 14 visit to San Antonio by Beth Cobert, Acting Director of OPM, to discuss the successful implementation of the President's Executive Order Employment of Veterans in the Federal Government. In preliminary data, for FY 2015, veterans accounted for 32.3 percent of all new federal hires and represented 31 percent of the total Federal workforce. In San Antonio, veterans comprise 58 percent of the federal workforce. On Jan. 14 in the SPC G. J. Sutton Learning Center, an employment workshop coinciding with Cobert's visit took place. Veterans had an opportunity to dive into the federal job application process and learn to tailor their resumes for civilian jobs.

USO Luncheon

On March 3 in the SPC Bowden Alumni Center, the Good Samaritan Veteran's Outreach and Transition Center team hosted the monthly USO/RP6 monthly Transition Alumni Luncheon for 80 attendees. The center and USO were partners in delivering the necessary services and referrals to active duty, veteran and service member families during this luncheon. The alumni are veterans who now volunteer their time to provide guidance and a helpful ear to the issues facing members of the armed forces community today as they transition into civilian life.



SPC Good Samaritan Veteran's Outreach and Transition Center Director Tim Stanford (at left above), SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston (above at center) and USO RP/6 Site Manager Charles "Chuck" Bunch (at right above) during the USO/RP6 Transition Alumni Luncheon.

President's Lecture Series

On Feb. 11 LeVar Burton, one of the world's most visible proponents for helping people make the connections between literacy, education and self-determination, was the guest lecturer for the Black History Month President's Lecture Series program. An overflow audience of nearly 900 heard from and asked important questions concerning the business of literacy with Burton. In addition to his lecture at the college, SPC strategically arranged for Burton to travel to Bowden Elementary School, also named for SPC President Emeritus and Saint Artemisia Bowden, to personally read to the students there.

Burton transforms the lives of children globally leading a popular Kickstarter campaign to fund reading for classrooms in need. He also published his first children's book, *The Rhino Who Swallowed A Storm* (2014), and launched his web-based Reading Rainbow Skybrary School library and supplemental reading service in February 2016.



LeVar Burton and SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston during the President's Lecture Series Feb. 11.

Power Generation and Alternative Energy students create remote solar power unit

On March 4, eight students completed a two-semester project to design and install a remote solar power unit known as THE SOLAR BOX for the East Side Community Garden. SPC faculty sponsors expressed a need for remote power at the garden where seniors take produce home for meals. The box is a standalone electrical power unit which turns solar energy into usable electric power. The box provides power for security through user-friendly design and functions as



SPC Applied Electrical and Mechanical Technology department chair and Advanced Manufacturing Technology-Toyota director Dr. Marie-Michelle Saint Hubert (above at left) and SPC alternative energy students with THE SOLAR BOX during the East Side Community Garden celebration March 4.

a plug-and-play unit. Power generation and alternative energy students Hakim Avery, Amikar Crompton, Mikel Finger, Omar Silva, Josue Bellorin, Juan Perez, and Phoenix Program students Roland Rendon and Fabiola Salas participated in the construction of the unit. While these students designed, fabricated and assembled the cabinet parts, the electrical components selected were off the shelf products, leading to sustainable continuity of service in the garden. The unit is fully operational, providing lighting for the garden.

CultureFest and Open House

On April 21, SPC hosted 4,500 guests, including 600 high school students during a two-part Fiesta celebration. SPC provided a fiesta of opportunities for 600 high school students from South San, Roosevelt, John Jay, Lee, Somerset, Brennan and Sam Houston at the inaugural Spring Open House recruitment event where representatives from all six institutes shared information and demonstrations to get students excited about college programs. Students selected three areas of interest and interacted with faculty, advisors and current students from each of those areas. They were all invited to experience student life at CultureFest where approximately \$8,500 was raised for scholarships.



Rey Feo LXVIII Darren Casey ceremonially inaugurates Culturefest.



SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston and Sam Houston High School color guard ceremonially leading the way to the Culturefest Opening Ceremony.



SPC Faculty Member Chef Patrick Costello (at left above), SPC alumnus and Rib Cook-off winner Johnny Stewart of Texas Style Cuisine (at center) and Ms. St. Philip's College Katrina King (at right) during the announcement of rib contest winners.



Women's History Month keynote speaker The Honorable Vera Bumpers, Houston Metro Police Department Chief, and 1975 Sam Houston High School alumnae (at center above) is joined by SPC Vice President of Academic Success Maureen Cartledge (above, left) and SPC Administrative Services Specialist Paula Mata.

Women's History Month

From March 9-25, SPC celebrated National Women's History Month with activities including a keynote address by The Honorable Vera Bumpers, Houston Metro Police Department Chief, and Sam Houston High School Class of 1975 graduate. There was also a Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Lecture Series speech by Kim Stoker, geologist and CPS Energy director of environmental planning. SPC was mentioned during the 2016 International Women's Day Luncheon co-led by Mayor Ivy R. Taylor, City Manager Sheryl Sculley and the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women team, and sponsored in part by Alamo Colleges. "Our city is a testament to the power of female leaders," Mayor Taylor said. "From the start of Stinson Airport to the St. Philip's College we know today, from Mayor Emeritus Lila Cockrell to the first female full-time NBA assistant coach, Becky Hammon, from the names we all know and recognize to the quiet wives and moms caring for their households, women play a critical role in shaping San Antonio. I am excited to celebrate our paths, our work and our future."

Growing-Up Female Workshop

On April 9 in the Bowden Alumni Center, the San Antonio Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. hosted its 27th annual Growing-Up Female Workshop, designed specifically as a Fiesta 125th anniversary event for 98 teenage girls in grades 6-12. The workshop themed "Lets Dress It Up" provided an enriching experience through motivational speakers, addressing critical issues young ladies are challenged with. Partners in the event included SPC and Myra Davis Hemmings Resource Center.

Black History Month

SPC began its National Black History Month observances with a "Meet-the-Artist" reception for 40 guests during an open house and viewing of SPC Alumni, Glen "Frank" Franklin Art Exhibition on Feb. 4 in the Morgan Gallery of the Watson Fine Arts Center. Franklin is a featured artist in the



SPC alumnus Glen "Frank" Franklin joining SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston at the college's reception for his Art Exhibition Feb. 4 in the Morgan Gallery.

SPC Lila Cockrell African American Art Collection (The Face of the Buffalo Soldier, I Have a Dream, Frank's Pool Hall). The Black History Month observance concluded with five public library visits and two major concerts performed by the students of the SPC San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble.

Commencement Spring 2016



SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston (above left) joining commencement speaker The Honorable Tommy Calvert, Bexar County Commissioner for Precinct 4, and Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie (above at right) while celebrating record graduation performance May 13.

Congratulations to the Class of 2016! This is a step toward great successes in the years ahead. You have set forth the foundation for a better life for you and your family. Congratulations to:

- Recipients of more than 1,000 degrees and certificates conferred to students, including Margaret Coleman, the great grandniece of Artemisia Bowden, Holy Woman and founding president of SPC.
- 48 Memorial Early College High School with St. Philip's College students who received the Associate of Arts Degree in Liberal Arts.
- Eight Warren High School – Construction Career Academy students who received the Plumber's Helper Certificate.



SPC students graduated in record numbers May 13.

Scholarship Golf Tournament

On March 11, SPC celebrated student success during the college's 8th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament that coincided with the college's 118th anniversary. CPS Energy served as sustaining sponsor. The \$163,000 in proceeds raised fund tuition and textbook costs for students seeking degrees and certificates from more than 100 career options. This year's event included 144 registered golfers.



SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston welcomes the golfers.



Dr. Loston with the golf tournament winners representing Frost Bank.

Faculty member is Riverwalk Prince

SPC Hotel Management faculty member David Uminski earned a second year-long term in the role of Riverwalk Prince, working with corporate hospitality partners to communicate the impact of the San Antonio Riverwalk---the number one tourist attraction in Texas. The decision that Uminski will continue in his competitively held position was announced during the Jan. 29 Riverwalk Coronation.



SPC hotel management faculty member David Uminski serves second year-long term in the role of Riverwalk Prince.

Faculty member is tech award recipient

On Dec. 9 at The McNay, Haydar Thomas Sahin, SPC Business Information Solutions professor and Cyber Security Center director, earned the Tech Titans Tech Educator of the Year award from San Antonio Business Journal. This deserving award is in recognition for establishing the first two-year cybersecurity education service within the nation's second-largest cybersecurity sector after Washington, D.C.

Congratulations Faculty and Staff Graduates



Solomon Kumbong Nfor, Assistant Professor earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Education with a specialization in Higher Education from The University of the Incarnate Word.

Erick Akins, Title III Director earned a Doctor of Philosophy in Human Services from Capella University.

Tracy Ross-Garcia, Director of Community and Public Relations earned a Master in Communication Management degree from The University of Southern California.

Fulbright Scholar

On April 15, Dr. Richard and Yvonne Naylor completed their 90-day Fulbright Scholar in Residence journey with SPC. The Naylor's shared their extensive experience working at Northern Ireland's Corrymeela Ballycastle Centre peace and reconciliation site. Through lecturing and research, the Naylor's enhanced SPC's international and community relations programs by sharing more than 30 years of experience with Corrymeela while learning the diverse cultures of San Antonio.



Dr. Richard and Yvonne Naylor (at center in image above) completing their 90-day Fulbright Scholar in Residence journey with SPC on April 15.

Faculty member is award recipient

On Jan. 29, SPC fine arts faculty member Nicole Geary was honored for participating in the process that allows art opinion leaders from around the world an inside opportunity to judge San Antonio's art scene and artists who make the city's art culture tick. Geary is the recipient of the Department for Culture and Creative Development Award for Multidisciplinary Arts, a \$5,000 award for the creation of new, original work. She received the award from the San Antonio Artist Foundation, a grassroots organization that competitively awards \$5,000 grants to about 10 artists a year.

Faculty member finalist for 2015 Texas State Historical Association Award

On Feb. 15, Amazon listed the first novel by social and behavioral sciences faculty member Alan Hamilton, entitled People of the Storm Kindle Edition. This historical novel is set on the Texas frontier during the Indian wars of the 19th century. Hamilton was also a finalist for the Texas State Historical Association 2015 Mary Jon and J. P. Bryan Leadership in Education Award. The association offers five annual awards and six research fellowships to encourage the study and teaching of Texas history.

Alumna featured by Army

An SPC nursing program alumna is featured in the Army human interest report, *Different routes lead from LPN to RN*, on the nontraditional journeys persons navigate to become registered nurses. Crystal Kincade, RN at Dwight D. Eisenhower Army Medical Center Family Medicine Clinic at Fort Gordon, Ga., enrolled at St. Philip's College in San Antonio where she studied nursing, graduating nine years ago as an LPN. A mother of two, her Army journey to RN status included postings in four states, including San Antonio Military Medical Center. Kincade went back to school part time but, leveraging her experiences as a seasoned LPN, her classroom was largely online through Excelsior College, a fully accredited online nurse training program. Her clinical rotations and experiences were at Southern Regional Medical Center, a part of Emory Healthcare, outside of Atlanta. She looks to her freshly minted RN license as a key to advancement. "I can now provide a higher level of care and I aim for a long career in Army Medicine," she said.



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The 65-member A Cappella Choir of Wiley College performing for 600 guests at SPC on March 5.

A Cappella Choir of Wiley College and San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble concert

On March 5 in the SPC Watson Fine Arts Center, more than 125 students celebrated their shared legacies in a scholarship fundraising concert for 600 guests. The 65-member A Cappella Choir of Wiley College and the 60-member SPC San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble shared the stage in the first musical meeting of the institutions in this century. Students from both colleges met and experienced the performing practices and traditions of academic success characteristic of each institution. Distinguished alumni were recognized which included Saint Artemisia Bowden who received an honorary master's degree, and 70 years later SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston who received an honorary doctorate degree from Wiley College.

Administrator receives Phi Theta Kappa 2016 Distinguished College Administrator Award

On April 7 in National Harbor, Md., Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recognized Dean of Student Success Dr. Paul Machen as one of 25 college administrators honored with 2016 Distinguished College Administrator Awards. Presented during the society's annual convention, the award is earned by community college vice presidents, deans or directors who have demonstrated a strong level of support for the society and its student members during their tenure.



Dean of Student Success Dr. Paul Machen is a Distinguished College Administrator Award recipient.

Alumna is aviation business co-owner

Laura Casteel, a San Marcos businesswoman who is an outstanding 2013 alumna of the SPC aircraft technology program, is a recent co-owner of a Texas company with both strong roots in the aviation community and a history of service and support of aircraft in the U.S. and abroad. Casteel and her spouse assumed ownership of Southwest Texas Aviation, with business resuming January 1 at San Marcos Regional Airport.



Outstanding SPC aircraft technology program alumna Laura Casteel studying at SPC in 2013.

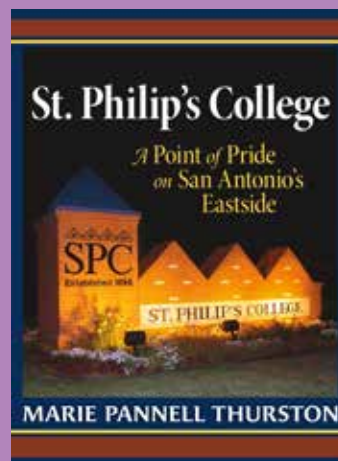
Former faculty member appointed acting provost

A former SPC faculty member has been appointed acting provost for the Manassas campus of Northern Virginia Community College. As chief executive officer for the campus, Dr. Molly Lynch is responsible for all academic and student services, as well as campus management. Northern Virginia Community College is the largest institution of higher education in the Commonwealth of Virginia and one of America's larger community colleges. Lynch taught at the University of Texas at San Antonio, SPC and the University of the Incarnate Word. Immediately prior to joining Northern Virginia Community College, Lynch was a research associate at Vanderbilt Institute of Public Policy Studies in Washington, D.C.

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Cost of Book \$30.00
All proceeds from the sale of the book will benefit the St. Philip's College Scholarship Fund.



Best Online Schools in Texas ranking

The Accredited Schools Online organization's Best Online schools in Texas list ranked SPC number 11 among two-year colleges. With 6,000 online students, SPC's fully online programs include business administration, early childhood studies and cybersecurity.

Memorial Early College High School New Tech Network national demonstration site designation

On March 7, the Napa-based New Tech Network (NTN) announced that the SPC Memorial Early College High School has been uniquely designated as one of two New Tech Network national demonstration sites. "I'm very proud of the designation. What it entails is that we will see a great deal of visitors from across the U.S. who will examine and learn from our work," said Comal ISD Superintendent Andrew Kim. "There are only two schools within the country that are a combination of New Tech and Early College High school" Kim said. The organization works nationwide with schools, districts and communities to fundamentally rethink teaching and learning. Data indicates the network's students graduate from high school at a rate 9% higher than the national average, enroll in college at a rate of 9% higher than the national average and persist in college at a rate of 92%.

VITA

On April 27 at San Fernando Hall, SPC's 10-member Volunteer Income Tax Assistance team was recognized for achieving best-in-city productivity status for 2016 during the VITA Appreciation Dinner. The group was named as the number one producing site in San Antonio after processing a college and citywide record \$8.7 million in refunds and 4,568 returns for clients for the year. SPC was also recognized for serving the most residents within their zip code. Under the sponsorship of site leader and college business information solutions department faculty member Kenneth Bankston, the college's team consisted of Student Engagement Grant recipients Desiree Escalante, Joanna Soltys, Melesio Galindo, Lisa Johnson, Genaro Solis, Jr., Dionne Nickeo, Susana Rubio and Mialovena Duque.



SPC's 10-member Volunteer Income Tax Assistance team earned achieving best-in-city productivity status for 2016.

Student Puts Biotechnology Degree To Work

On Dec. 15, a SPC biomedical engineering technology department student made Alamo Colleges history as the first SPC student to earn a practicum in the biomedical engineering department of the UT School of Medicine (radiation/oncology). Christopher Martin's practicum provided such experiences as checking, managing, modifying, repairing and testing units of medical devices and equipment to help UT employees and staff operate both safely and effectively.

Coca Cola Foundation-Phi Theta Kappa All Texas Academic Team award recipients

On March 25 in Austin, two SPC students were honored during the ceremony and reception for Coca Cola Foundation-Phi Theta Kappa All Texas Academic Team award recipients. SPC Presidential Scholarship recipients Fadela Gacis Castro (bio-technology) and Minako Miyamoto (culinary arts) were nominated by SPC faculty for best-in-state status based on numerous achievements both on- and off-campus. Castro was also honored as a 2016 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar during Phi Theta Kappa's annual convention on April 7 in National Harbor, Md.



On March 25 in Austin, SPC bio-technology student Fadela Gacis Castro (above left) is recognized as a 2016 Coca-Cola Community College Academic Team Gold Scholar, and culinary arts student Minako Miyamoto (above right) was recognized as a member of the 2016 Coca Cola Foundation-Phi Theta Kappa All Texas Academic Team.

Omega Psi Phi Youth Leadership Conference



Omega Psi Phi Youth Leadership Conference attendees above gathering in the SPC Center for Health Professions during the Feb. 27 conference.

SPC participated as an educational partner in the Omega Psi Phi Youth Leadership Conference on Feb. 27 at the Watson Fine Arts Center. The conference featured four grade-appropriate workshop sessions for 180 students grades 4-12 and the presentation of two \$250 awards to two prospective SPC students. SPC also gave back in this partnership by providing employees to host the event and conduct one of the workshop sessions for the event themed Manhood, Scholarship, Perseverance.

100 Black Men, Inc. Economic Empowerment Summit

On Feb. 27 at the Watson Fine Arts Center, SPC participated an educational partner in the 2016 100 Black Men, Inc. Economic Empowerment Summit. The summit featured sessions in education, financial literacy, STEM careers and workforce development for 100 guests ages 18-24.



SPC Collegiate 100 members supporting the Feb. 27 100 Black Men, Inc. Economic Empowerment Summit as event partners.



100 Black Men, Inc. Economic Empowerment Summit organizers present a ceremonial check to SPC Interim Vice President of Student Success George H. Johnson, III, during the summit.

SPC gave back by leading the session on STEM careers. Event partners included Wells Fargo Bank, Collegiate 100 of SPC, San Antonio Housing Authority Wheatley Choice Neighborhoods, Urban Strategies and Our Lady of the Lake University.

Men of SPC – AT&T Center Visit with George Gervin

On March 9 in the AT&T Center, SPC sponsored an event hosted by Spurs Sports and Entertainment to connect with 41 male students of color. Students met George Gervin, NBA Hall of Fame member, to converse on the importance of education and perseverance to achieve professional goals. Breakout sessions were conducted by Spurs Sports and Entertainment organizational leaders who shared information and encouragement for students across a range of business, entertainment and vocational related careers.

121st anniversary celebration at St. Philip's Episcopal Church

Our founding church, St. Philip's Episcopal Church celebrated its 121st anniversary May 1. SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston presented the church with a plaque and shared the Artemisia Bowden Memory Book during the event.



College and church leaders observing the church's 121st anniversary with a ceremony May 1.

My Brother's Keeper scholarship

On Jan. 26 at the Texas A&M University-San Antonio campus, the University, City of San Antonio and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas co-announced a new full scholarship for the special alumni population of males of color at SPC. In partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the national My Brother's Keeper initiative, My Brother's Keeper scholarship recipients will be SPC alumni pursuing a teaching career in the SPC service area. To earn this scholarship, SPC alumni must both possess an education background and a desire to teach. In September 2014, President Obama created the initiative to encourage city leaders to integrate a positive life-impacting strategy for all males of color, regardless of life's circumstances. Championed by City of San Antonio Mayor The Honorable Ivy Taylor, the initiative has made great progress at SPC by providing this opportunity to local males. The partnership encourages businesses and philanthropists to encourage education by offering opportunities and processes that increase the number of mentors and role models in the classroom who are also young men of color.

College hosts Suit Up: Business and Professional Clothing Exchange Program

On March 8, SPC hosted 30 members of the Suit Up: Business and Professional Clothing Exchange Program. Suit Up is a community initiative to collect new or gently worn professional attire for teens and adults entering or re-entering the workforce. Thirty Sam Houston High School students participated in a presentation on goal-setting, academic and career opportunities at SPC. Following the presentation, guests visited the Bowden Alumni Center to learn about SPC history.



Sam Houston High School students (images above and below) suit up to participate in a March 8 presentation on goal-setting, academic and career opportunities at SPC.



EMBODI Conference

On May 7 in the Sutton Learning Center, SPC hosted the 2016 Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence conference for male middle school, high school and college students. Panelists included The Honorable Tommy Calvert, Bexar County Commissioner for Precinct 4, both the youngest and first African-American county commissioner in more than 170 years of Bexar County history. Three \$500 scholarships were awarded to SPC student essayists. The day included two age-specific concurrent workshop sessions for the event themed You Are Unstoppable.



Panelists at the 2016 Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence conference included The Honorable Tommy Calvert, Bexar County Commissioner for Precinct 4.



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Dr. Adena Williams Loston

Dr. Adena Williams Loston is the recipient of several recent awards and recognitions for service in 2016. The United Communities (formerly the National Conference of Christians and Jews) awarded Dr. Loston the Brotherhood/Sisterhood Humanitarian Award in a formal ceremony on March 8. She received this prestigious award for her work promoting understanding and respect to eliminate bullying, prejudice and racism. Dr. Loston was also awarded the 2016 Excellence in Education Award from the Sankofa Institute for African American Pastoral Leadership; the 2016 Verna Lee Booker Hightower Award from the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo's Black Heritage Committee; the Friends of Sam Houston (High School) 2016 Community Honoree Recognition Award; and the Kindred Cultural Center Community Recognition Award .



Dr. Adena Williams Loston

Upcoming Events

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Presidents Lecture Series – October 6

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Saint Artemisia Bowden Day - August 18

High Tea and Hats Appreciation – August 20

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