



An oak tree dedication was held at St. Philip's College in San Antonio in honor of the late Col. Roy W. Burley, Sr., a longtime resident of San Antonio's Eastside. Participating in the ceremony and recognizing Burley's legacy as a soldier and civilian are, from left, Command Sergeant Major Phil Barretto, United States Army North, Lt. Gen. John R. Evans, Jr., Roy W. Burley, Jr., Nan Burley Richie and St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston.

Longtime Eastside Resident Remembered for Service to Country and Community

Legacy Day ceremonies included an oak tree dedication in honor of the late Col. Roy W. Burley, with remarks by Lt. Gen. John R. Evans, Jr., U.S. Army North and music by 323rd U.S. Army Band "Fort Sam's Own."

Ribbon cuttings took place for three new buildings, and one renovation. The college also unveiled a street sign for "Saint Philips Way," formerly a portion of Mittman St.

Speakers included Alamo Colleges District Board Chair Roberto Zarate, The Venerable Mike Besson from the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas, Rev. Mikel Brightman of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Robert Melvin, CEO for San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside, and Edwin K. Miles, Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce Chairman. Soloist Cristal Smith Byrd and Milton H. Wilson, Sequential Drums provided music.

The event day coincided with Feast Day, annually held on August 18, which honors the leadership and lifelong service of St. Philip's College founding president, Saint Artemisia Bowden, named a Holy Woman by the Episcopal Church in 2015.

Alamo Colleges District Chancellor Dr. Mike Flores recognized Dr. Loston, with a Living Legacy Award, honoring Dr. Loston's contributions at the helm of St. Philip's College and the connection between our current president and founding president.

The Bowden, Norris, Hudgins and Burley families took part in Legacy Day events. The new buildings will accommodate learners from different backgrounds, fields of study, and academic disciplines.



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President's Message



One of the most-rewarding aspects of being part of the St. Philip's College family is the friends you make and keep for generations.

On Legacy Day (Aug. 18), we honored four important figures in our college history: Saint Artemisia Bowden, Dr. Clarence Windzell Norris, Coach William Allen Hudgins and Col. Roy W. Burley. With four families on campus, among our current students, employees and alumni, there were lots of stories about growing up together.

Miss Bowden's niece babysat this person and that person took swimming lessons from Coach Hudgins. This person lived next door to that person and so-and-so went to school together.

Several of our guests remembered all of our honorees. Those first-hand accounts are priceless.

Getting together is so important. We have to be intentional about remembering our past, sharing it and anchoring it to the future. We will celebrate Homecoming in October and I invite you all to join us.

We are headed toward our Quasquicentennial Celebration. In March 2023, we will kick off a year's worth of activities worthy of 125 years of academic excellence. You'll join us, won't you?

We'll ask you to share by recording your stories and submitting photos and mementos from your college experiences. We'll ask you to advocate for SPC and all of our nation's HBCUs and HSIs. We'll ask you to party with a purpose and support our students through donations and endowments.

We'll ask you to celebrate the rich history of St. Philip's College.

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

U.S. Secretary of Labor visits St. Philip's College



St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston hosted a tour of St. Philip's College Southwest Campus's aircraft lab on Aug. 29, 2022 with, from left, U.S. Congressman Joaquin Castro, Mayor of San Antonio Ron Nirenberg, U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh, Loston, Alamo Colleges District Chancellor Dr. Mike Flores and John Haral, department chair.

U.S. Secretary of Labor Marty Walsh recently joined Chancellor Dr. Mike Flores, St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston and others to tour St. Philip's College - Southwest Campus as part of his support of the city's Ready to Work program.

Faculty, staff and students welcomed Secretary Walsh, Rep. Joaquin Castro and Mayor Ron Nirenberg during the U.S. Department of Labor's visit, which included a tour of manufacturing and aerospace training sites and concluded with a roundtable discussion of the importance of workforce training in a strong national economy.

The visit builds on the U.S. Department of Labor's Good Jobs Initiative, a coordinated effort by the Biden Administration to improve job quality in the U.S.

"We were honored to welcome Secretary Walsh to St. Philip's College - Southwest Campus and show how we are training workers to create pathways to high-wage, high-demand jobs," said Dr. Mike Flores, Alamo Colleges District Chancellor. "We thank Secretary Walsh for investing in workforce development to better our

community." During the tour, Secretary Walsh expressed his support of Ready to Work and remarked other cities should replicate the program.

Earlier this year, Alamo Colleges District was selected as one of the four community partners alongside Workforce Solutions Alamo, Project Quest and Restore Education to implement the Ready to Work program, an educational and job placement program to help San Antonio residents improve their quality of life.

ACD partners with the City of San Antonio to provide training, case management and intake services, thereby building new careers for individuals and meeting the needs of businesses.

In November 2020, 77% of San Antonio residents voted for the initiative that will train 28,000 residents in jobs that pay more than \$15 per hour.

The Ready to Work program officially launched in April 2022.

To learn more about the program and to apply, visit alamo.edu/readytowork

alamo.edu/spc/ussol

Visit the President's Photo Gallery online

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SPC Veteran Affairs Awarded 'Gold Standard'



The award-winning Veteran Affairs team includes, from left, Vincent Garcia, Alicia Stolte, Tony Gable and Veronica Griego.

St. Philip's College Office of Veteran Affairs received the 2022 Veteran Education Excellence Recognition Award (VEERA) – Gold Level by the Texas Veterans Commission. The award recognizes institutions in Texas that provide excellence in education and related services to veteran students.

Texas Veterans Commission provides three levels of recognition: Gold, Silver and Bronze. The award levels highlight the depth of services provided to veteran students and their families across various institutional structures.

“The team has done an outstanding job in ensuring our veteran and dependent population is served with dignity and honor,” said Christina Cortez, Dean for Student Success, Enrollment Management. Veronica Griego, Vincent Garcia,

Tony Gable and Alicia Stolte make up the VA team. St. Philip's College is a signatory to the Presidential Executive Order – Establishing Principles of Excellence for Educational Institutions Serving Service Members, Veterans, Spouses, and Other Family Members.

The Principles ensure that educational institutions provide meaningful information about the financial cost and quality of educational institutions to assist students in making choices about how to use their Federal educational benefits.

SPC, federally-designated as both a Historically Black College and University (HBCU) and Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI), is unique in how it supports Military City, U.S.A. In addition to the Veteran Affairs Office, SPC is

the only community college in San Antonio to offer classes at Joint Base San Antonio – Lackland, Randolph and Fort Sam Houston through Military Support Services.

The Good Samaritan Veterans Outreach and Transition Center is a college facility located at 202 Connelly St. that provides no-cost, personalized services and support to transitioning service members in the greater San Antonio area.

The GSVOTC partners with community, public and private organizations who provide services to veterans, active duty service members, reservists and their families, including career planning, legal, financial planning and benefits assistance. SPC Veteran Affairs earned the Bronze-level award in 2021.

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St. Philip's College

Hispanic Heritage Month

September 15 - October 15





ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE

LEGACY DAY

Alamo Colleges District Board of Trustees, Roberto Zarate, Dr. Gene Sprague, Gloria Ray, Dr. Yvonne Katz, Joe Alderete Jr. and Student Trustee Cara Sullivan; Chancellor Dr. Mike Flores and Dr. Loston invited the Bowden, Norris and Hudgins families to assist with ribbon cuttings for the William Allen Hudgins Health & Wellness Building; Saint Artemisia Bowden Building; Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Building; and Clarence Windzell Norris Building. Bexar County area Masonic Lodges came together for a cornerstone ceremony. For more photos:

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St. Philip's College plans to offer bachelor's degree in Cybersecurity



St. Philip's College has begun pursuing the Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cybersecurity degree, pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

On July 26, 2022, the Alamo Colleges District Board of Trustees unanimously approved the opportunity for St. Philip's College to pursue an Associate of Applied Science to BAT Cybersecurity program curriculum designed to prepare graduates for leadership roles within the fast-growing cybersecurity sector.

The BAT degree in Cybersecurity will be the district's second bachelor's degree if approved. San Antonio College graduated its inaugural cohort of Bachelor of Science in Nursing students in May 2022.

"We are thrilled to be able to provide our community with this opportunity to offer access to a high-quality and affordable option for students wanting to enter the fast-growing sector of cybersecurity," said Dr. Adena Williams Loston, St. Philip's College President. "St. Philip's College is proud to enhance our already stellar cybersecurity offerings. San Antonio is leading the nation in Cybersecurity with its strong military presence, thriving private cybersecurity enterprises and nationally-recognized technology and research institutions."

The program of study for the AAS degree plan is comprised of 60 semester credit hours and the AAS to BAT Cybersecurity degree plan is an

additional 60 semester credit hours. Both degree plans combined total of 120 semester credit hours will qualify students to receive a Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity.

Classroom instruction will include simulation laboratory applications of cybersecurity concepts, principles, and practices that are included in the program of study.

San Antonio is recognized by the National Security Agency as one of the nation's leading cities for cybersecurity activity – second only to our nation's capitol. This has an enormous benefit to St. Philip's College graduates who have limitless career opportunities here at home.

It also benefits approximately 1,000 area IT and cyber defense companies who rely on a strong local workforce to fill high-demand, high-skill jobs.

The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that cybersecurity jobs will grow 31% from 2019 to 2029. An entry salary for an individual entering the cybersecurity field is projected at \$64,480 per year (\$31.00/hour), according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

CLOSING THE GAP

The National Cybersecurity Alliance (NCA) recently announced the launch of the Historically Black Colleges and Universities Career Program. Launched in partnership with top HBCUs and cybersecurity organizations – including St. Philip's College,

Prairie View A&M University, Texas

Southern University, the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Dell Technologies, Proofpoint, Quanta Services and Trellix – the HBCU Career Program aims to equip students with the necessary skills to navigate the search process for positions in security, privacy and risk, helping to build a pipeline of Black professionals to fill the cyber workforce gap.

Across the nation, there is a critical shortage of cybersecurity professionals – with nearly 715,000 unfilled roles in the U.S. alone through April 2022. In addition, minority candidates make up only a fraction of the cybersecurity workforce with only 9% identifying as Black and 4% identifying as Hispanic. This means building bonds with underrepresented communities is not just pivotal to closing the workforce gap, but in building a more inclusive cybersecurity community.

"For the cybersecurity industry to ever reach its full potential, the industry needs to find ways of bringing diverse talent into its pipeline," said Lisa Plaggemier, executive director at the National Cybersecurity Alliance. "This program will tackle this long-standing issue head-on by building bridges between the industry and the untapped talent pools that exist at many HBCUs today."

SPC President Receives Donation of Aircraft



(Left) Kimberly Crawford of Daytime with Kimberly & Esteban was in on the surprise with local businessman Dick Tips, who presented Dr. Loston with a photo of the plane he donated to the college. (Right) Dr. Adena Williams Loston, shown here with John Haral, department chair and Randall Dawson, VP for Academic Success and a photo of the Gulfstream G-159, soon to be delivered to SPC Southwest Campus.

St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston got a big surprise during a recent live interview on Daytime with Kimberly & Esteban. San Antonio businessman Dick Tips gifted the college an aircraft.

The gift from Tips and his wife, Kristin, a Gulfstream G-159, is valued at approximately \$1.8 million.

"These guys are going to be overwhelmed," Dr. Loston said during the interview. "We've never been given a plane before!"

The Gulfstream is a twin-engine, medium-range, turboprop-powered executive transport designed as a monoplane with cantilever, low straight wings, a swept vertical stabilizer and straight horizontal stabilizers. The aircraft employs a retractable tricycle landing gear system with two wheels on each unit. An airstair-type entrance door is located on the

port side of the fuselage, forward of the wing. G1 is powered by two Rolls-Royce Dart Mk 529-8X or -8E turboprop engines rated at 2,110shp each, driving four-blade, constant speed, full-feathering Rotol propellers.

"The systems listed in specifications are what we teach in our program," said Larry Canion, SPC Aviation Program Coordinator. "We will use the airplane to teach systems, such as the monoplane fuselage, and cantilevered wings. The landing gear system will be used to teach servicing and inspection."

"It was a pressurized airplane. This is one of the systems we teach called environmental systems. None of our other aircraft have that so it is a plus. We have turbo-prop engines for training but none that run. This aircraft also has reversible propellers. Again, a plus! We teach this, but this would be a functional trainer. It is a self-contained turbine engine that

can power the airplane no matter where it is. The uses for this type of aircraft are endless. It will fit very nicely in our program," Canion explained.

St. Philip's College Aircraft Technology program offers degrees and certificates for students seeking the Federal Aviation Administration Airframe and Powerplant licensure. The Aircraft Program is accredited by the FAA and is also the only provider of customized instruction for the aerospace industry in San Antonio.

"Their future is endless," Canion said. "We ask students: Do you want to work on helicopters, small airplanes, commercial aircraft, jets? It's endless what you can do. The industry is booming right now."

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2022 St. Philip's College

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St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston and the leadership team welcomed Dr. Dietra Trent, Executive Director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges for a meet & greet and college tour. Dr. Trent was accompanied by Patrick D. Nemons, Director, Office of Safety Programs (SES) Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and Tammi Fergusson, Intergovernmental Relations Coordinator at U.S. Department of Education. Shown here, seated from left are Nemons, Loston, Trent, SPC student and 2022 HBCU White House Competitiveness Scholar Brittney Carson, and Fergusson. Standing from left are SPC Cabinet members Jorge Flores, Dr. Diane Gavin, Marsha Hall, Edith Orozco, Eitandria Tello, George H. Johnson III, Dr. Kimberly Irving-Conaway, Randall Dawson, Jeff French, Diane Hester, Jessica Cooper, Chris Beardsall, Dr. Tomeka Wilson, Dr. Michael Grillo, Christina Cortez, Adrian Jackson and Dr. Sharon Crockett-Ray.

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