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President's Newsletter

Summer – 2015

President's Message



Greetings friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students! What an eventful summer it has been. It is great to see you all back on campus for the start of a new academic year.

As you arrive on the MLK campus, you will not miss the scaffolding surrounding the Turbon Center that declares we are in the midst of extensive renovations to outfit a new space for student life to include areas for study and for recreation with a bowling alley. Please be patient, this renovation is expected to continue for a minimum of a full year.

I would also like to extend my most sincere gratitude to our Continuing Education division as they restructure under the Alamo Colleges District. Thank you, Dean Art Hall and all of your dedicated staff for what you have done for St. Philip's College.

I am optimistic about what this fall has in store. With a fall 2015 enrollment over 12,000 students we are going to be active working in our passions as we move students to completion. Our founding president, Artemisia Bowden, who on July 1, 2015 was officially recognized as a saint and a holy woman in the Episcopal Church, would be so very proud. Please save the date as we celebrate this special nobility on November 20, 2015

Finally, in October we will have a very important visit. As you all know we are up for reaccreditation and stand buoyant in the outcome of the visit. I am proud of all the hard work and dedication from each of you on getting us to where we are.

Best wishes to all for a successful academic year!

Best Regards,

Adena Williams Loston

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

Artemisia Bowden, Savior and Saint



Dr. Loston accepts a plaque from the Rt. Rev. David Reed, Bishop Coadjutor for the Diocese of West Texas (left) and Rev. Tony Regist (right), member of the Union of Black Episcopalians Artemisia Bowden Chapter at the first Bowden Feast Day celebration at Christ Church.

Former St. Philip's College leader Artemisia Bowden (1879–1969), noted in San Antonio as the savior of St. Philip's for her service to the college from 1902–1954 has been listed within the Episcopal Church as a Holy Woman.

Bowden will be commemorated and recognized in Episcopal churches worldwide August 18. Bowden joins such iconic contemporaries as

Harriet Tubman (1822–1913), Sojourner Truth (1797–1883) and W.E.B. DuBois (1868–1963) on the list of Holy Women and Holy Men.

The recognition for the San Antonio legend is a highlight of an eight-year (2007-2015) nondenominational awareness campaign led by SPC leadership and a three-year commemoration of Bowden's legacy led by the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas whose service area extends from San Antonio to Corpus Christi and the Rio Grande Valley.

St. Philip's College was founded as a school for emancipated slaves by Episcopal Church members in San Antonio's La Villita historic district on March 1, 1898. In-depth text on Artemisia Bowden's journey can be found in the Texas A&M University Press' Peoples and Cultures of Texas book *St. Philip's College: A Point of Pride on San Antonio's Eastside*, available locally through the SPC Office of Institutional Advancement and Grants Development at (210) 486-2887.



Artemisia Bowden, Holy Woman

Celebrating a Saint

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Phi Theta Kappa Honors for Machen, Botello

On May 19 in the Alamo Colleges Killen Center, the Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees and Chancellor Bruce Leslie recognized the induction of Dr. Paul A Machen III, Dean of Student Success, into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Texas Regional Hall of Honor for College Administrators. The organization is the honor society of two year colleges, and membership in the hall of honor is for outstanding administrative and financial support of student success.

The Alamo Colleges leadership also recognized Maria Botello, Certified Advisor and Phi Theta Kappa advisor for receipt of two awards. Botello received a 2015 Continued Excellence Award for Advisors from Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society and of a Certificate of Appreciation from the honor society's Texas Region.

Emeritus Recognition

Three recently retired SPC math faculty members were recognized with emeritus status this summer.

Retired faculty member Tony Bower was granted Emeritus Status in recognition and appreciation for 41 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges. Bower's new title is Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Alamo Colleges-St. Philip's College. Retired faculty member Herb Pennick was granted Emeritus Status in recognition and appreciation for 24 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges. Pennick's new title is Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics at Alamo Colleges-St. Philip's College. Both Bower and Pennick were

recognized for their achievements during the July 28, 2015, Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees meeting.

Retired faculty member Souunny Slitine, Associate Professor Emeritus of Mathematics was granted Emeritus Status in recognition and appreciation for 22 years of dedicated service to Alamo Colleges.

Recognizing SPC Alumnus Dr. Sylvester Perez

On May 19 in the Alamo Colleges Killen Center, the Alamo Colleges leadership recognized SPC alumnus Dr. Sylvester Perez for his service in his capacity as the San Antonio ISD Superintendent. Dr. Perez is remembered by students at SPC for commemorating the inaugural St. Philip's College Early College High School with San Antonio ISD with an informal address to the historic class of 108 degree-and-diploma candidates in August of 2014.

Tenure for Nathani and Vasquez

On May 19 in the Alamo Colleges Killen Center, the Board of Trustees of the Alamo Colleges announced the recommendation of Tenure for two SPC faculty members. The faculty members are Hitish Nathani (Instructor, Chemistry) and Alberto Vasquez (Assistant Professor, Electronic Systems Technology).

San Antonio Stars



Dr. Loston leads 2015 SPC promotion of education with Stars fans.

On May 28 in the Freeman Coliseum, SPC began its eighth season as The official Sponsor of the San Antonio Stars WNBA team. The partnership with Spurs Sports and Entertainment for 2015 began with SPC marketing the college experience during the team's 2015 School Day Game presented by St. Philip's College. Prospective future students were among the reported 4,237 fans present for the event. On June 14, the college sponsored the San Antonio Stars 2015 season opener with over 30 college staff and their families in attendance.

Central Texas Technology Center Upgrade

On May 14 at the Alamo Colleges Central Texas Technology Center, local dignitaries, guests and members of the public were present to mark the official groundbreaking of an expansion of the center that will more than double the school's size. A branch of the SPC vocational nursing program is a successful tenant in the center and SPC students serviced there will benefit from the construction of a 30,000 square expansion that will increase the size the current facility at a cost of \$6.3 million, all paid by the cities of New Braunfels and Seguin and their local Economic Development Corporations.

Ceremony for First Manufacturing Technology-Toyota Program Alumni

On May 15 in the Alamo Colleges Workforce Center of Excellence, an employment ceremony was held for nine alumni of the first graduating class of SPC's unique associate of applied science advanced manufacturing technology degree program that features two years of paid employment in advanced manufacturing at the Toyota assembly plant in San Antonio. Under the leadership of college Applied Electrical and Mechanical Technology Chair and Advanced Manufacturing Technology-Toyota Program Director Dr. Marie-Michelle St. Hubert, SPC alumni of the program worked three days a week for Toyota at a starting wage of \$12 per hour, and upon graduation they became eligible for an entry-level full-time position projected to compensate at \$22 per hour at Toyota. Advanced Manufacturing Technology Associate of Applied Science program alumnus Brandon James Gabriel was interviewed by press for the employment ceremony.

Haven for Hope Educational Service Agreement

On June 1, training for a second cohort of Haven for Hope students began under an Educational Service Agreement to make homeless students workforce ready, earn a living wage, and ultimately transition from homelessness to a sustainable independence. Four students are training in front office management and three students are training in professional cooking and meal service for employment in the hospitality industry. These eligible students have the opportunity to obtain a ServSafe License ServSafe Food Protection Manager Certification, accredited by the American National Standards Institute Conference for Food Protection.



Four SPC students display certificates of completion from innovative program.

SPC Alumna in Family Circle

On June 15, attorney and SPC culinary program alumna Joan M. Cheever credited her education when she was recognized for innovation in giving back in the July 2015 issue of Family Circle magazine in an article titled All Aboard (see magazine image at right). Cheever is noted for the uncommonly high quality, scope and scale of culinary outreach delivered from her Chow Train nonprofit food truck business since 2011, feeding gourmet specialty food meals in five stops for the homeless of San Antonio each Tuesday, and in a disaster relief role nationwide. According to the Family Circle article "A legal affairs journalist, Joan was soon devoting all her time to charity. She enrolled in the culinary arts program at St. Philip's College, attending 8 a.m. classes several times a week. "I am definitely not a morning person," she says. "It was harder than law school." On May 28, Cheever was highlighted in the magazine's web site feature Local Hero: Joan M. Cheever. As a subject matter expert, Cheever educated nationally on how her Chow Train nonprofit food truck provides thousands of specialty food meals for the area homeless. Family Circle is one of the nation's top seven home-oriented magazines, and Cheever credited her SPC experience in the online article as well.



Attorney and SPC culinary program alumna Joan M. Cheever.

Providing Pathways for the Homeless Population

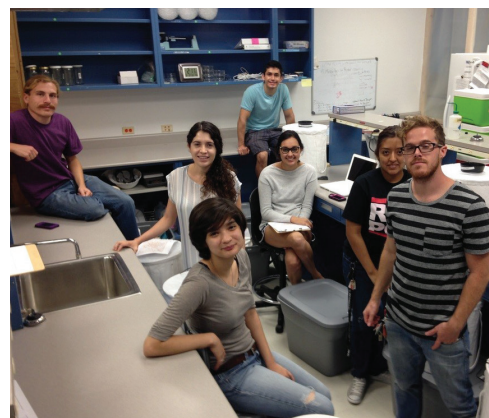
On May 14, Judson Independent School District approved SPC to provide professional development training for high school teachers who teach in classrooms within shelters for the homeless. The teachers are Judson ISD employees and the homeless students reside within the Judson ISD service area. In order to service the organization's emerging homeless student training needs, such training topics as safety, cultural sensitivity and academic success are part of the curriculum taught by SPC in this innovative educational partnership agreement that is supported by a Texas Support for Homeless Education Program grant funded by the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act. Two professional development sessions are scheduled for the fall of 2015 (Sept. and Nov.) and two sessions are scheduled in the spring of 2016 (Jan. and March) for up to 10 participants per three-hour session. All Division of Workforce Development and Continuing Education sessions will be conducted in the school district's headquarters. According to the Texas Homeless Education Office website, an estimated 125,000 school-age children in Texas experience homelessness per year. SPC is among the educational partners committed to ensuring that America's children in homeless situations have the opportunity to enroll, attend, succeed and complete school in pursuit of at least one marketable skill. In its efforts to accomplish this goal, SPC is nationally noted for providing a variety of innovative services to school districts, students, parents, shelters and government agencies.

Undergraduate CIMA-LSAMP Researchers

From May 27-28 in the Heritage Room, four SPC students and three SPC alumni attended the orientation of the second Ciencia, Ingeniería, y Matemáticas Aliados (CIMA) Project Undergraduate Research Program cohort. The program is a national effort to increase the completion rates of minority STEM majors by pairing promising community college students with college faculty mentors and their projects at respective four-year, graduate and post-graduate school campuses. Of note, the program in San Antonio was first of only two externally funded projects nationwide, through the foundation's Louis Stokes Alliances for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Bridge to the Baccalaureate Alliances program.

The second team of researchers and support personnel from SPC includes Joshua J. Darden (biology concentration), Mercedes Cansino (biology concentration) Michael A. Corona (cybersecurity concentration) and Petina L. McIntosh (engineering concentration). Joining Darden, Cansino, Corona and McIntosh are 2014 college alumnus, UTSA transfer student and original cohort member Ernest Tuarte (mechanical engineering concentration) as a tutor, 2013 college alumnus and TAMUSA transfer student Ashton Drake Giddings (cybersecurity concentration) as a peer mentor,

and another original cohort member, current St. Philip's College student Mohamed Basiouny (biotechnology concentration) as a lead supplemental instructor. Original participants in the local effort are National Science Foundation, Alamo Colleges and University of Texas at San Antonio. New for 2015, the CIMA-LSAMP program has been expanded to include research opportunities at Texas A & M University-San Antonio, and Darden becomes the college's first student to study at TAMU-SA under this program that also includes four additional Alamo Colleges students. Also new for 2015, program alumni and other outstanding STEM students are giving back by helping the new researchers. In his capacity as a lead supplemental instructor, Basiouny leads review sessions that allow students to compare notes, discuss readings and develop organizational tools. While Basiouny will also help the new researchers to prepare for tests by learning how to integrate course content and study skills, all while building valuable peer relationships, Drake Giddings helps the new researchers in his capacity as a tutor. Of the 10 research students in the Vector Ecology and Parasitology Lab at Texas A&M-San Antonio, SPC student researcher Joshua Darden is one of two attending as part of the summer fellowship program. One of Darden's first experiences



Darden (in stripes at right) was one of SPC's first student researchers at Texas A&M-San Antonio.

was lining coolers with insulation for dry ice in preparation of trapping kits for the lab team's first evening out trapping mosquitoes. He studies in the lab of Megan Wise de Valdez, an assistant professor and program coordinator of the biology program at Texas A&M-San Antonio, the first tenure-track faculty member in the university's biology program. Her research areas are on the mosquito ecology and feral hog parasites in Bexar County and surrounding areas of Texas. Her department has four state-of-the-art laboratories and over 150 majors, some planning to become dentists, doctors and professors, and Darden is thriving in this environment.



Therapy dogs relax SPC science students and faculty during Finals Week.

Four Legged Friends and Finals

From May 11-12 in the Davis Science Building, SPC hosted four volunteer companion dog therapy teams to provide an option for calm for both students and employees during final exams week at the college. Since 2012, the staff has partnered with volunteer therapy companion dog team provider Rob Cary Pet Resort to support both students and employees during natural science and math finals seasons. Pekingese, Labrador, Brussels Griffon and Golden breed companion dogs were accompanied by four volunteers from Rob Cary C.A.R.E.S. (Companion Animals Responding with Empathy and Support) in visits with students in MathWorld and science tutoring lab. The volunteers are certified through national organizations and the majority of those team members serving at SPC were registered through Therapy Dogs Incorporated.

Manufacturing Community Designation

On July 9, students and classrooms at the Southwest Campus were featured in the WOAI TV news report announcing the award of the U.S. Department of Commerce's first Manufacturing Community designation in Texas will go to The City of San Antonio. With nationally-recognized designations as both an American Welding Society



SPC students are part of a federal Manufacturing Community.

Accredited Test Facility and a Manufacturing Skills Standards Council Testing Site, SPC has historically been the primary provider of manufacturing education at the community college level in the San Antonio Service area. The first-in-Texas designation provides San Antonio and 11 additional cities with coordinated support for its strategies from 11 federal agencies including the Environmental Protection Agency, National Science Foundation, Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Defense, and Housing and Urban Development, with more than \$1 billion in federal economic development assistance available. At present, there are now 24 communities federally designated as a Manufacturing Community.

New: Nursing Degree and International Studies Concentration

On May 19 in the Alamo Colleges Killen Center, the Alamo Colleges Board approved one new degree and one new concentration at SPC. The new degree is the Associate of Applied Science Nursing: Career Mobility L.V.N. to R.N. degree and the new concentration is Associate of Arts (AA) with a concentration in International Studies. The college's nursing education department will offer an associates of applied science degree in nursing. Admission of students who are current Licensed Vocational Nurse (L.V.N.) credential holders will be provided an opportunity to transition into the role of a Registered Nurse (R.N.). Upon completion of the program, licensed vocational nurses will be prepared to sit for National Council Licensure Examination for Registered Nurses (NCLEX-RN). An emphasis on critical thinking, prioritizing, advanced skills performance and management will prepare students with the foundation to transition to an undergraduate nursing program to advance their expertise and skills of nursing.

The international studies associate of arts concentration is being offered in conjunction with the creation of the San Antonio Independent School District's third Early College High School (ECHS) at Brackenridge High School.

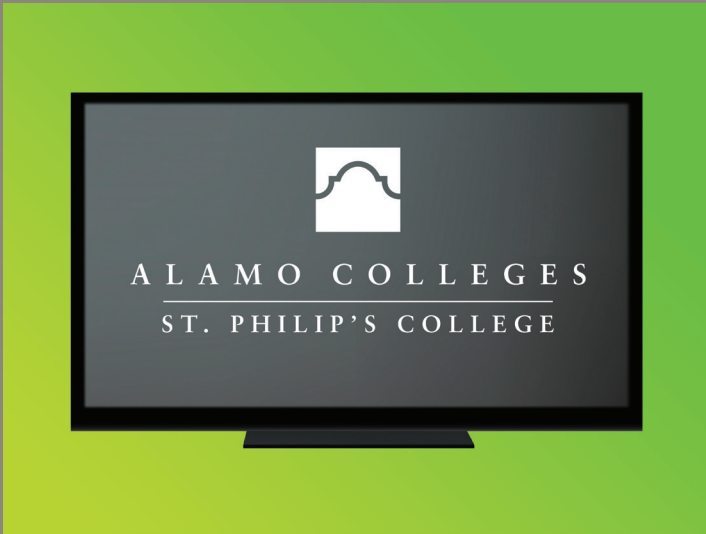


SPC nursing students have additional degree options.

New T-STEM Academy

On July 7 in Austin, Texas Commissioner of Education Michael Williams announced the designation of a Texas Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (T-STEM) Academy at Comal Independent School District – Memorial Early College High School with St. Philip's College for the 2015-2016 school year. According to the Texas Education Agency online news release *TEA designates 19 new T-STEM Academies, "T-STEM academies are rigorous secondary schools focusing on improving instruction and academic performance in science and mathematics-related subjects, with a goal of increasing the number of students who study and enter STEM careers. Designated T-STEM campuses serve students in grades 6-12 or 9-12... With the addition of these newly designated schools, Texas is now home to 104 T-STEM Academies across the state."*

SPC on TV



From June 29-July 20 at the KENS TV 5 television studios, several members of the SPC family co-promoted the college's 2015 season of educational opportunities as speaking guests on the GreatDay San Antonio show. Kinesiology department chair Randall Dawson and health care science department chair Jessica Cooper began the campaign by co-promoting health career education at SPC on June 29. Business information systems department chair Janie Gonzales and SPC National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense director Tom Sahin co-promoted business education at SPC as speaking guests of KENS TV 5 anchor Paul Mireles. Gonzales and Sahin co-promoted the cybersecurity degree and certificate programs as one element of the college's business programs. While Gonzales spoke about the simplified steps in enrolling, Sahin addressed how the center designation the college earned from the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security benefits students and employers within the nation's second-largest cybersecurity sector outside of the nation's capital. Joeris contractors outreach liaison Ellen Ward endorsed SPC construction technology programs from the Southwest Independent School District middle school-high school construction site in a segment on how a company and an industry associate are partnered with SPC to fill a need for skilled construction workers in the SPC service area. Ward and a construction student co-promoted the college's paid plumbing electrical, construction and heating and air conditioning apprenticeships for students on leading construction sites in the city. The campaign ended July 20 as applied electrical and mechanical technology department chair and Advanced Manufacturing Technology-Toyota director Dr. Marie-Michelle Saint Hubert co-promoted electronics and robotics education with instrumentation program alumnus Patrick Partab. Both

Saint Hubert and Partab promoted advanced manufacturing, biomedical engineering technology, computer maintenance technology, and power generation and alternative energy programs that have led to alumni currently earning \$70,000-\$100,000 annually.

On June 24 at SPC, Saint Hubert provided an interview to support the KSAT TV news report on Toyota moving corporate headquarters to Texas. The SPC subject matter expert was sought for comment in her capacity as director of the nationally-recognized Advanced Manufacturing Technology-Toyota program that was cited by Toyota leaders who addressed the press on the firm's 2015 relocation from California to Texas.

On June 12, SPC was featured in Time Warner Cable and San Antonio Express-News reports on a City Council-approved measure that helps deliver a new public-private partnership for biotechnology research with the German-based firm Cytocentrics. Firm CEO and President Dr. Jim Garvin cited Alamo Colleges biotechnology programs that include SPC which offered the first community college biotechnology program in the Alamo Colleges service area, as an incentive for choosing San Antonio as a business location. The firm is projected to bring 300 jobs to the city.

On May 14 at the San Antonio Public Library Main Branch, the local news organization NOWCast SA archived its coverage of SPC student participation in the April 27 event District 2 Candidate Forum at St. Philip's College with the League of Women Voters at its City Council Candidate Forum Videos page. With a constituency that includes the students and employees of the MLK campus, District 2 is the largest council district in the nation's seventh largest city, and its most diverse. Members of the San Antonio City Council control an annual budget of over \$2.4 billion and write the laws that govern everything from speed limits to zoning, in addition to allocating the funds for city infrastructure, utilities, fire and police operations. The forum originally streamed live from the SPC Heritage Room over NOWCast SA's Livestream channel on April 27 allowed students and the public to learn and ask questions of two candidates for the City of San Antonio District 2 position.

National Cyber Defense Designation

On June 3, the information security and assurance academic program was re-designated as a National Center of Academic Excellence by both the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security effective 2014-2020. The re-designation offers continuity of cybersecurity education service within the nation's second-largest cybersecurity sector after Washington, D.C.

Center designations or re-designations for two-year college cybersecurity programs from 2014 forward include a new goal, vision and center name: National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense. As one of the city's first NSA-approved two-year college cybersecurity programs where students are prepared for entry-level jobs, the SPC program prepares those students through security assurance training, certifications and industry internship experiences.

Completion of the cybersecurity experience begins as early as the high school level through free dual credit programs. SPC has held Center of Academic Excellence status since May of 2011, and on June 15 in Las Vegas, SPC participated in the National Security Agency and Department of Homeland Security certification event ceremonially recognizing SPC as a national center.



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Baylor Bound Partnership

On May 11 in Room 101 of the George E. Killen Community Education and Service Center, SPC was represented at the Alamo Colleges Baylor Bound partnership memorandum of understanding (MOU) signing ceremony. Key personnel at the ceremony were Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie, the five Alamo Colleges' presidents including SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston and Baylor President and Chancellor Ken Starr. The new transfer agreement makes it easier for SPC students and other Alamo Colleges students who meet Baylor's criteria for admissions to complete their first two years of college with Alamo Colleges in San Antonio and then transfer to Baylor to finish their baccalaureate degrees. The Alamo Colleges partnership is the sixth of 10 Baylor Bound partnerships which the Waco-based university aspires to establish with community college districts in Texas in the next five years.

Hosting America's Title III Administrators

From June 21-26, SPC hosted the National Association of Historically Black Colleges and Universities Title III Administrators, Inc.'s 2015 Technical Assistance Workshop themed *The Changing Landscape of HBCUs: Implications for Title III*. SPC is an active member of the 15-year-old association that maintains a unified voice on behalf of 96 institutions of higher education that receive federal Title III Part B funding. The association's annual professional development and technical assistance workshop encourages and facilitates an open dialogue among members as they preserve the capacity-building integrity of the nation's HBCUs. Activities include training in leadership and organizational skills, grants management, federal compliance for Title III programs and identification and use of best practices in retention and graduation at both the college and university levels. Because the association's annual workshop is held in various locations nationwide and was held in San Antonio for the first time, the 2015 workshop for 240 guests allowed 25 SPC students, faculty and leadership a strategic first opportunity to provide host city support in their current capacity as the third-largest among

HBCUs with a 2014 enrollment of over 11,000 students.

President Dr. Adena Williams Loston and SPC Title III director Erick Akins, a member of both the association's executive and planning committees, ensured the college was



Dr. Loston conveys community college experience to workshop attendees.

strategically engaged in conveying the HBCU community college experience to guests. To that end, 25 of the college's allied health and

massage therapy students who benefit daily from Title III funding provided guests with massage therapy and blood pressure screening services learned in the classroom by hosting the health and wellness component of the workshop in the Hyatt Regency San Antonio Hotel. While Dr. Loston provided association members with greetings on June 24 and a luncheon speech on June 25, presentations for the members were also co-provided by SPC department of tourism, hospitality, and culinary arts chair Mary Kunz and chef instructor Cris Goloby on June 22 and by SPC Center of Excellence director Dr. Jo Dee Duncan and biotechnology program coordinator Solomon Nfor on June 25. Workshop guests who visited the college included keynote speaker Anita R. Estell, president and CEO of national government relations and communications firm The Estell Group, and greetings by Bexar County Commissioner The Honorable Tommy Calvert, Jr. The month and location for the next association workshop has been set for June 2016 in the Washington, D.C., area.

USAFunds Certificate of Achievement, \$100,000 Grant Award

On May 18 in the Alamo Colleges Killen Center, the Alamo Colleges leadership recognized SPC for earning a USAFunds 2015 Excellence in Financial Education, Certificate of Achievement. On June 2, SPC received a \$100,000 grant award from the national organization to support the SPC Financial Wealth Management Plan, an initiative that provides financial literacy training and education to its students. This is the third year that SPC has received this grant award. USAFunds is a partner and resource provider in the SPC financial literacy operation that has ensured more than 3,000 students have received both the formal support and education required to manage their student loan debt wisely.

SPC Masonic Scholarship for Skilled Trades Fund

On May 7 in the SPC Bowden Alumni Center, representatives of six Masonic Lodges ceremonially presented a combined \$10,000 to the SPC Masonic Scholarship for Skilled Trades fund. The scholarships fund study in the college's electrical, solar, HVAC, welding and related technological programs, and the gifts were accepted on behalf of the college by SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston.



Local masons visit to personally give back through ceremonial presentation of \$10,000 for scholarships

Gunn Automotive Group Tool Scholarship

On May 13 in the Applied Science Building, SPC and Gunn Automotive Group leaders celebrated the success of 10 new automotive technology alumni during presentation ceremonies for the performance-based Gunn Automotive Group Tool Scholarship that incentivizes college completion. Since 2001, Gunn has donated approximately \$100,000 which the SPC automotive department leadership has used to purchase tools to assist the department's outstanding students. The 2015 recipients are 2015 SPC alumni Jonathan Vazquez Rayas, Colby Don Posey and Gerry "Geronimo" Gutierrez, David Cantu, Christopher DePalma, Abino Flores, Uriel Guzman, Arturo Nino, Dustin Thomas and Johnny Zamora.

SPC Partners in Dual Gen Program

Eastside Promise organizers announced on June 28 that SPC is a partner in a United Way, SAHA and Goodwill partnership. The partnership recently received an initial \$150,000 grant from the Annie E. Casey Foundation to implement a community-endorsed two-generation plan. The plan will provide programs for children that focus on healthy development, growth and education, as well as services for adults that concentrate on parenting, job skills and financial security. The Dual Generation program (Dual Gen) initiative provides parents of children ages 0-10 with a pathway for career readiness while providing quality child care experiences. According to the announcement, *"The Dual Gen partnership includes Goodwill, the Financial Empowerment Center, the San Antonio Housing Authority/ Jobs Plus, St. Philip's College, and Urban Strategies. All Dual Gen partners are co-located at the Ella Austin Community Center."*



Winning the Future With Summer Programs

SPC has helped several generations of kids win the future through constantly improving and innovative summer programs, and due to excellent strategic partnerships, the 2015 season was true to form. The Center of Excellence for Science staff at SPC operated three summer programs in 2015: Summer Leadership Academic Movement (SLAM), Science and Math Summer Academy (SAMSA) and Robotics. Other programs included Camp 98.6, Prefreshman Engineering Program (PREP) and Kids Camp.

From June-August, the SPC Kids Camp offered a diverse slate of learning experiences. On June 16 in the SPC Morgan Gallery, the camp hosted San Antonio District 2 City Councilman The Honorable Alan Warrick II and Kirby City Manager The Honorable Monique Vernon as speaking guests during a class and a separate lecture. The student interactions with both Warrick and Vernon were part of the camp's civics module, MicroSociety. On July 17, SPC observed the completion of its second Eastside Promise Neighborhood Out of School Summer program as an education partner with Ella Austin Community Center, Franklin Management-

Sutton Oaks Apartments and Antioch Christian Academy as community partners. That partnership's eight-week SLAM enrichment program for kids concluded with two weeks at SPC. The July 6-17 program was preceded with two weeks of activity at the Sutton Oaks Apartment property June 8-19, followed by two weeks at Antioch Church facilities June 15-July 3. SPC hosted the completion ceremony for the partnership's program. Funding for SLAM was co-provided by Eastside Promise Neighborhood Out of School Summer funding and U.S. Department of Education Strengthening Historically Black Colleges and Universities funding.

On July 23 at the Southwest Campus, SPC helped 111 prospective young scientists and their families make the connections between affordable college education and the higher-demand, higher-pay employment sectors of their city during the last day of the college's three-week SAMSA program. The final hands-on presentations for the aspiring scientists ages 11-15 included four rotations of 20-minute hands-on kids-teaching-parents presentations in manufacturing, computer design, rocketry, ecology, and several other topics. Camp guest faculty came from Texas Biomedical Research Institute, Edwards Aquifer Authority, Stanbio, Rackspace, San Antonio Testing Labs, San Antonio River

Authority, Shekinah Radiance Academy, and CPS Energy. In the Center for Health Professions building, SPC hosted 14 Fox Tech Health Careers High School students in the Camp 98.6 college recruitment program. The camp immerses health science high school students one week of hands-on seminars with SPC faculty and seminars with University Health System employees.

The San Antonio prep at St. Philip's College served 142 students June 15-July 30. The collaborative effort of local school districts, colleges and universities encourage junior high and high school students to begin preparing for careers in science and engineering.



Future college students swarm campus during first day of Kids Camp.

Jessica's Project: Teen Pregnancy Prevention & Community Gardening

July 8 and 9 concluded the summer 2015 lineup of Jessica's Project activities with nearly 80 natural science and health science students hosting a teen and unplanned pregnancy prevention awareness event for guests from Eastside Boys and Girls Clubs of San Antonio. Vocational nursing student Matthew Saxon promoted the awareness event as a speaking guest at the KENS5 studio on *GreatDay San Antonio*.

Students at the July 9 finale illustrated the responsibility associated with pregnancy by sharing their individual lives and daily schedules with guests before sharing what those personal journeys would be like if they were pregnant. The effort was part of SPC's larger commitment to transforming socio-economic-educational conditions for residents surrounding its main campus



After giving back by sharing knowledge in a community garden, SPC science students continued to give back this summer by hosting a conversation on preventing teen pregnancy with local youth.

where the teen pregnancy rate is among the city's highest. Community partners in the event included San Antonio Metropolitan Health District, Paris Pediatrics, and SPC's Dr. Frank Bryant, Jr., Human Patient Simulation Center and Nursing Laboratories.

On June 26 in the East Side Community Garden, SPC began its first season of nutrition students sharing knowledge as guests in the garden to start the Jessica's Project team's summer activity schedule.

The project occurred with three or four student volunteers working independently most weekdays through July, but June 26 was a day for all 30 currently enrolled nutrition course students to be present as volunteers. The students pulled invasive plant life while applying fertilizer and water in the 6,500 square-foot garden with multiple garden plots where seniors take their gardened produce home for meals.

SPC Helps Veterans with Outreach, Transition, Financial Coaching

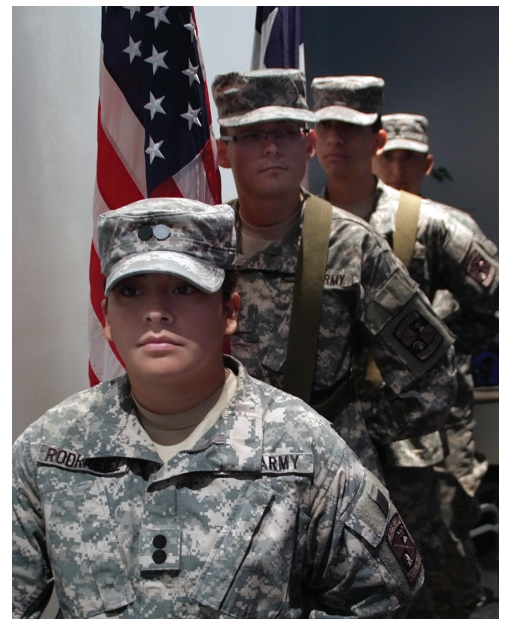
The staff of the Good Samaritan Veterans Outreach and Transition Center enhanced its capacity to serve and expand its client base with a free workshop for transitioning to civilian careers and the free services of a trained financial coach.

From August through December in the Watson Fine Arts Center, the college's Good Samaritan Veterans Outreach and Transition Center staff co-presents a free three-part self-improvement series entitled 10 Steps to Getting Hired Now!. Program partners including Confidential Government Solutions and Grand Canyon University fund additional presenters and lunch to further benefit attending armed forces active duty, retired, veteran and family members. Those attendees learn how to take many of the first steps to getting hired in 2015:

- **Interviewing tips**
- **Finding hidden and unadvertised jobs**
- **Using social media to land a civilian job**
- **Effectively communicating without uniforms**
- **Evaluating and negotiating the salary, compensation and benefit packages**

A panel made up of local human resources professionals also provided insight into the job application process and mock interviews to help attendees sharpen their job search skills. The center's first workshop served 60 clients from May-July.

Center financial coaching services for all Veteran's in the greater San Antonio area have been enhanced with the arrival of financial coach David Sherman of the Armed Forces Services Corporation. Sherman is a trained financial coach who comes to SPC via a grant the corporation was awarded from the Federal Consumer Protection Bureau for the next three years. SPC's center was in competition with over 165 other entities nationwide for approximately 40 positions and was awarded one of the positions after an extensive interview process, explained center director Tim Stanford. Sherman is also working closely with SPC financial literacy coordinator Mia Gallegos to expand its client base by delivering free financial coaching services to SPC students.



As one of the top colleges preferred by local veterans, innovative outreach is part of the SPC experience.

ST. PHILIP'S COLLEGE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION SEPTEMBER 15–OCTOBER 15, 2015

HISPANIC AMERICANS: ENERGIZING OUR NATION'S DIVERSITY



Thursday, September 17
"Windows to the Soul"
Featured Artist: Lionel Sosa
10:00AM
Morgan Gallery



Tuesday, September 22
Straight from the Taco Truck
10:00-1:00PM
CHP Parking Lot
A la cart pricing – cash only



Thursday, October 1
President's Lecture Series
Speaker: Jim Avila
11:00-12:00PM
Watson Fine Arts Theater

Tuesday, October 6
"Cruising
Car Show"
10:30-12:30PM
Southwest Campus
(Parking Lot)



Wednesday, October 7
7th Annual Best
Tasting Salsa
Competition
11:30-12:30PM
Heritage Room

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.



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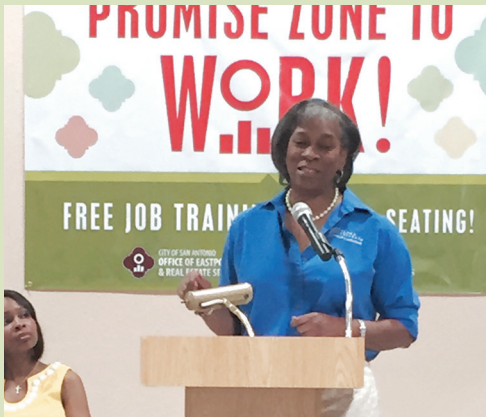
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Promise Zone to Work



Dr. Loston and The Honorable Ivy Taylor, Mayor of San Antonio welcomed students into the innovative workforce education program where SPC is an education partner

On June 6 at the Barbara Jordan Center, President Dr. Adena Williams Loston participated in a press conference to announce the Promise Zone to Work education and training initiative focused on assisting the residents of the EastPoint Promise Zone. St. Philip's College is an education partner within the EastPoint Promise Zone engaging and supporting residents as they transform the Promise Footprint.

From June-July in the Ella Austin Community Center, Springview Homes and Barbara Jordan Center, SPC has served 124 community members through 15 two-hour orientation sessions in its education partnership with the Promise Zone to Work program. Staff members oriented prospective students on the College Connection program that offers seven pre-identified quick training programs which lead to portable and marketable certifications.

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Heritage Month - September 15 through October 15

PLS Jim Avila - October 1

Save the Date

Bowden, Celebrating A Saint - November 20

Homecoming - October 30

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