



## College DIVAs unite over heart health

*Above: The 10th Annual Red Dress Luncheon at SPC featured 50 guests who shared information while celebrating heart healthiness. SPC Tiger Spirit Squad Coach Dr. Kim McDow gave guests a presentation on being healthy Daily through Diet, Interpersonal wellness, Voice, and Athletics (DIVA). SPC student LeArthur Lee sang while guests enjoyed a lunch prepared by SPC alumnus Chef John and served by culinary students. An auction raised \$561 for the American Heart Association. Right: Campus royalty were special guests, including from left, Felicia Campos (2nd Runner Up), Keiko Stanberry (Ms. St. Philip's College), Dr. Loston, Amirah Perry (ECHS Royalty) and Dorathy Tarpeh (1st Runner Up).*



## Botello honored for long service to Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society

SPC Phi Theta Kappa honor society chapter advisor and chapter alumna Maria Botello is a 2018 recipient of the society's 10-year advisor service award. Botello has taken SPC students and the chapter on amazing journeys since assuming the leadership position. Under Botello's leadership, the international honor society of two-

year colleges presented SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston with a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society 2011 Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction before an audience of 3,500 honor students, advisors, and college presidents at the society's convention in Seattle. Loston is now the recipient of two Gordon awards. Botello is

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## President's Message



It warms my heart that we have so many friends who are as invested in our students as we are. Our scholarship golf tournament brought together old friends and new to raise over \$150,000 for scholarships and engagement grants.

We recently co-hosted a diversity conference with Barshop Jewish Community Center of San Antonio for students and practitioners in early childhood education. Last fall, the Association of Surgical Technicians – Texas held their annual assembly at St. Philip's College and our students were invited to take part at the state level.

These are remarkable opportunities that could not happen without the many partnerships we enjoy in our communities. These activities impact our students by giving them space to build their professional networks and insight into their industries.

Students who participate in conferences position themselves far above their counterparts in the job market because engagement shows a passion and seriousness about their chosen profession.

We engaged in two exciting new partnerships with VIA in 2019. All Alamo College District students and employees now have access to free VIA bus rides with their ACD ID cards. Secondly, VIA honored Rosa Parks at SPC with a Feb. 4 event and a rolling museum – a 1966 GM Dreamliner.

We also celebrated our longtime friend, Mayor Emeritus Lila Cockrell, with a reception and unveiling of a donated abstract painting. Cockrell shares her love of art with our students through a collection of works featuring African American artists – many of whom are SPC alumni.

Our friends make a difference in the lives of our students.

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.  
President

## SPC alumni named head of National Dental Association

The world's largest professional association of minority dentists has installed an outstanding alumnus of the St. Philip's College student and faculty experience as its 95th corporate leader.

The Washington, D.C.-based National Dental Association announced the 48-chapter organization will be led by Dr. John Daniels, II, a dentist and veteran who is both a former student and an alumnus faculty member at SPC. He grew up a few blocks from the college's 1801 Martin Luther King Drive property in San Antonio.

The dental industry leader was ceremonially appointed to the 2019 term during an association gala. His SPC experiences include teaching core anatomy and physiology courses from 1978 to 1979 and from 1989 to 1991.

"Like any organization we face challenges. The organizations we collaborate with---there are other dental associations---the DSD [Delta Sigma Delta international dental fraternity] and Hispanic Dental Association and the Society of American Indian Dentists---we have meetings with us through our diversity summit, so we do not advocate only for our membership and those we serve. It [engagement] allows us a chance to discuss legislation and proposed legislation and deal with managed care organizations and different organizations that are tasked with administrating Medicaid that is the primary way the majority of patients we see have access to healthcare. And it allows us to present a unified front on certain issues. Our professional interface with legislators makes us a stronger voice to go in and maintain our points of views on certain proposed legislation," Daniels said.

The National Dental Association promotes oral health equity among people of color by harnessing the collective power of its members, advocating for the needs of and mentoring dental students of color, and raising the profile of the profession in our communities.

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*Maria Botello, a Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society recipient, has led SPC's Psi Kappa Chapter for more than a decade.*

the recipient of the society's regional-level 2010 Distinguished Advisor Horizon Award, and was inducted into the 2012 District V Hall of Honor for her leadership and service. She is the college's first and only advisor inductee. When the White House streamed its first-ever White House Summit on Community Colleges, SPC students at both campuses viewed the event that highlighted the critical role that community colleges play in developing America's workforce and achieving national educational goals. From 2014-2018, Botello showcased SPC nationwide in the four-episode "Know Your Heritage Hispanic College Quiz" game show format series that promotes positive images of college students on television, serving as the SPC student coach in the quiz program.

## Loston named recipient of community leadership award



*Dr. Loston was honored with the Alamo City Chamber of Commerce Euretta K. Fairchild Community Leadership Award for 2019 during the annual luncheon. Euretta Fairchild founded the Alamo City Negro Chamber in 1938. There to celebrate the achievement were, from left, Dr. Sharon Crockett-Ray, George Johnson, Christina Butler, Marsha Hall, Dr. Loston, Lacy Hampton, Christina Cortez, Adrian Jackson, Jessica Cooper, Randall Dawson and Dr. Mordecai I. Brownlee.*

## Mayor Emeritus Lila Cockrell promotes book surrounded by her art collection



*The Honorable Lila Cockrell included St. Philip's College in her speaking tour to promote, "Love Deeper Than a River," a memoir published by Trinity University Press. The very special celebration at the college included a discussion, book signing, reception and exhibit of a newly donated addition to the Honorable Lila Cockrell Collection housed in the Bowden Art Gallery of the G.J. Sutton Learning Center.*

*The Wai Ching Lam abstract joins the collection which features several SPC alumni works collected by Cockrell over the years.*

*The event was well attended with college employees and students and Cockrell's close friends, including (in the photo) artist Paul Hurd and his wife, Shirley. Alamo Colleges District Trustee Dr. Yvonne Katz and Aaronetta Pierce were among the guests.*



### **The Art Collection of the Honorable Lila Cockrell**

For more than two decades, the Honorable Lila Cockrell has avidly and lovingly collected the works of noted and upcoming African American artists with a particular focus on local artists -- many of whom are St. Philip's College alumni.

The Art Collection of the Honorable Lila Cockrell, a substantial donation of original pieces, is on permanent exhibit in the Bowden Gallery of the G.J. Sutton Learning Center. The collection debuted in 2014 and coincided with the renovation of the Sutton Learning Center. It supports and inspires San Antonio artists and enriches the lives of our SPC family and community.

Please call (210) 486-2900 for a private viewing of the collection.

**Happy Day I by Wai Ching Lam**

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## Huebner featured on HiMama Podcast

SPC Early Childhood and Family Studies faculty member/clinical coordinator Amy Huebner recorded a podcast with HiMama co-founder and CEO Ron Spreuwerberg. HiMama is a global educational resource that connects practitioners with best practices to increase their capacity to serve. Huebner's podcast covered managing behaviors for individuals in preschool with autism spectrum disorders and/or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorders. She shared the podcast with her Children With Special Needs class.

Huebner was a presenter at a workshop on managing challenging classroom behaviors



*St. Philip's College is home of the first fully online Early Childhood degree in San Antonio from an accredited community college.*

during the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) conference in Washington, D.C. The content marketing manager for HiMama, a social purpose business with a mission to improve learning outcomes for children aged zero to five, was scouting emerging talent among

leading childhood development insiders. "A lot of early childhood teachers turn to podcasts and follow the Facebook pages of early childhood education sites for ideas on different concepts. What I try to get across in my professional development trainings for peers is easy tips they probably never got, and where to find more," Huebner said.

For Huebner and her students and colleagues within the college's Public Service Institute, autism is a passion approached from the shared lens of educator and student, and is part of what her program does to embody its "Make a Difference in the Lives of Children!" motto.

## SPC, VIA celebrate Rosa Parks' birthday with rolling exhibit

VIA Metropolitan Transit and SPC teamed up to honor civil rights activist Rosa Parks on what would have been her 106th birthday, Feb. 4. VIA provided a 59-year-old bus with a historical timeline of the Civil Rights Movement starting with the Montgomery Bus Boycott. The bus also included a monogrammed seat with Rosa Parks' name, as found on several of VIA's buses.

The history-steeped experience featured a 40-foot-long vintage 1966 GM Dreamliner VIA bus that remained on campus throughout the week as a static display for students and employees to visit after the Feb. 4 outdoor ceremony.

The bus carried a group of Freedom Riders as ceremonial passengers in the city's 2019 MLK March, an event that the college and VIA partner with to provide free bus rides to the march starting and ending points.

Freedom Rider and San Antonio Barbara Bowie spoke about her experience, and given Parks' passion for education, VIA made a contribution to the Dr. Bowie Scholarship Foundation, in memory of Ms. Bowie's late spouse Dr. J.R. Bowie, III.



*Special guests, from left, included St. Philip's College Mascot Phil the Tiger, St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston, Alamo Colleges District Board Trustee Denver McClendon, Freedom Rider Barbara Bowie, VIA Board Chair Bob Comeaux, VIA senior vice president & legal counsel Bonnie Prosser Elder, VIA Deputy CEO Keith Hom, VIA Bus Operations Lead Supervisor Kenneth W. Davidson (who drove the bus that carried Rosa Parks during her 1987 visit to San Antonio for the Martin Luther King Jr. March), and District 2 City Councilman Art Hall.*



*Dr. Loston invited students who occupy leadership positions in clubs and organizations to join her in marking the occasion.*

## Breaking The Cycle, an HBCU Scholar Initiative



Dr. Adena Williams Loston attended “Breaking The Cycle: Conversations About Student Success,” a panel discussion organized by White House HBCU Scholar Alicia Perry. Other attendees included, from left, Tracy Shelton, Angelia Jacobs, John Martin, (Loston, Perry), LaKeisha Matthews, Paul Lede, Liz Castillo, Dr. Paul Machen and Dr. Angela Williams.

## Legislative Impact



Dr. Adena Williams Loston joined university and college presidents at “The State of Texas HBCUs,” an opening session for the 46th Annual Texas African American Legislative Summit at the Texas State Capitol in Austin. The panel was hosted by the Western Area of The Links, Incorporated in collaboration with the Texas Black Legislative Caucus.

## San Antonio Symphony Performs at SPC



San Antonio Symphony performed for the public at St. Philip's College in celebration of Black History Month through music. The symphony's Concert(210) series was led by associate conductor Noam Aviel in her conducting debut at the college. The 23-season San Antonio Symphony in Residence project at the college was themed, “migrations and globalism.”

## President's Day Read



Dr. Loston celebrated President's Day at SPC Child Development Center by sharing her love of books.

## Loston Named IMPACT Honoree



Dr. Adena Williams Loston was named a 2019 IMPACT honorees at the Audrey H. Lawson IMPACT Awards in Houston. Other honorees include, Pastor Mia Wright, Courtney Johnson Rose, Sumara M. Thompson-King, Cydonii Fairfax Miles and Dr. Grenita Lathan.

## HBCU 'Truth and Reconciliation' project hosted by SPC

St. Philip's College students gave back during African American History Month through an emerging free online oral history academic service that uses the power of documented stories to heal and change society.

The 2019 HBCU Truth and Reconciliation Oral History Project took place for the first time in the college's E. L. Turbon Student Center.

Students were part of a larger team of interviewers from Historically Black Colleges and Universities across the state who collected stories about discrimination from area participants for the innovative web site.

Students engaged in lengthy preparation for the event intended to provide users with full-length digital video clips and transcripts of interviews capturing both experiences of ethnic discrimination and its impacts on all. The project, co-sponsored by Historically Black Colleges and Universities member institutions and Texas independent universities, aspires to gain a global audience after establishing itself on a small scale in Texas. The annual event has been held at Huston-Tillotson University and Texas Southern University School of Law in past years. SPC has participated since the beginning, but this was the first time in San Antonio with SPC as the host institution.



*Dr. Loston opened the HBCU Oral History Project with a frank discussion about her experiences with racial healing and forgiveness. The third annual HBCU Truth & Reconciliation event was held for the first time at SPC.*



*Under the direction of Rev. Steve Miller, the Project's Founder, digitized oral history accounts were gathered by students from SPC, Huston-Tillotson University, Jarvis Christian College and Southwestern Christian College. Participating partners include, Austin Presbyterian, Baylor University and Texas Christian University. (Photo Courtesy of USCLO)*

## NAHB 2019 Student Chapter Award



*SPC student members of the National Association of Home Builders, recently honored in Vegas as one of the nation's outstanding student chapters, were invited to join Dr. Loston and Robert Burke, Senior Principal with Page Architect at the College Capital Improvement Plan meeting and briefing on the new wellness building, slated to break ground this summer.*

## Dr. Loston Honored with Corazon Award



*Dr. Adena Williams Loston, shown here with Alamo Colleges District, Director Instructional Professional Development Carmen Mercedes, was honored with the Corazon Award (heart and certificate) for her exceptional support of faculty development.*

## Annual Scholarship Golf Tourney Yields \$150,000



*St. Philip's College celebrated its 121st anniversary as a college with the college's 2019 Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament at The Republic Golf Club. Twenty-eight sponsors joined perennial title sponsor CPS Energy in support. The donors golfed in the cold while warmly celebrating 11 years of community philanthropy with more than \$150,000 raised this season. Since 2008, the tournament has raised more than \$1.5 million for recipients of SPC student grants and scholarships. The 162 registered golfers in the 2019 event included golfers who are also current students from SPC, the SPC Early College High School with SAISD, Sam Houston High School and the University of the Incarnate Word.*



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- Fall Semester - August
- President's Lecture Series:  
The Three Doctors, Sept. 19, 2019
- Homecoming - October

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