



# Tiger Pride

There is always great news to share about our St. Philip's College family. The following achievements align with our College Strategic Objectives: Student Success, Performance Excellence, and Principle-Centered Leadership. Stay up to date with our faculty, staff, and student accomplishments by reading the President's Newsletter online at [alamo.edu/spc/newsletter](http://alamo.edu/spc/newsletter) and follow us on social media @GOSPC.



## Student Success



### SPC Presidential Scholar Chosen for NASA

St. Philip's College (SPC) Scholar Richard Garcia was chosen out of 5,000 national applicants to participate in a highly competitive NASA Community College Aerospace Scholars (NCAS) cohort. NCAS builds a diverse future STEM workforce by engaging two-year degree-seeking students in authentic learning experiences. Richard is currently member of the National Society of Leadership and Success, president of Future United Latinos for Change, vice president of Active Minds, and member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. He is also a Presidential Scholar (2021) and recipient of the Whataburger Feeding Student Success Scholarship (2022). He will serve as the Spring 2022 Commencement speaker on May 13. [Full story here.](#)



### SPC Baking and Pastry Students Serve Lunch

St. Philip's College (SPC) PSTR 1340 Plated Desserts Class, hosted by Chef Cynthia De La Fuente and Chef Patrick Brown, recently served guests a light lunch and pastries in Artemisia's. The expansion of Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts as a result of the completion of the new four-story building has increased opportunities for students to showcase their work. Eateries Artemisia's and 1898 are open to the public with [reservations](#). A grand opening for the THCA Building will be held on Legacy Day, Aug. 18, 2022.

### SPC SGA Announces 2022-23 Officers

St. Philip's College (SPC) Student Government Association Election for 2022-2023 ended on March 31, 2022. The slate of officers for the 2022-2023 academic year are: Val Morin-President, Tony Sanders-VP-SWC, Tristan Moy-Treasurer, Alayna Morgado-Secretary, Briana Lazcano-Historian and Matt Ramos-Parliamentarian.

## Performance Excellence



### SPC Named 'Most Promising Place to Work'

St. Philip's College (SPC) was chosen as one of 24 community colleges in the nation named, "Most Promising Place to Work 2022" by Diverse Magazine. With a focus on workplace diversity, staffing practices and work environment, the research team uses a web-based survey approach to examine categories such as family friendliness, salary/benefits and professional development opportunities in determining the list. Northwest Vista College, Northeast Lakeview College and San Antonio College were also listed. [Full story here.](#)



### SPC Promotes Students with GM ASEP Training to Remote Locations

Ben Birkenfeld, GM ASEP Program Director, representing St. Philip's College (SPC) Automotive Technology General Motors Automotive Service Education Program (GM ASEP) met with representatives from General Motors dealerships in Austin and other remote locations that do not currently have a GM ASEP accessible to them. The meeting focused on strategies that would allow the GM ASEP at SPC to meet their business needs by supplying entry level, GM-trained technicians.

### SPC WINTO Virtual Conference Featured Diva Q

St. Philip's College (SPC) staff and faculty volunteers: Dean Chris Beardsall, Manuel Navarro, Rebecca Cortez, Maria Zavala, Jerryl Lowe, Raquel Farias, Laurie Rodriguez, Donlee Wilson and John Haral hosted WINTO (Women in Non-Traditional Occupations) Virtual Conference on April 1. Keynote speaker, Diva Q, provided an inspirational and motivational presentation. The celebrity BBQ pitmaster joined SPC faculty panelist for a live Q&A, intended to make non-traditional occupations more accessible to women. Approximately 175 middle and high school students participated.

## Principle-Centered Leadership



### SPC and ACD Foundation Award \$12 Million to Students in Need

Through the student aid side of CARES, CRRSAA ARP and institutional funds, St. Philip's College (SPC) has awarded \$12.7 million in more than 11,400 awards to students either with direct aid or aid toward tuition balances.

### SPC Little Tigers Hunt for Easter Eggs

St. Philip's College (SPC) Faculty Senate hosted an Egg Hunt for the Little Tigers at the community garden. Children from SPC Child Development Center and their families engaged in exploration and fun in the newly-renovated garden.

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