



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
St. Philip's College

"A Point of Pride in the Community"

President's Newsletter

Winter 2018



The Baldrige Award was announced to great fanfare. Joining the district-wide celebration were, from left, Dr. Veronica Garcia, President of Northeast Lakeview College; Dr. Adelina Silva, Vice Chancellor for Student Success; Dr. Yvonne Katz, ACD Board of Trustee, Dist. 7; Dr. Robert Garza, President of Palo Alto College; Monica Scrapper, ACD Student Trustee; Joe Alderete Jr., ACD Board Vice-Chairman, District 1; Marcelo Casillas, ACD Board Chair, District 4; Dr. Adena Williams Loston, President of St. Philip's College; Dr. Ric Baser, President of Northwest Vista College; Dr. Gene Sprague, ACD Board of Trustee, District 6; Dr. Thomas Cleary, Vice Chancellor for Planning, Performance and Information Systems; Roberto Zarate, ACD Board of Trustee, District 5; Dr. Robert Vela, President of San Antonio College; Joe Jesse Sanchez, ACD Board Asst. Secretary, District 9; and Dr. Mike Flores, ACD Chancellor.

Alamo College District Earns Baldrige Award

U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross recently named Alamo Colleges District a 2018 recipient of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA), marking a significant milestone in the district's ongoing journey to be the nation's best in student success and performance excellence.

ACD was one of only five organizations to receive the award. "Each honoree strengthens our economy through its organizational excellence and positive impacts for its customers, students, patients, and employees. They exemplify the American spirit in action and are role models for success in business and commerce," Ross said. This elite designation is for



organizations that undergo a rigorous examination of their business processes using the internationally recognized best practice Baldrige Excellence Framework. I

Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Mike Flores said, "This award was made possible by the hard work and dedication of our outstanding faculty, administrators and staff who collaborated effectively for many years to bring us to this moment. There are no words to express the gratitude and pride that the board and myself feel as we celebrate the culmination of our efforts, which will benefit our students, our organization and our community for years to come."



President's Message



I feel the earth move under my feet. That's a good thing at St. Philip's College!

We've broken ground on a new building. In an Oct. 4 ceremony, we turned the soil on the Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Center of Excellence. Once completed, it will provide our students with state-of-the-art facilities and equipment to support San Antonio's tourism, hospitality and culinary industry.

Norris Technical Building has already been vacated in preparation of a major renovation. The \$22 million project will bring the building up to the 21st Century needs of contemporary and future students. The building was named for Dr. Clarence W. Norris, Sr., who served under founding president Artemisia Bowden from 1944 and led the college from 1961 to 1969.

The NTB and THCA projects are a part of the 2017 Capital Improvement bond approved by Bexar County voters. Other projects include a \$20 million addition to Southwest Campus to upgrade and expand welding and auto body programs (2019) and \$10 million replacement of the Bowden Building and Campus Center (2021).

The next groundbreaking, in the coming months, will launch the wellness center project with the objective of replacing our current more than 70-year-old building. It has served us well, but it is one of the oldest facilities in the Alamo Colleges District. This \$16 million new construction is critical to providing students with space for wellness, kinesiology and recreation and is funded by U.S. Department of Education, Title III funds.

Our path to the future is clear and we are already underway.

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

Keiko Stanberry: La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholar

A student leader is the recipient of a scholarship for giving back while inspiring and leading.

Keiko Stanberry, pursuing an associate of science degree with a goal of practicing as a dental hygienist, earned a \$500 La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholarship in August 2018.

"This school is outstanding for the students and the community. Thank you so much for investing in my future," Stanberry said.

The foundation invests in San Antonio through scholarships for youth and adults who desire post-secondary education and are confronted with financial hardships. Through donations from sponsors, the foundation has awarded in excess of \$2.7 million to area students.

In addition to earning a 3.77 grade point average, Stanberry markets the SPC brand experience. She is a Student Engagement Grant recipient and president of the college's Spirit and Pride Crew.

As commissioner for the college's Student Government Association, Stanberry represents the voices of 13,000 students.

As a student advocate for BAE-B-SAFE, a pregnancy prevention awareness project of Healthy Futures of Texas funded by the Federal Youth Services Bureau for community college students, Stanberry educates her peers on responsibility and safety. Stanberry participated as a researcher in Jessica's Project to address health concerns that benefit some of the city's most vulnerable.

Two St. Philip's College students are recipients of the scholarship each year, explained Dr. Angela McPherson Williams.

For details on nominating SPC students for 2019, contact the college's director of student success at (210) 486-2090, awilliams284@alamo.edu.



Keiko Stanberry, pursuing an associate of science degree with a career goal of practicing as a dental hygienist, was named La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholar in August 2018. She accepted the honor and a \$500 scholarship with Dr. Loston during an Alamo Colleges District Board meeting.



Stanberry is active advocate for students and community causes, including BAE-B-SAFE, a pregnancy prevention awareness program.



Stanberry was named Homecoming Queen 2018 and will represent St. Philip's College at various college and community events throughout the year.

SPC breaks ground on \$30 million tourism, culinary building



Dr. Loston (center) broke ground on the new Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Building, part of the capital improvement plans approved by Bexar County voters. Dr. Loston turned the soil with, from left, Monica Scaper, Alamo Colleges District Student Trustee; Chris Beardsall, Dean for Academic Success, Applied Science & Technology; Mark Metcalfe, President of Dr. Loston's Advisory Board; Dr. Yvonne Katz, ACD Board of Trustee, Dist. 7; John Strybos, Associate Vice Chancellor for Facilities; Dr. Gene Sprague, ACD Board of Trustee; Lacy Hampton, Vice President for College Services; Loston; Dr. Mike Flores, ACD Chancellor; Joe Alderete Jr., ACD Board Vice-Chairman, District 1; Denver McClendon, Board of Trustee, District 2; Mary Kunzel, THCA instructor; Chef Johnny Hernandez; Chef Will Thornton; THCA Chair; and Randall Dawson, Vice President for Academic Success.

St. Philip's College's Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Center of Excellence construction project started with a groundbreaking ceremony.

The 61,000 square foot, four-story facility will include five teaching kitchens and two commercial kitchen labs. The building will contain two restaurants. The 1898 Café on the first floor will serve American cuisine. Artemisia's, cantilevered from the north end of the building and wrapped in floor-to-ceiling glass for dramatic views of the downtown skyline, is where the most advanced students will hone their skills by planning, preparing and serving four-course meals.

Chef Johnny Hernandez, president of Grupo La Gloria and chair of the college's culinary arts advisory team, said "This is a transformational day for our industry in San Antonio because the new facility will rival any program in the country."

The architect of record for the tourism building project is Page Southerland Page, Inc.; the contractor is Skanska USA. Read more about that project at the Page Southerland Page, Inc. web page [Creating Space to Learn: New Culinary Arts Facility to Open](#). Find images from the event on Instagram : www.instagram.com/gospc.

Two performances earn accolades from theater community

Last year's "All My Sons" and "Bubbling Brown Sugar" earned Alamo Theatre Arts Council's Globe Awards for Areli Noriega (Supporting Actress: All My Sons), Azarely Velasquez (Supporting Actress: All My Sons) and Leonard Lopez (Choreography of a Musical: Bubbling Brown Sugar).

Vincent Hardy leads the theater company in his capacity as the new-for-2018 chair of the college's Fine Arts Department. "To my knowledge

there has never been a dual Globes nomination for SPC Theater. It is an accomplishment worthy of celebration. I am excited because for both shows we had a team of actors, designers, crew, musicians, choreographers and dancers who created two memorable theatrical experiences for audiences," said Hardy, adding, "I could not be more proud, and at the same time I think the upcoming season programming is among our most innovative.

"The season includes a reimaged version of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana" ---one composer's iconic cantata about relationships, excess and the fickle nature of fate.

The 2019 theater lineup includes rehearsals and a free full performance of the San Antonio Symphony's Concert (210) series on Feb. 2 at 8 p.m. a special performance for area schoolchildren will take place on Feb. 1 at 11 a.m.

International gastronomy educators come together at SPC

St. Philip's College recently hosted an international economic development program for the world's hospitality professionals and students led by hospitality professions schools in the Western Hemisphere.

The IV International Congress of Gastronomy Educators was a weekend program of globally-minded academic presentations and hands-on learning that merged with the college's Flavor in San Antonio Symposium. Local chefs accompanied 125 prospective chefs through what the culinary environment and experience is like under the sponsorship of the Johnny Hernandez Foundation's KitchenCampus.Org.

The 2018 Gastronomic Meeting of the Americas was the first this organization has held in the United States. Previously, it's been held in Colombia (2011), Brazil (2012), Mexico (2017)--and back to Brazil in 2019. College faculty and leaders, including Dr. Adena Williams Loston, attended the 2017 event at Cancun's



The international gastronomy conference exposed culinary students and educators from across the Western Hemisphere to international cuisine, and more importantly, Texas BBQ. Dr. Loston held a welcome reception for the visitors from Mexico, Brazil and Colombia.

Universidad Tecnológica to sell the group on a visit to San Antonio.

award-winning high school culinary teacher Chef Johnny Stewart on Oct. 21.

Two highlights of this year's event were the Student Practicum for International and Local Students, where high school culinary students partook in the Flavor in San Antonio experience with Chefs Geronomo Lopez and Steve McQue on Oct. 20, and a seminar themed, "The Art of Texas BBQ" by college alumnus, faculty member and

San Antonio is a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, elevating its global visibility as a leader among culinary destinations. SPC hospitality programs typically graduate 100 students annually. Many of those graduates go on to contribute to the region's \$4 million tourism and hospitality industry.

Alicia Perry named White House scholar

When leadership of the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities announced its first cohort of HBCU Competitiveness Scholars in September, one SPC student was selected.

Sociology student, Alicia Perry, is the college's first HBCU Competitiveness Scholar, ready for a season of giving back as one of the few community college-level students in the cohort.

As a student, Perry's campus engagement consists of serving on two student organizations. She is vice president for the Spirit and Pride Crew and is a member of the I AM WOMAN team.

Off-campus, civic involvement includes the Drug Free Communities Coalition, Suit Up Mentor Program, Communities and Schools Mentorship Program and Parent Teacher Association. New for 2018, Perry is a

member of the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.'s San Antonio Ruth Jones McClendon Section, and the San Antonio Independent School District Leadership Council.

Every White House HBCU Competitiveness Scholar has an agenda, and Perry is no exception.

"The project I proposed to work on for the White House Initiative for Historically Black Colleges is called Break the Cycle, Achieve the Dream. I plan to work with area high schools, community organizations and other partners, promoting higher education to students as young as middle school ... to inform students and their families about the overall benefit of attending early college high school and community college," Perry concluded.



White House HBCU scholar Alicia Perry is a sociology student with an eye on the role higher education plays in uplifting society.

Homecoming 2018



Ms. St. Philip's, Keiko Stanberry, left, and Mr. St. Philip's, Cedric Dickerson, right, took home high honors during the Homecoming Dance 2018. First runners-up are Mr. Camron Ellis and Ms. Dorothy "Dora" Tarpeh. Second runners-up are Mr. LeArthur Lee and Ms. Felicia Campos. Grant Hernandez was named Mr. SPC-ECHS/Dual Credit and Amirah Perry was named Ms. SPC-ECHS/Dual Credit.

Attendees included current SPC students, alumni, family, friends and stakeholders. 105 year old Gertha Murphy, SPC's oldest alumna was among the honorees.



Homecoming Week celebrations included party, pep rallies, a door decorating contest, a social, bowling, basketball games and a formal dance. SPC employees and students at Southwest Campus took a group photo to mark the occasion.

Christopher Tanner: PTK Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar

Christopher Tanner, in his second year as an advanced manufacturing program student, was awarded the 2018 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar award.

Intended for a scholar who has demonstrated both leadership and scholarship but has not yet earned a college credential, the \$1000 award assists new members in obtaining an associate degree while encouraging them to participate in honor society programs.

"Everything I'm doing is in preparation for the future. I want to own my own company. The field I'm in is very expensive. It's the type of million dollar business startup you don't hear about these days," said Tanner. "Robotics is the future. There will be more of it, and to be on the front lines will be cool and so much fun. I'm excited to be part of it," said Tanner.

St. Philip's College faculty member John Haral is chair of the advanced manufacturing program.

Haral explained, "Walmart ... Continental Motors in Seguin, Amazon,



Christopher Tanner

Cott Beverages, Vision Works... are looking for the same type of outstanding college-educated technician Toyota employs. Although Texas FAME sponsors a limited and growing number of people, the demand for the same college-educated technician is very big within other companies. We are trying to align more manufacturing programs at our college with our AMT program, and we are in the process of building that pathway."

Tanner is the first honor society student in the parallel program to earn the Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar award.

SPC student earns \$15,000 Whataburger scholarship



Debra Kemp

Cosmetology entrepreneur, Debra Kemp, has a 10-year history of small cosmetology startups. She is both the college's first student entrepreneur and first African American student to become a recipient of the Whataburger Scholarship by Tom Dobson, owner of Whataburger, through the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation.

After earning her GED, Kemp sought college-level education from time to time while she ran a business. She arrived at SPC in 2017.

"Because St. Philip's College has many resources and connections, those things played major parts in making this my home campus," Kemp said. "I'm in the business and entrepreneurship program ... to see how I can enhance skills that already exist so that I can empower others in a business within the Promise Zone of San Antonio."

Find Kemp's name at the Texas Business Hall of Fame Foundation online posting 2018 Scholarship Recipients.

"Hidden Figures" Author Visits



Margot Lee Shetterly, author of Hidden Figures, regaled the audience with stories of African American women who were successful in STEM fields. Guests for her lecture included college and high school students pursuing math and science education and local STEM professionals.



Three named Presidential Scholars



Nicholas Lokey



Dorothy Tarpeh



Virginia Tovar

Three 2018 St. Philip's College Dr. Adena Williams Loston Presidential Scholarship Award recipients were introduced during a reception at Artemisia's. The cohort includes Nicholas Lokey (automotive technology and 2017 scholar), Dorothy Tarpeh (licensed vocational nurse) and Virginia Tovar (physical therapy assistant). All are members of the college's honor society. Lokey, a ranch hand and an automotive technician at Chaparral Ford, gives back through service with the organization Pedal Against PTSD, assisting with bike repairs and reconditioning as needed for veterans who cycle to heal.

Tarpeh personally serves meals at San Antonio Food Bank, and assists in sorting and packaging food for distribution. She also maintains the garden where fresh vegetables are grown for

clients in need. She is a patient care aide at Northeast Baptist Hospital.

Tovar interns as a physical therapy assistant in the city. She gives back to her community year round from the Food Bank to the Special Olympics through her physical therapy assistant student association membership.

Each recipient was awarded a scholarship based on a high GPA and an eight-month commitment to participate in a community service project. Each 2018 St. Philip's College Presidential Scholarship recipient receives \$1,500 in the fall semester and \$1,500 in the spring semester for a total of \$3,000, and one-to-one access to Dr. Loston for mentorship.

SPC faculty member recognized as 'World Class' technician

Ben Birkenfeld, an automotive technology program instructor and SPC grad, recently earned two credentials -- the General Motors Master Technician and the GM World Class Technician Award.

"GM World Class Technician within General Motors is the highest certification a technician can achieve," said Birkenfeld. "Most technicians attempt it and fail. In my time here, I was able to obtain 80 percent of my GM Training through our GM ASEP Degree Program.

"After I graduated from St. Philip's College in 2010, I continued my training. I had to get my Automotive Service Excellence Certification, which is a written test in all eight of those same categories in order to become a GM Master Tech," he explained.

Persistence and completion have both been hallmarks of Birkenfeld's journey to

technical superstardom. He stands as an inspiration to colleagues and students.

"The test is offered worldwide, and only after you complete an assessment in each category do you become GM World Class. I was fortunate to pass all eight on my first attempt. Very few techs achieve this status. I am one of only a few ASEP Instructors at any college to hold GM World Class status," said Birkenfeld.

Shaun Smith, chair of the college's Automotive Technology department, said of Birkenfeld, "He was working at a GM dealership, and that is where he got most of it [the GM skill]. All of us [faculty] are like that, in that we can all work at a shop at a high level," Smith said. "He is home grown, an alumnus, now living in Marion, and he graduated from Marion High School."

SPC's automotive technology program was a finalist for the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board's Texas Higher Education Star Award program in 2017. Smith credits Birkenfeld as one of the contributors to that status.

"This journey has been years in the making for Ben. I think what he wants to do is to pursue a bachelor's degree to further his education on that side. He feels like he's on the top of his game in his technical education," said Smith.

SPC's 61-year-old Automotive Technology program is the hub of college level auto technology training within San Antonio's multibillion-dollar auto sales and service industry.



Dr. Loston, shown here with Dr. Janet Realign, Founder of Healthy Futures of Texas (left), Alamo Colleges District board member Joe Jesse Sanchez (right) and ACD Chancellor Dr. Mike Flors, was honored with the "Dr. Janet Realini Trailblazer Award" by Healthy Futures of Texas during the organization's Luncheon with the Stars for her support and advocacy. Loston was the first ever to receive the award.

Upcoming Events

Jan. 21, MLK march

Black History Month Events

Feb. 1, 11 a.m. San Antonio Symphony

Feb. 2, 8 p.m. San Antonio Symphony

Feb. 4, 11 a.m. BHM Kickoff — SWC

Feb. 7, 11 a.m. Kimberly Hopkins Art Exhibit, Morgan Gallery

Feb. 28, Soul Food Taste

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