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***New York Times* Best Seller author Morgan Jerkins to visit Palo Alto College during Black History Month**

Alamo Colleges District-Palo Alto College will host award-winning author Morgan Jerkins on Thursday, Feb. 21, as part of the College's annual Black History Month celebration. Jerkins will share her experience as a writer during a free presentation at 11 a.m. in the College's Ozuna Library and Learning Center.

Jerkins' collection of essays, *This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in (White) America*, was a *New York Times* bestseller in 2018 and was named one of the Most Anticipated Books of 2018 by Esquire, Elle, Vogue, Nylon, and many more. The essays interweave her incisive commentary on pop culture, feminism, and black history with her own experiences of being a black woman in America.

With a bachelor's degree in comparative literature from Princeton University and a Master of Fine Arts from the Bennington College, Jerkins formerly served as an associate editor at *Catapult* and is an adjunct assistant professor at Columbia University's School of the Arts. Her short-form work on gender, race, and culture has been featured in publications such as *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Rolling Stone*, *ELLE*, *The New Republic*, and *The Atlantic*.

All 2019 Black History Month events are free and open to the public. All events are sponsored by Palo Alto College programs including the Office of Student Life, Working Writers Series Committee, and the Student Activities Fee.

Palo Alto College, part of the Alamo Colleges District, is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and a recipient of the 2015 Texas Award for Performance Excellence, a finalist for the 2016 Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, and a top 10 finalist for the 2019 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence. With over 10,000 students, Palo Alto College is accredited to offer associate degrees and short-term certificates. The College is located on the south side of San Antonio at 1400 W. Villaret Blvd. at I-410 and Texas Hwy 16 and online at alamo.edu/pac.

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