

President's Message

Greetings friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students.



Thanks to all of our wonderful friends and supporters, St. Philip's College has grown in its ability to provide student scholarships.

With 77 percent of our students requiring financial assistance, fundraising becomes essential. This year our Annual Golf Tournament, the 70's Soul Train Alumni Scholarship Dance and the Annual Women's History Luncheon helped strengthen our coffers. Not to mention a necktie auction at our Good to Great management planning retreat, which raised more than \$4,500.

And it is all for a good cause, student success. This year the success has manifested itself in many ways—our May graduation was the largest ever, with 410 students crossing the stage to receive more than 975 degrees and certificates. We proudly paraded our first graduates in power generation and alternative energy, earth science and environmental science. Our GED program held its first graduation ceremony and also established the first GED (pre) class with the San Antonio Lighthouse for the Blind.

Our program offerings continue to grow. We offer a new Associate of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering, a new Associate of Arts in Earth Science and Natural Energy Resources and a new Associate of Arts in Statistics. A Network Security Analyst program has been added, and a chemistry research assistant program is in development.

As our efforts to better prepare our students grow, so do our efforts to upgrade our facilities. This year we added 10 Smart Classrooms and new college-wide signage. Television monitors across campus enable us to publicize student events through attractive digital signage, and our highly successful LVN program added four high fidelity patient simulators.

We continue to grow. And we want you, our loyal supporters, to grow with us. As always, I extend a warm invitation for you to come by and visit our beautiful campus and students. Our door is always open.

Best Regards,

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President



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President's Newsletter

Governor Perry Signs Veterans' Bill at St. Philip's College

SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston hosted a senate bill signing ceremony at St. Philip's College on Thursday, July 14.

Texas Governor Rick Perry signed Senate Bill 1736, which establishes the College Credit for Heroes Program that provides academic credit for military experience, education and training obtained in military service. The bill was sponsored by Sen. Leticia Van de Putte and Rep. Joaquin Castro.

"We are so fortunate to have leadership at the state level that is adamantly supportive of the tremendous amount of talent and experience that our military veterans bring to higher education," said Dr. Loston. "Senator Van de Putte, State Representative Joaquin Castro and State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon are to be commended for their strong advocacy on behalf of our veterans."



"We are also proud of the work done by our Veterans Affairs Coordinator Javier Barron, who testified at hearings that led to this bill coming to fruition."

Speakers at the event included Dr. Loston, Texas Workforce Commissioner Ronnie Congleton, Sen. Van de Putte and Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie. Present at the event were a number of representatives of veterans' organizations, including T.P.

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125th Commencement the Greatest Ever

The 125th St. Philip's College commencement ceremony May 6 at Freeman Coliseum featured the largest class of graduates ever and an exhilarating student keynote address by Juan Sepúlveda, director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic-Americans in the Obama administration. The college awarded more than 975 degrees and certificates to nearly 700 students, with 410 students marching across the stage.

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From left: Alamo Colleges Chancellor Bruce Leslie; SPC President Adena Loston; SPC Faculty Senate President George Johnson; keynote speaker Juan Sepulveda; and Trustees Blakely Fernandez, Denver McClendon and Marcelo Casillas.

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Governor Perry

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O'Mahoney, Chairman of the Texas Veterans Commission and students from the Military Training and Education Campus at Fort Sam Houston.

Governor Perry visited St. Philip's College in June 2010 to speak on the subject that eventually became Senate Bill 1736.

In his comments, Governor Perry said that "this bill will help us to repay the enormous debt we Texans owe our veterans. The bill will help educators and veterans take advantage of the valuable and untapped experience that our veterans bring and help them to graduate more quickly."

Senator Van de Putte, chair of the Senate Committee on Veteran's Affairs, said that "our goal is to make Texas number one in the country for active duty military and their families."



125th Commencement

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"Congratulations on behalf of Education Department Secretary Arne Duncan, and President Obama!" the cheering graduates heard seconds into the address from Sepúlveda, a lawyer and San Antonio resident who works for the U.S. Department of Education Washington, D.C.

"St. Philip's College is an incredible institution. The president is so proud of everything you have done. You have helped the president. He's looking forward to helping you in the future," the students heard from Sepúlveda.

Thirty-five percent of the college's students are the first from their families to attend college, said Sepúlveda, in a comment that graduates and family members identified with.

"Graduation changes everything. I was the first to go to college in my family. My mother sacrificed for me to go to college. We can never

125th St. Philip's College commencement ceremony speaker Juan Sepúlveda (right), with student invocation speaker Meagan Kathleen McGeachin, student speaker Lovelace T. Kidd, Jr., and Faculty Senate President George Johnson.

thank our families enough. Tell the next set of students to reach as high as you have, for your families and your community," Sepúlveda said.

Sepúlveda concluded by celebrating the diversity of the college's student body, asking students to rise and accept cheers if they were the first to attend college, if any spoke languages other than English, if any had to work or take care of family members, or all who had to pay for college themselves. Quickly, the special section reserved for graduates was on its feet. Sepúlveda had connected with and inspired the students, before they proceeded onstage to accept their diplomas and certificates.

Music for the commencement ceremony was provided by SPC's Academy of Fine Arts' San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble.



President's Lecture Series Features Freedom Riders

An overflow Watson Fine Arts Center audience witnessed a presentation by two of the original 1961 Mississippi Freedom Riders who were teenagers and front-line activists during the civil rights struggle.

The President's Lecture Series program on June 16 began with a proclamation praising their actions, which was read by State Rep. Ruth Jones McClendon. A welcome for Patricia Dilworth and Hezekiah Watkins followed. Before the lecture, history and government students benefitted from classroom visits by the pair.

Watkins brought a unique message to youth in attendance at the lecture because he was one of the youngest teenagers (age 13) in the 1961 Freedom Rides, making him among the youngest of the living original Freedom Riders. Dilworth was only 18 at the time, and both can see the results of their efforts.



"Look around at the blacks, whites, males and females here five decades later. I'm surprised it took so long, five decades, to get there. It's a continuous job, like a marriage you work with and mold every day. If you don't, you're going to slip," Watkins summarized for a reporter.

"I was very surprised at the positive reception, even based on the receptions Freedom Riders

Freedom Riders Patricia Dilworth and Hezekiah Watkins packed the house for the President's Lecture Series on June 16.

have received at other colleges during our 50th anniversary observance," an earnest Watkins reflected once his fans had exited the theater lobby. "It was so organized here. Each person, little kids, walked up to me telling me how I said something that got their attention and inspired them. I said to myself, 'they're here to see and hear what we have to say.' I'm really touched here."

The Original Mississippi Freedom Riders questioned and challenged the use of race-specific waiting rooms, restrooms and lunch counters in America's train depots, airports and bus stations. As a result, many of them were jailed, including the Riders who lectured at SPC.

The Freedom Riders presentation was part of St. Philip's College's observance of Juneteenth, which also included a game sponsorship and fireworks celebration at a San Antonio Missions baseball game on June 18.



Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees members Joe Alderete, Roberto Zárate, SPC President Adena Loston and Chancellor Bruce Leslie led the ribbon-cutting at the dedication of the Centers of Excellence.

SPC Celebrates Opening of Centers of Excellence

More than 150 industry, education and civic leaders celebrated the grand opening ceremony for new science, math and alternative energy facilities at the Southwest Campus of St. Philip's College on April 26.

The \$17 million Center of Excellence for Science, the Center of Excellence for Mathematics, and the Alternative Energy Laboratories were built through federal funding to increase the number of community college students pursuing careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) degrees.

The event featured a ribbon-cutting ceremony and a tour of the facilities. Participants included students, parents, faculty, industry, vendors, government officials and residents of surrounding communities.

SPC President Dr. Adena Loston, along with Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie, Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees Joe Alderete and Roberto Zárate, Port San Antonio President and CEO Bruce Miller and CPS Energy President and CEO Doyle Benez provided remarks. Ramiro Cavazos, chairman of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, made a donation to St. Philip's College during the program.

"This event was an education and outreach opportunity to show San Antonians affordable

new paths to jobs in the science, technology, engineering, math and green technology fields," said Dr. Jo Dee Duncan, Director of the Center of Excellence for Science.

The centers and laboratories evolved from SPC President Loston's vision for enhanced efforts in STEM areas and were funded through Title III and College Cost Reduction Act (CCRA) funds from the Department of Education. The college opened the 45,000-square-foot centers and the lab in 2010.

An adjacent 10,000-square-foot library to support student and faculty needs at the Southwest Campus opened in 2011.



Ruth Dalrymple, vice president for academic affairs, received the Human Resources Service Star award from Associate Vice Chancellor Linda Boyer-Orwens. At left is SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston.

SPC Lead Alamo Colleges Institution for Gates Foundation Grant for Student Success

Five Texas community colleges are collaborating as part of a national effort to devise and share new approaches to help more young people obtain a degree, certificate or credential. The schools will share a \$500,000 planning grant to launch the five-year "Completion by Design" project in Texas.

Participating colleges include Lone Star College System as the managing partner along with Alamo Colleges, Dallas Community College District, El Paso Community College and South Texas College. St. Philip's College will be the pilot institution for the Alamo Colleges.

The "Texas Completion by Design" colleges are among those chosen from four states for the national Completion by Design project, which is supported by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The colleges were selected for their innovative ideas on improving the completion rates after a rigorous competition that was announced last October at the White House Summit on Community Colleges.

"St. Philip's is proud to be participating in this innovative project committed to improvements in student success," said SPC President Adena Williams Loston. "Student success is our reason for existence, so this award is especially gratifying," she added.

Christina Cortez, Student Success Team Leader, is the coordinator for St. Philip's College.

Completion by Design seeks to build on proven student success practices at community colleges focusing on financial aid counseling, course scheduling and advising.

According to the Gates Foundation, community colleges serve nearly 11 million students nationally, including many older and part-time students. Completion rates are low, with federal data citing that just 22 percent of first-time, full-time students in community college graduate in three years. For Hispanics and African-Americans, the rates are even lower, at 17 percent and 14 percent.

In Texas, only 10 percent of seventh-grade Hispanic students complete a college credential within six years after scheduled high school graduation. Seventy-one percent of all Hispanic enrollments in higher education in Texas are in community colleges.

During Phase I of the program, representatives from each partner school will review best practices, create a model pathway to completion and design the implementation of the program, which will set the stage for further funding.

Welding Certification Testing Facility Earns Recognition

St. Philip's College has been recognized as the first community college in Texas to operate as an Accredited Testing Facility (ATF) for American Welding Society (AWS) welding certification applicants.

During the April 19 regular meeting of the Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees, John L. Mendoza, American Welding Society President, presented a certificate of recognition to St. Philip's College, site of the society's first-ever accredited test facility at a community college in Texas. The society is responsible for welding certification as well as facility accreditation worldwide.

The staff at the college's test facility has trained and tested four classes of 10 candidates for certification to practice in the welding industry since November, and the first successful applicant received his AWS certification card on Nov. 30. Twelve students have since received certification at the SPC facility.

St. Philip's College is joining a global network of 80-plus AWS facilities certifying the world's welders to the safest standards, explained Mendoza. "It's a certification that is recognized on every continent."

"The applicants who were trained and tested at our college made Texas workforce education history when they tested for certification at our campus," said Jose A. Ybarra, chair of the repair and manufacturing department which administers the welding program and the certification.

St. Philip's College Welding Facility Makes History!

The accreditation for the facility at the college was made possible through a Texas Workforce Commission Skills Certificate Attainment grant. Of nearly 90 test facilities worldwide, only three are in Texas.

The SPC welding program has 176 students and a 90 percent job placement rate. All candidates for testing and certification are welcome to contact the college to enroll for testing within the repair and manufacturing department labs at the college's Southwest Campus at 800 Quintana Road. For information call (210) 486-7060.



Dr. Adena Williams Loston and members of the college's leadership team receive recognition from Quality Texas Foundation. From left: Ruth Dahrymple, vice president for academic affairs; Sonya Valdez, coordinator for measurement and evaluation; Dr. Karen Sides, dean of interdisciplinary studies; Dr. Loston; Lacy Hampton, vice president for college services; Dr. Sherry Lang, vice president for student success; and Mecca Salahuddin, director of institutional research, planning, and effectiveness.

SPC Continues Quest, Recognized by Quality Texas Foundation Again

St. Philip's College continues its quest for quality improvement in all its processes and programs. During 2010 the school prepared an application for the Texas Award for Performance Excellence (TAPE). SPC was recognized for its efforts at the Texas Quest for Excellence Conference June 27-28 in Irving with the Achievement Level, which acknowledges St. Philip's College for encouraging and recognizing excellence.

The Foundation recognized the college's achievement for "Well-deployed, effective, systematic approaches to organizational management, with good performance levels and trends evaluated against industry standards."

The school received the Engagement Level recognition in 2010.

The planning effort for quality recognition effort is spearheaded by SPC President Loston, in conjunction with the leadership team.

Phi Theta Kappa Chapter is Named Among the Top 100 Chapters Internationally

The Phi Theta Kappa chapter at St. Philip's College is reaping honors after years of hard work. It is among the top 100 chapters in the Hallmark Awards competition, an honor that PTK determines by averaging each chapter's score for the Distinguished College Project category, the Distinguished Honors in Action category and Community Service.

The College Project recognizes chapters'

implementation of outstanding College Projects as part of the Five Star Chapter Development Plan, which is designed to establish a supportive relationship between the chapter and the college administration. SPC's Psi Kappa Chapter's College Project was educating new and returning students about ACES-Banner. Members of the chapter disseminated information in the commons area, answered questions, provided process steps and provided free drinks.

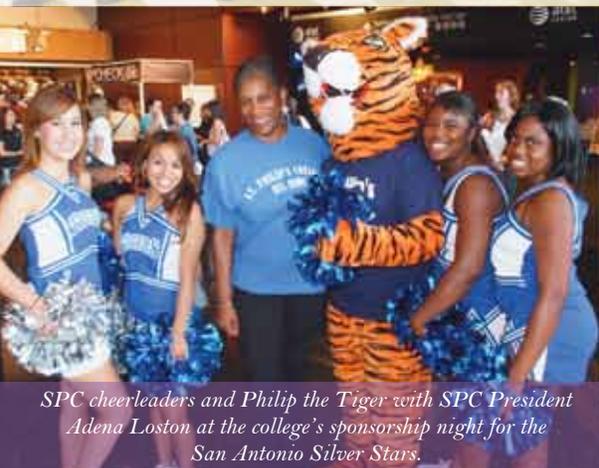
The Distinguished Honors in Action category relates to the Honors Study Topic, The Democratization of Information: Power, Peril, and Promise. Honors in Action is an undertaking that provide opportunities for learning and growth in the Society's Hallmarks--Scholarship, Leadership, Service and Fellowship. The Psi Kappa chapter studied the technology issue, exploring the digital divide and how technology helped to fill or create it.

The final area of consideration was community service. The chapter provided a total of 910 service hours during the spring semester.

SPC - San Antonio Silver Stars Sponsorship Night



SPC leadership, Presidential Scholars, and Student Engagement Grant recipients.



SPC cheerleaders and Philip the Tiger with SPC President Adena Loston at the college's sponsorship night for the San Antonio Silver Stars.

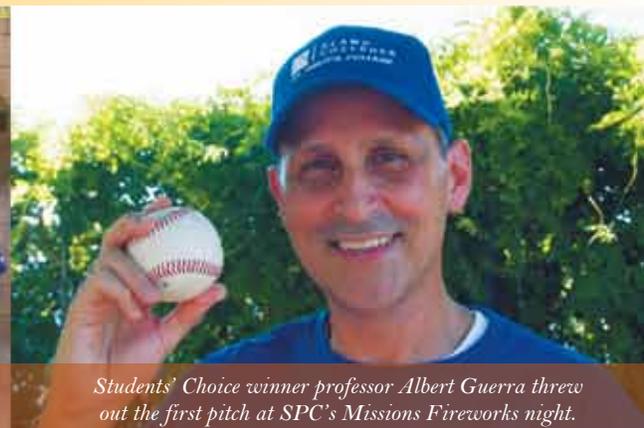


Dr. Loston, Silver Stars players and Girls, Inc. at Silver Stars Etiquette Dinner.

St. Philip's College - Teams Up...



Different SPC program promoters turned out in full force at the San Antonio Missions Juneteenth fireworks game.



Students' Choice winner professor Albert Guerra threw out the first pitch at SPC's Missions Fireworks night.

SPC - San Antonio Missions Fireworks Night

The SPC Leadership Team and featured program representatives wave to the crowd at the Missions ballgame on June 18.



SPC Offering New Network Security Program

Enrollment has started for an online/on-campus network security administrator academic program which offers students National Security Agency certifications upon completion.

The program's curriculum has received 100 percent certification from the federal Committee on National Security Systems for a five-year period effective April 13. The formal titles of the two certifications are Information Systems Security (INFOSEC) Professionals NSTISSI No. 4011, and Senior Systems Managers CNSSI No. 4012. Students graduating from the college's network security associate degree and certificate programs during this period will be authorized to add the two agency credentials to their resumes.

"Our students will pay less to graduate with some of the top and best-paid credentials in the information technology industry, along with the broad knowledge and skills required for transfer to a four-year college. The program is offered in online-hybrid or face-to-face formats. We also offer our associate degree students a transfer agreement with Texas A&M University-San Antonio," said information technology faculty member Haydar Thomas Sahin. Sahin developed the curriculum and coordinated both courseware certifications for the college.

The certifications are also a premium upgrade for the college's network security administrator program for high school students. Under an agreement with Harlandale High School, the college will admit 14 Harlandale graduates into the network security program.

To obtain information on St. Philip's College network information administrator security degrees, certificates and certifications, contact Haydar Thomas Sahin at hsahin@alamo.edu.

Income Tax Assistance Center Helps Community

St. Philip's College students processed \$5.9 million in 2010 refunds for clients through the college's 2011 federal income tax preparation service.

College volunteers prepared returns for 2,964 local clients, said site leader and college business faculty member Kenneth Bankston. The number eclipsed the site's previous record of \$3.6 million in refunds set in 2009. New 2011 client services that will carry over to 2012 include Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program training sessions and asset-and wealth-building education services.

"We insured a conducive environment for our first ventures in classroom instruction for volunteer tax preparers, internship and scholarship service students this year," said Bankston. "Our core staff focused on providing a broad new mix of tax and financial assistance, and this was well received. Together we set college records for customer and community service, and we are recruiting core staff for the 2012 team now."

The students trained during winter holidays to prepare the site for returning and new clients. Volunteers each provided 16-20 or more hours per week in the center or off-campus distributing information to potential clients in workforce centers.

The 17-year-old SPC Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program site serves clients earning \$55,000 annually or less and has averaged 1,700 tax returns annually. The preparation service is free of charge on a first come-first served basis with the college providing space, computers, IRS-certified volunteer personnel and equipment.

The VITA site volunteers attended the 9th Annual VITA Recognition Dinner on Tuesday, May 17. Among the volunteers were SPC's three Student Engagement Grant recipients: Abby Mohammed, Kissiebabe Trejo, and Angelica Courtney. Of the 32 VITA sites in San Antonio, the St. Philip's College site prepares the most returns. United Way of San Antonio and Bexar County recognized each of the volunteers with an Internal Revenue Certificate.

Good to Great Retreat Addresses Institutional Effectiveness

More than ninety St. Philip's College employees participated in the college's fourth annual Good to Great retreat on May 18 and 19 and June 15.

The goal of the gathering was to refine the College's strategic plan utilizing the Baldrige framework for organizational excellence. During the first meeting in May, faculty, staff and administrators performed an environmental scan, completed a SWOT analysis (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats), reviewed institutional goals, and began developing strategic action plans as well as a College Scorecard.

During the June follow-up meeting, the group began flowcharting the College's Core Processes, which will become an essential component of the college's continuous quality improvement efforts.

Currently, the college's leadership team is finalizing the College Level flowcharts of the institution's Core Processes, which will serve as a guide for the divisions and departments to further develop and refine process flows in their own areas. This activity will serve to align the College mission, vision and goals as well as strategic actions and key processes throughout the institution.



Tracy Shelton was a happy participant in the tie auction. More than \$4,500 for scholarships was raised during the retreat from fines, auctions and donations.

71 Year Old Completes SPC Massage Therapy Program

An Air Force veteran and family member holds the title as the oldest student to complete the 500-Hour Massage Therapy Certificate of Completion program at St. Philip's College.

Air Force veteran Marylyn Smith, 71, edges out the next oldest graduate, who was 62, said John S. Braxton, Continuing Education Specialist for the college's Academy of Health Career Training.

The road to alumni life for Smith was different from most of the college's 12,000 current students. Smith's status as the program's oldest student was not a topic of texting or conversation as she walked the stage in the college's 125th commencement ceremony May 6. The topic did arise three days later, when Smith began her required massage therapy practicum, which consists of providing 40 free massages as a student therapist in the college's popular program.

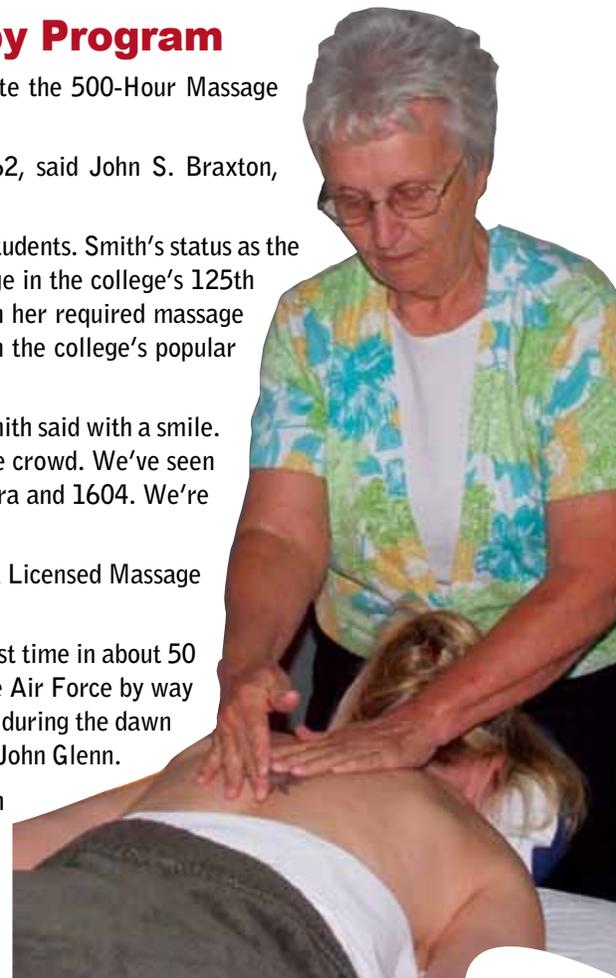
"I told people they were lying when they told me I was the oldest-ever in this program," Smith said with a smile. "The graduation ceremony was okay. I was next-to-last in line, promoting massages to the crowd. We've seen clients from Hondo, La Vernia, New Braunfels . . . and we had a lady come in from Culebra and 1604. We're so popular throughout the city at this time of the year."

The next professional challenge for Smith will be taking a national-level exam to become a Licensed Massage Therapist.

Born in Morgan City, La., in 1939, Smith said she is glad she returned to college for the first time in about 50 years. Smith attended a school for x-ray technicians for one year before she enlisted in the Air Force by way of Houston. A highlight of serving with the radiography team at Wilford Hall for 18 months during the dawn of the space race in the late 1950s was x-raying all six of the original astronauts, including John Glenn.

To enroll in the 500-Hour Massage Therapy program, contact the Academy of Health Career Training, Workforce Development and Continuing Education at (210) 486-2071.

Massage Therapy graduate Marylyn Smith at work. She is the oldest graduate of that program.



Invention by Alternative Energy and Power Generation Students Earns Third in USA, Best in Texas Ranking from SkillsUSA

Two members of the first St. Philip's College Alternative Energy and Power Generation associate degree program graduating class (Spring 2011) rank first in Texas and third nationally in a SkillsUSA competition for a portable solar power generator they co-invented as a sustainability solution while they were students at SPC.

Lawton Smith and Stephan Engel earned the 2011 bronze team award in the Sustainability Solutions Official Demonstration Contest after submitting their best-in-Texas rated portable solar power generator for examination by judges in the 2011 SkillsUSA national leadership and skills conference held in Kansas City, Mo., June 20–24.

SkillsUSA is a workforce evaluating organization which annually announces performance rankings of exceptional individual community college and high school students through separate competitions in 130 occupational areas.

Smith is completing an internship with solar firm Tierra Verde, and he is interested in



Stephan Engel (left) and Lawton Smith rank first in Texas and third nationally for a portable solar power generator they co-invented and demonstrated at a national SkillsUSA competition.

furthering his education through the wind technology program at Texas State Technical College. Engel completed an internship in electrical power, and has become a journeyman electrician with his father's firm.

Smith and Engel are the first from the college to place as a team at the state or national levels in a SkillsUSA official demonstration contest, and

the first in a green jobs event, which focuses on sustainability concepts as energy savings or green building processes, recycling, alternative fuels and alternative energy or power generation.

Smith and Engel are active SkillsUSA members enrolled in an academic program where green innovative technology techniques are standard. There were no SkillsUSA travel scholarships available, so the team paid their transportation and room and board in order to participate at the national championship in Missouri.

Engel and Smith and the college's green jobs academic programs have shaped how future SkillsUSA sustainability competitions will occur at the national level. Sustainability will continue as a national event in 2012.

For information on SkillsUSA at Alamo Colleges, contact Stacy Scott (210) 394-8580 and email her at stacyreneescott@hotmail.com.

Empowering Males Conference Held

St. Philip's College was the site of the Empowering Males to Build Opportunities for Developing Independence (EMBODI) Conference April 29 and 30. The conference was open to all and aimed to promote minority male empowerment and positive self-image for students ranging from third grade through college. More than 300 young males participated.

Journalist Cary Clack moderated a panel on the future of younger African-American men. District 2 Councilwoman Ivy Taylor and Precinct 4 County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson attended along with school board members from various school districts. These included Mr. Wayne Harper, board member, Judson ISD; Ms. Caprica Wells, assistant principal, Northeast ISD; and Mr. James

Howard, board member, San Antonio ISD. Community representatives included Mr. Nippy Betz and Mr. Smiley Williams.

Separate grade-level-appropriate EMBODI programs for students in grades 3-5, 6-8, 9-12 and college were held. During the separate programs, networking, informational and educational activities assisted these students with grade-appropriate reiteration or introduction of support programs, career options and opportunities.

The EMBODI program was presented by national service organization Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. St. Philip's College and Northeast Lakeview College.

St. Philip's College's participation in the EMBODI Conference was part of the college's on-going effort to enhance the success of men of color. The 5th Annual African-American Male Conference was held in conjunction with the event.



Men of Color of all ages posed proudly at the EMBODI conference.

2011 Summer Math and Science Programs Reach Capacity

The San Antonio Pre-freshman Engineering Program (PREP) Year-1 hosted at St. Philip's College's main campus and the college's Science and Math Summer Academy at the new Centers of Excellence for Science and Mathematics at the college's Southwest Campus are a registration success story, with both offerings totally enrolled by mid-May.

The math, science technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) based PREP program for 2011, a national program that was pioneered as a three-year course in San Antonio in 1979, is now part of a four-year course to groom students for success in STEM studies and related careers.

"It is important to encourage students to complete the rest of Year-1 Prep program and to influence our youth to matriculate into the PREP years 2 to 4," Site Director Dr. Gloria Guerra said.

The curriculum associated with Year-1 includes problem solving, logic and introduction to engineering, along with a research and career awareness component. Interested sixth through eleventh grade students can apply for PREP in the fall at www.prep-usa.org or by calling 485-2060.

The weekday Science and Math Summer Academy participants are middle school and high school students ages 11-15. Academy events take place Mondays-Thursdays July 11-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Groups of 10 students rotate through seminars in the Centers of Excellence labs on mathematics, alternative energy, biotechnology, probability, geometry, ecology, chemistry and helio-science, explained Dr. Carmen Nava-Fischer, associate director of the Center of Excellence for Science, who leads the camp.

"Our academy experience provides the elements necessary to promote the success of dozens of serious science and mathematics students, with access to outstanding facilities, curriculum and seminar faculty," said Dr. Jo Dee Duncan, director of the centers and the camp. "We are pleased that students of all ages are coming together at St. Philip's College to engage in project based learning and meet STEM role models from industry and academia this summer."

For information about STEM programs at St. Philip's call (210) 486-2470

STAFF COUNCIL OFFICERS, MEMBERS NAMED

St. Philip's College employees have elected staff council officers for the 2011-2012 academic year. They are: President, David Gomez; President-Elect, Yolanda Crooms; Secretary, Gina Jasso; Reporter, Ernest Gonzalez; Parliamentarian, Carrie Dixon; and Treasurer—Maria Botello.

Staff council members are Regina Graves, Greg Jones, Kim Thompson, Rafael Sayago, Carol Messer, Richard Baldez, Yolanda Reyes-Guevara, Marsha Hall and Patricia Heckman.

NEW STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION OFFICERS NAMED

New officers for the Student Government Association are: Thomas Holstein, President; Arica Chaney, Vice-President; Laurie Ann Garcia, Treasurer; and Jackie Armijo, Secretary.

FACULTY SENATE OFFICERS, SENATORS FOR 2011-2012 NAMED

Faculty Senate officers for 2011, 2012 are: President, Dr. Gregory Hudspeth; Vice-President, George Johnson; Recording Secretary, William Blanton; Corresponding Secretary, Sean Nighbert; Historian, Jason Fabianke; Parliamentarian, Sandra Snavely; and Treasurer, Cynthia Katz.

The senators are:

Frank Arredondo, Program Coordinator, Cardiovascular Technology; Shirley Bass-Wright, Professor of Psychology, Behavioral Sciences; William Blanton, Instructor of Biology, Natural Sciences; Jessica Cooper, Assistant Professor, Early Childhood and Family Studies Program; Anna Delgado, Assistant Professor/Librarian; Michael Dillard, Instructor of Government, Social Sciences; Jason Fabianke, Instructor of History and German, Social and Behavioral Sciences; Chris Grayson, Instructor of Sociology, Behavioral Sciences; Herman Hauschildt, Assistant Professor, Automotive Technology; Dr. Gregory Hudspeth, Professor of Government, Social Sciences; George Johnson, Professor, Mathematics; Cynthia Katz, Assistant Professor, Mathematics; Sean Nighbert, Assistant Professor of English, Communications and Learning; David C. Scott, Associate Professor, Electronics and Information Technology; Sandra Snavely, Assistant Professor, Social and Behavioral Sciences; Jim West, Counselor.

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