

# President's Message

Greetings friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students.



Temperatures in San Antonio cooled off in February and March, but not the excitement and activity at St. Philip's College.

While students and faculty were settling in for a new semester of scholastic pursuit, the context around them was alive with energy.

February brought a vibrant Black History Month observance. One of our first fine arts graduates, John Coleman, exhibited his critically acclaimed work at the Morgan Gallery.

March was a celebration of 113 years of providing educational access. It was observed in fine fashion, with a reception thanking AT&T for its donation of a valuable art collection to the college. The event was also a showcase for our fine arts talent.

On March 4, we held our 3rd annual Scholarship Golf Tournament, which raised nearly \$150,000 in donations for student scholarships. The tournament was also a high water mark in staff and student participation, with 60 volunteers insuring the success of an event that has become a model for other institutions.

Women's History month had its highlights as well. Charismatic human rights activist Nontombi Naomi Tutu delivered a riveting address to a packed Watson Theater. Closing Women's History Month in peak form, 300 female high school students practically took over the Southwest Campus for the second Women in Non-Traditional Occupations conference.

Indeed, St. Philip's College remains a hub of positive activity. Following our CultureFest in April, we will momentarily shift gears and go into planning mode, with our Good to Great retreat involving a cross section of 85 faculty, administrators, students and staff.

I invite all our friends to come by and visit us. We will be pleased to show you around "A Point of Pride in the Community."

Best Regards,

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.  
President



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# President's Newsletter

## SPC celebrates 113th anniversary

St. Philip's College celebrated the 113th anniversary of its founding on Tuesday, March 1 with a reception at the college's Center for Health Professions atrium.

More than 100 attendees witnessed the recognition of corporate partner AT&T, which donated an original art work collection valued at nearly \$100,000 to the college. The 25-piece collection is displayed at the college's three newest buildings—the Welcome Center, the Center for Health Professions and the Center for Learning Resources.

Among the community leaders and educators present were Michelle Thomas and Larry Keller from AT&T, District 2 Councilwoman



*AT&T Vice President for External Affairs Michelle Thomas and Lisa Soto admire the anniversary cake at the 113th anniversary celebration with Chef Cynthia de la Fuente.*

Ivy Taylor, Alamo Colleges Trustee James Rindfuss and Chancellor Bruce Leslie, Pastor Tony Regist from St. Philip's Episcopal

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## Human rights activist Nontombi Naomi Tutu speaks at St. Philip's College

The Watson Fine Arts Theatre was filled to capacity on March 9 for an address by ethnicity and gender justice activist Nontombi Naomi Tutu, the daughter of Bishop Desmond Tutu. The topic of Tutu's President's Lecture Series address was building gender coalitions across ethnic lines.

Tutu followed her lecture with a classroom visit to Dr. Gregory Hudspeth's two government classes.

"If you are planning to build true coalitions you have to be willing to examine your place

in society. You also have to be willing to hear how others perceive you, and how you perceive others. What comes out of that experience is community," Tutu told the audience of nearly 600 students and community members.

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*President's Lecture Series speaker Naomi Tutu.*

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## Nontombi Tutu *(from page 1)*



*President Loston poses with Ms. Tutu.*

"Growing up I always loved talking in places where I was not supposed to be talking. I was able to translate my talking into formal speaking. The challenge was my speaking subject. As a woman of color under a dehumanizing system of apartheid, I chose the human rights experience as my subject," she said in response to an audience question.

Tutu said that conversations about racism and sexism were part of life while she worked at a gender research institute in the Western Cape of South Africa.

"Women of all ethnicities talked and listened to each other, because we had been affected by apartheid's lessons, the way society oppressed women. That coalition continues to grow," she concluded.

## 113<sup>th</sup> anniversary *(from page 1)*

Church, former SPC President Dr. Stephen R. Mitchell, County Commissioner Tommy Adkisson and District Attorney Susan Reed.

"Once again, AT&T has stepped up in its support of the Alamo Colleges, and in particular, St. Philip's College," said President Adena Williams Loston in acknowledgment of the donation. "Last year they donated \$100,000 for workforce scholarships. This year they have donated scholarships for the mind and the senses, if you will, in these beautiful works of art."

AT&T Vice President for External Affairs Michelle Thomas said: "AT&T has a long-standing commitment to local communities and to education. The firm's partnership with the Alamo Colleges and, in particular, St. Philip's College, runs long and deep."

The anniversary celebration was highlighted by musical selections from the St. Philip's student chorus led by Joy Hague, a jazz trio led by Music Department Chair Greg Gonzalez and vocal selections from "The Gospel at Colonus," the Spring theatre production

## Hybrid car arrives as a training aid for SPC automotive technology students

The future of San Antonio's leading auto technology college degree program is greener and more relevant with the arrival of a fuel-efficient hybrid vehicle as a training aid. It is expected to benefit 300 students yearly as they learn how to service this type of vehicle.

In January, the St. Philip's College automotive technology program acquired a used 2007 Toyota Camry with a gasoline/electric hybrid drive train. Faculty familiarization with the training aid is underway and students begin hybrid vehicle training in August, said Herman Hauschildt, chair of the college's automotive technology program.

"One of our new goals is for every student in each of our automotive programs to graduate with an understanding of hybrid technology. This new tool will help us start a new green era." Hauschildt said.

A hybrid vehicle uses two or more sources of power to indirectly or directly propel the vehicle, explained John

Eichelberger, automotive technology program coordinator. Most servicing of hybrids sold after 2000 still occurs at new car dealers. As warranties expire on older hybrids, their owners may seek independent auto service providers in the local community. Green vehicle service training will be available in advance of demand at SPC.

St. Philip's College's automotive technology program is a regional training center for technicians from such automakers as General Motors and Ford Motor Company. Automotive technology is one of the college's top 10 most popular degree programs.

For information about these programs call (210) 486-2060.



*Faculty member Ada Jackson's spoken and acted performance piece was a moving part of the 113th anniversary reception. Platform party includes Dr. Loston, Michelle Thomas of AT&T, District 2 Councilwoman Ivy Taylor, Trustee James Rindfuss, Chancellor Bruce Leslie and Pastor Tony Regist from St. Philip's Episcopal Church, the College's founding church.*

by Vincent Hardy. Faculty member Ada Jackson's performance piece rounded out the entertainment.

AT&T and Ms. Thomas were presented awards for their support of St. Philip's College, and President Loston was also recognized for her four years at the helm of the college. The College also received a flag

*(Photo on right) Pastry arts student Anthony Santonastaso serving delectable desserts.*

flown at the nation's Capitol in recognition of Artemisia Bowden's leadership. The flag was presented to the college by Evelyn Johnson, president of the Bowden Chapter of Professional Women along with other members of the organization.

A highlight of the event was a highly visual arrangement of delicious desserts provided by pastry arts students.

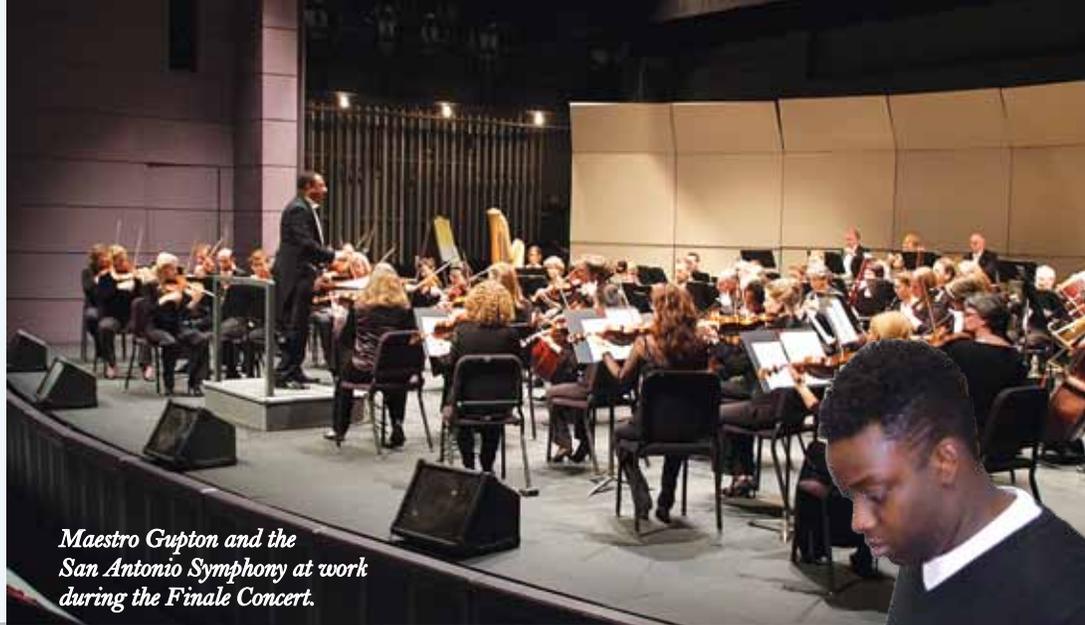


## Symphony-in-Residence features Maestro Damon Gupton

The 2011 San Antonio Symphony-in-Residence at St. Philip's College was held February 14-19. The Finale Concert on February 19 featured guest conductor Damon Gupton leading the orchestra for a full house at the Watson Fine Arts Center.

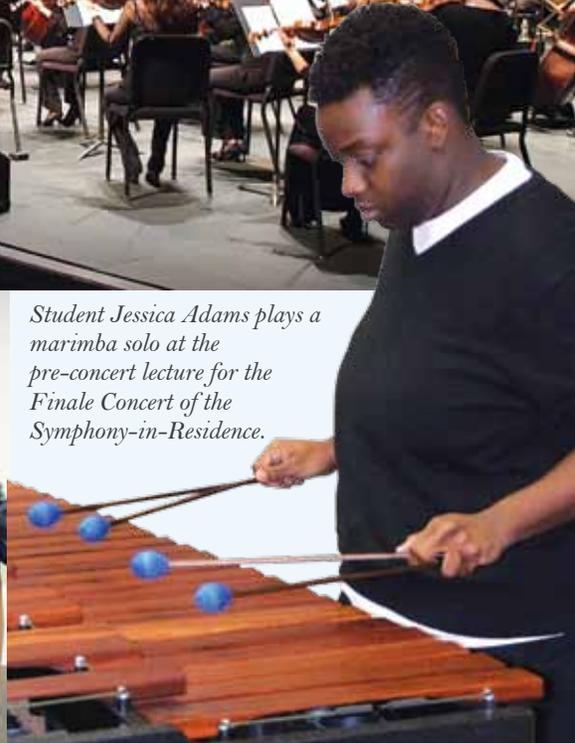
Maestro Gupton spoke to a roomful of music lovers at a 7 p.m. pre-concert lecture, which ended with a performance by student musician Jessica Adams playing a marimba composition, "Yellow After The Rain." Jessica won a student competition and received four weeks of private lessons with the symphony's principal percussionist, Trent Leasure.

*Board Chair Gary Beitzel and President Loston welcome Maestro Damon Gupton (center), featured conductor for the Finale Concert during the Symphony-in-Residence.*



*Maestro Gupton and the San Antonio Symphony at work during the Finale Concert.*

*Student Jessica Adams plays a marimba solo at the pre-concert lecture for the Finale Concert of the Symphony-in-Residence.*



## 3rd Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament huge success

One of the highlights of St. Philip's College's 113th anniversary was the Third Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament on March 4. Title sponsor CPS Energy fielded two teams.

Nearly \$150,000 was raised through corporate donations and from individual players and teams.

Corporate sponsors, alumni and friends were in full support, through their generous gifts and cash donations, of the SPC mission of providing scholarship opportunities. Presently, 77 percent of SPC students receive financial aid of some type. The Tournament funds Student Engagement Grants and Presidential Scholars grants.

A total of 120 golfers participated, and for the first time, SPC students fielded two teams in the tournament. More than sixty SPC administrators, faculty, staff and students were instrumental in volunteering their time and effort to make the event a huge success.

Besides title sponsor CPS Energy, other sponsors included Baptist Health Foundation, Kelly Aviation Center (a Lockheed Martin affiliate), KENS 5, West East Design Group, La Prensa, South Texas Radiology Imaging Centers, Time Warner Cable, St. Philip's College Bookstore, San Antonio Missions, Frost Bank, SKANSKA, Valero, Workplace Resource, Retama Park, Coca Cola, McCombs Ford West, Pfluger Associates, Marmon Mok, Parsons, Hilton San Antonio Airport, Bain Medina Bain, VIA, Grainger, and Spurs Sports Entertainment.

Student participation was at an all time high, with cheerleaders, nursing students, massage therapy students and ten student golfers representing student organizations participating in the tournament. In preparation, our student golfers received a series of professional lessons.

Student golfers were Rudy Padilla, Noel Rene Chapa, Jason Garcia, Ricky Noriega, Edward Taylor, Jennifer Garcia-Valdez, Jeff Yager, Vincent Spadafore, Erik Extrell and Brenda Emmons. The students were



*For the first time, two student golf teams participated in the Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. Pictured are (from left), Edward Taylor, Jason Garcia, Ricky Noriega and Jennifer Garcia-Valdez.*

recipients of Student Engagement Grants, Presidential Scholar Grants, or were active in campus organizations. The winning team was sponsored by McCombs Ford West.

## St. Philip's College celebrates 2011 National Black History Month



*A crowd resplendent with Afro wigs boogied away at the 70's Soul Train Alumni Scholarship Dance.*

St. Philip's College celebrated National Black History Month with a diverse lineup of inclusive programs, ceremonies and activities honoring the history, accomplishments and contributions of African-Americans. The opening keynote address was delivered by Dr. Morris Stribling, a local podiatrist and an civic leader in San Antonio.

"The 2011 national theme, African-Americans and the Civil War, refers to the national observance of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the beginning of the U.S. Civil War in 1861," said Dr. Sharon Crockett-Bell, coordinator of Alumni Affairs.

The 2011 observation included an opening reception and month long art exhibition by John A. Coleman, one of the first fine arts graduates at St. Philip's College. Other key events included a multi-media presentation on the Relevance of African-American history in the 21st century by Lasana Hotep, a nationally known consultant who developed the model for mentoring programs for African-American college students. Other featured activities were the 2011 San Antonio Symphony-in-Residence and The Woolworth Experience, a recreation of a Civil Rights era lunch-counter demonstration.

The month was brought to a stylish conclusion with The 70's Soul Train Alumni Scholarship Dance, which raised more than \$4,300 for scholarships during Black History Month.



*Artist John Coleman, with 2011 Homecoming Queen Jennifer Lute-Moise, discussed his work at the reception opening his art exhibit during Black History Month. Coleman was one of St. Philip's College's first fine arts graduates.*



*Dr. Adena Loston is pictured at the opening ceremony for Black History Month with the color guard from Cole High School.*



*Lasana Hotep, a noted lecturer on programs for young black men, spoke during Black History Month. Photo: (from left to right) 2011 Homecoming King Walter Perry, student Julius Green, Hotep and 2011 St. Philip's College Student Engagement Grant Scholarship recipient Austin Wells.*



## CultureFest and Rib Cook-off keeps getting better

CultureFest at St. Philip's College keeps getting bigger, better and brighter every year after sixteen years. The April 14 event was heavy on pageantry and participation from dance groups such as Kazamba Dance Troupe and MLK Panthers.

A procession headed by SPC President Loston was escorted by the Cole High School Color Guard. President Loston delivered welcome remarks and recognized Fiesta Commission President Sam Steves, Miss Fiesta Lauren Holt and Miss Bexar County Ashley Dixon, a former SPC student.

Rey Feo Bill Drain visited, as did the Silver Fox, mascot of the Silver Stars.

The heady mix of uniformed royalty, mariachis, amusements, rides, food, craft and cultural information booths proved a winning combination. SPC students received a \$5 credit on food and drink tickets.

This year the Fest was also heavy on the music end, with nonstop blues, rock, pop and

R&B, and progressive rock courtesy of Bobby G and the Drive, Oridium, Sevan, Ready Revolution and MoJoe.

As always, at the core of CultureFest were the student-run information booths focusing on the world's food cultures. Another top draw was a Rib Cook-Off. The Beef Rib Cook-off was won by the Candlewood Boys and Girls Club. Bad Boys BBQ was second and B&GB Smokehouse third.

On the pork side, first place winner was Hoosier Daddy, second place was Bad Boys BBQ and third place was the Candlewood Boys and Girls Club. The Student Choice award went to Hoosier Daddy. Judging was conducted by community leaders Tommy Moore, Gloria Ray, Bennie Cole and Doug Vair.

"It was fun, it was colorful, and the food and the music were non-stop," said one of the hundreds of attendees. "This was by far the best CultureFest yet."

Dr. Paul Machen, Dean of Student Success, was overall coordinator of the event.

## EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson visits, endorses SPC Green initiatives, technology

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Lisa P. Jackson endorsed St. Philip's College's green academic programs, resource conservation efforts and technology innovations during a recent EPA field visit, press conference and roundtable at the college.

"I had an amazing tour of green jobs training at St. Philip's College and learned how the school is harnessing the abundant clean energy resources like solar and wind power to power its campus," said Ms. Jackson.

Jackson observed a training demonstration by alternative energy and power generation program students Daniel Vargas, Ramiro Gamboa, Hal Spivey, Steven Engel, Wade Theis and James Du Jardin.

"Our students were elated to meet Ms. Jackson and demonstrate to her how environmental stewardship and academia can co-exist through the visionary efforts of many," said visit host St. Philip's College President Adena Williams Loston.

"The green technology the students learn at St. Philip's College helps to protect our



*Pictured after the EPA visit are, from left: U.S. Congressman Charlie Gonzalez; District 2 City Councilwoman Ivy Taylor; City Councilman District 4 Phillip Cortez; San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro, EPA Administrator Lisa P. Jackson; SPC President Loston; and CPS Energy President and CEO Doyle Beneby.*

nation's air and water," Jackson — a chemist and the first African-American to head EPA — said with a smile during her remarks for the press at the college. "It's wonderful to see the cutting edge hands-on work of students preparing for the green jobs of the future in Texas."

Ms. Jackson, Mayor Julian Castro and other dignitaries toured the SW Campus solar installation, the largest in San Antonio. A round-table discussion featured EPA officials,

elected officials, educators and energy industry officials.

There have been no similar green community college programs in alternative energy and power generation within 50 miles of San Antonio until now, explained assistant professor Dennis McDonough, who added that the new program is one of only five in Texas. For information about SPC programs in alternative energy call (210) 486-2499.

## Dr. Loston lauded for achievements

### Recognized at National Phi Theta Kappa Convention

Dr. Adena Williams Loston received the 2011 Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction presented to college presidents and CEOs at the 2011 Annual Convention of Phi Theta Kappa in Seattle on April 8. She was one of only nine presidents recognized nationally.

The Shirley B. Gordon Awards of Distinction are named in honor of the late Dr. Shirley B. Gordon, founder and President Emeritus of Highline Community College and Chair of the Phi Theta Kappa board of Directors from 1988-2008.

Dr. Loston was nominated by the local chapter of Phi Theta Kappa for the Hallmark Award based on her support of the chapter and its activities as well as the college's financial support of the chapter. "Without Dr. Loston's participation, our chapter would not have achieved the many milestones we

have reached during the past two years," said Maria Botello, advisor of the Psi Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on campus. She is an inspiration to us all," she added.

### Named vice-chair of board of directors for SAGE

Dr. Adena Williams Loston has been named vice-chair of the board of directors for the non-profit organization San Antonio for Growth on the Eastside (SAGE). Her appointment to the 11-member SAGE board runs through January 1, 2013.

The SAGE board leaders identify needs and provide financial assistance to businesses with current footholds in the East side of the city.

### Named Paul Harris Fellow by Rotary International

Dr. Adena Loston was recognized at the April meeting of Rotary International as a Paul Harris Fellow. Donors of \$1,000 or more to



*Photo: (from left to right) Rotary member Yilmaz Yetnen; District Governor Stephanie Macchia; Dr. Loston; and chapter president Ben Brewer.*

various Rotarian funds and grants programs, or people who have that amount contributed in their name, can be recognized as Paul Harris Fellows.

As a new Paul Harris Fellow, Dr. Loston received a commemorative certificate, a medallion and a pin identifying her as an advocate of the Foundation's goals of world peace and international understanding.

## SPC keeps cookin' at Cowboy Breakfast

Thirty four students from the College's culinary arts program cooked and served a delicious meal at the 2011 Cowboy Breakfast held on January 28 at Cowboys Dance Hall.

The breakfast is the signature San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo kickoff. For a number of years, culinary arts students have prepared much of the food enjoyed by thousands of guests. Proceeds from past breakfasts have funded \$2,000 per academic year scholarships for study in the hospitality professions at the college. The Cowboy Breakfast Foundation has given \$55,000 to the Tourism, Hospitality and Hotel Management and Culinary Arts Program at St. Philip's College over the past seven years.

*SPC culinary arts student, Malcolm Torres (left), and a volunteer cooked on a large scale at the 2011 Cowboy Breakfast.*



*Photo on right: (from left to right) Art Dietel, Mary Kunz, Roy Schultz and chef instructor Frank Salinas.*

As they have done in the past, the volunteers were in the cooking zone at two in the morning, ready to prepare food for tens of thousands of visitors, with one noticeable difference from years past. This time the weather was agreeable.



## Phi Theta Kappa shines at convention

Eight members of the Psi Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society attended their Texas Regional Convention in Round Rock March 3-6 and reaped a number of awards.

Jennifer Garcia-Valdez, Brenda Emmons, Matt Fisher, Vanessa Guevara and Vincent Spadafore were placed on the District 5 Hall of Honor. SPC President Adena Loston received the Chief Executive Officer Hallmark Hall of Honor award in recognition of her support for the chapter.

Other awards at the event included the Pinnacle Award for increased membership

*Photo: (seated left to right) Dessire Sarver, Dr. Loston, Marilinda Torres, and Konnie Harper-Thompson; (back row, left to right) Mark Milstein, Loretta Espinoza, Jennifer Garcia-Valdez, Kerri Slate, Del Powell, and Psi Kappa Chapter Advisor Maria Botello.*

from one year to the next; the Chapter's yearbook was named one of the top two yearbooks; and Brenda Emmons was named Distinguished Chapter member.

The chapter received the Regional Milestone Award, placing it first among 25 chapters.

The SPC chapter continues as the only 5 Star Psi Kappa Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa chapter within the Alamo Colleges.

## Theatre program performs "The Gospel at Colonus," launches dinner theatre



The St. Philip's College Theatre Program presented its spring production of "The Gospel at Colonus," conceived and adapted by Lee Breuer, music by Bob Telson and directed by Vincent Hardy.

"The Gospel at Colonus," a unique theatrical presentation that combines the pathos, passion and poetry of Sophocles' Oedipus Trilogy with the power, theatricality and exhilaration of the African-American Pentecostal Church, was well received by audiences.

For the first time, St. Philips College offered a dinner theatre option on April 8th, which quickly sold out. In conjunction with the student operated fine dining facility, Artemisia's, for \$20 patrons enjoyed a five course dinner at Artemisia's at 6 p.m. followed by the theatre production at 8 p.m. Plans are underway to continue and expand the program.

Mary Cottier, Dean of Arts and Sciences, said "This was a great performance and attendance was at its highest in seven years."

# St. Philip's College Highlights...



*Dr. Paul Machen, dean of student success, congratulates iPad winner Rosa Wilson at a Student Services event.*



*SPC opened an Employee Wellness Center on February 17. Holding a ribbon for cutting are Wellness Committee members Emily Staats, Pat Heckman, Randall Dawson, Ruben Guerrero, Elizabeth Ehrler, Natasha Schmittou, Carrie Dixon, Greg Jones (chair) and John Gomez.*



*Members of the Bowden Society of Professional Women presented President Loston and administrative team members with a flag flown at the nation's Capitol in honor of Artemisia Bowden's achievements.*



*Librarians and students gather around President Loston at the grand re-opening of the newly-renovated library at the Southwest Campus.*



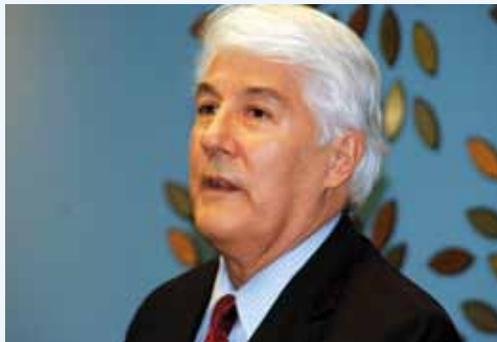
*Earvin "Magic" Johnson hosted a youth rally on the St. Philip's College campus during a recent fundraiser in San Antonio.*



*San Antonio Spurs superstar George Hill signs autographs at the youth rally featuring him and the legendary Earvin "Magic" Johnson.*



*State Representative Ruth Jones McClendon conducted a town hall meeting on February 10 to discuss higher education funding.*



*Addressing the issues with the Representative was Raymund Paredes, Commissioner of Higher Education, Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.*

## Congratulations

Lacy K. Hampton has been named Interim Vice President for College Services. Mr. Hampton has served for the past three years as SMWBE (Small, Minority, Women Business Enterprise) Diversity Administrator for the Alamo Colleges.

Kimberly Moralez is the new Assistant to the President. She was recently employed by Wichita State University.

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D., recipient of the Amazing Energy Award in 2010, delivered the keynote address February 24 for CPS Energy's Amazing Energy dinner. She also delivered an invocation and led two workshop panels during the Mayor's Commission on Women conference on March 8.

Dr. Sharon Crockett-Bell, coordinator of alumni affairs, has authored a book about the effectiveness of dual credit programs — *Measuring the Effectiveness on Students' Transition from High School to College*, published by Lambert Academic Publishing.

## Upcoming Events

April 26

Green Tie Affair — Dedication of Centers of Excellence

April 30

Women Breaking Through Conference

April 29–30

Men of Color Conference

May 6

Spring Commencement — Freeman Coliseum — Speaker Juan Sepúlveda, Executive Director of the White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, United States Department of Education

June 14

Summer 2011 President's Lecture Series — Speaker Jim Lucas

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