



President's Message



Greetings friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students.

There is a special sense of enthusiasm this spring semester as we celebrate our 115th

Anniversary! In January, our college played its traditional active role in the city's Martin Luther King March. We provided additional financial literacy education to incoming students through a \$100,000 USA Funds® grant. Later our student engagement scholarship students began generating millions of dollars in refunds for our neighbors through our free income tax assistance site.

In adherence to Black History Month, we were so proud of the February release of our very own oral history book, published by Texas A&M University Press. In observance of the month long celebration we welcomed Herman Boone, the inspiration for the movie *Remember the Titans*, as a President's Lecture Series speaker.

As students looked forward to Spring Break, March was just the beginning of the 115th anniversary festivities. The 5th annual Scholarship Golf Tournament raised \$108,000 in donations. Later this year we will have our official 115 Year Anniversary Celebration, so please check your mailboxes this summer for your invitation or visit our website at www.alamo.edu/spc for details.

I hope you are as excited as I am to celebrate the heritage of the "Point of Pride in the Community." Your continued support is always appreciated.

Best Regards,

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

On January 28, the free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) site at St. Philip's College opened with the help of our student engagement scholarship students. The VITA site provides free federal income tax form preparation assistance and financial literacy services through April 15 as well as a learning opportunity for our students. The Business Information Solutions faculty who oversee the program also conducted training at St. Philip's for more than 700 VITA site workers from across the city in

for the clients serviced in this tax season. The Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees, the city and the Internal Revenue Service recognized the college for providing 20 years of outstanding and innovative volunteer federal income tax assistance to low-income taxpayers from 1992-2012.



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preparation for a complex shortened tax season attributable to federal budgetary balancing measures. The St. Philip's VITA site processed an estimated 3,155 e-filers processing \$6,739,359 in refunds

Writing Team Members

St. Philip's College nursing education faculty members Josephine Lara and Melissa Hancock have accepted invitations to participate as writing team members on a concept-based curriculum implementation project. The project is funded by a Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Nursing Innovation Grant for associate degree level registered nursing education. The grant program was established by the 77th Texas Legislature to reverse the state's shortage of nurses and is administered by the Workforce, Academic Affairs and Research Division of the Board.

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Cowboy Breakfast

Several dozen of the first-year culinary arts program students at St. Philip's College enjoyed a special part of the SPC experience during the 35th annual Cowboy Breakfast on January 25 in the Cowboys Dance Hall parking lot. The Cowboy Breakfast Foundation has donated \$98,000 to our culinary program to date.



The 35th annual Cowboy Breakfast attracted many supporters from St. Philip's College to encourage students (below) who cooked for breakfast crowds.

The Cowboy Breakfast started out as the kickoff event to the San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo and has grown into a huge stand-alone event. The St. Philip's College culinary students arrive at 2 a.m. to start cooking the massive amounts of food needed to serve breakfast crowds of 55,000 or more people. The students play an integral part in having all the food ready to serve to the crowds of early risers who line up as early as 4:30 a.m. to enjoy the feast. Television news and radio stations were present to highlight the talents of our students in one of the world's top 25 rated college-level culinary arts programs.



Green Energy and Engineering Day

St. Philip's College celebrated 2013 National Engineering Week by hosting its Annual Green Energy and Engineering Day event for 300 students, grades 5-12, February 23 at the Centers for Excellence for Mathematics and for Science in Building 1 on the college's Southwest Campus.

"One hundred eighty preteens listened to inspirational speeches from teenage engineering students in their community. This event helped young people develop an understanding of how valuable they are to our future," said Dr. Jo Dee Duncan, 2013 conference organizer and director of the centers. "We gave teenagers the opportunity to show preteens how to use math and engineering to make a positive impact in their world," said Duncan.

High school students toured the college's manufacturing technology and power generation laboratories and used computer-assisted drafting and design to manufacture items for their personal use. All of the students engaged in hands-on engineering activities with volunteers from St. Philip's College, UTSA, Texas State University, Institute for Electronics and Electrical Engineers and American Society of Civil Engineers.

"Offering programs for youth in our community to learn more about career fields they find interesting and stimulating is a part of the college's strategic plan to increase the number of its students engaging in STEM degrees. The young people began building strategic networks of peers and role models to help them succeed in achieving their dreams through the event," said Ruben Prieto, STEM special projects coordinator at the college.



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USA Funds® Grant

USA Funds®, an Indianapolis-based nonprofit that helps American families benefit from postsecondary education, has awarded a \$100,000 grant to help St. Philip's College students manage their student loan portfolios through the college's Financial Wealth Management Plan for its students. This grant assistance represents significant funding to enhance student preparedness, access and success by providing financial and other services. USA Funds® primarily serves low-income and first-generation students, students of color, foster youth and adult learners.

The nonprofit corporation notified the college of its selection January 22. On February 19-21, St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston and members of her administration participated in the USA Funds Symposium. The symposium focused on developing plans to leverage financial literacy, student loan debt management and default prevention as a vehicle to support student retention and degree completion.

"At our institution, financial literacy, wealth and security are being addressed at the onset of the college experience for all full-time, first-time-in-college students," said Dr. Sherrie Lang, the college's Vice President for Student Success. "The USA Funds® grant is a welcome supplement to our operational budget for critical college functions in 2013, specifically for providing financial literacy education to each incoming student," Lang continued.

Financial literacy modules became a value-added element of the mandatory student orientation program as well as student development courses in August of 2012.

STEM Fields Discussions

St. Philip's College presented The Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Fields Discussions for students with panelists, Dr. Adena Williams Loston, President; Adrienne Pennick Blocker, chemical engineer, Shell Oil Company; Janet Buckingham, statistician, Southwest Research Institute; Denyce Chavero, civil engineer, Kimley-Horn and Associates, Inc.; and Annette Fothergill, microbiologist and clinical laboratory scientist, University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio. During the March 22 event in the Morgan Gallery, the panelists responded to questions submitted by students on their careers in the STEM fields, as well as career challenges and opportunities.

Association of Community College Trustees Governance Leadership Institute

St. Philip's College culinary arts program students hosted a luncheon for the Association of Community College Trustees Governance Leadership Institute March 22 in the college's Heritage Room. The association is a major voice of community college trustees to

presidential administrations, U.S. Congress and federal departments of education and labor. The non-profit educational organization of governing boards represents more than 6,500 elected and appointed trustees who govern over 1,200 community, technical and junior colleges in the United States and beyond. The association educates community and technical college trustees through annual conferences focused on leadership development and advocacy, as well as through institutes and seminars.



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Chancellor's Spring 2013 Town Hall Meeting



St. Philip's College hosted the Alamo Colleges Chancellor's Spring 2013 Town Hall Meeting March 5 in the Morgan Gallery. During this open forum Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie was present to answer

"We have been able to hone our focus on operational performance and student success, what we now call the Alamo Way."

employee questions regarding his Call to Action, an overview of the Alamo Colleges' current environment and critical trends taking place in higher education, communicated with the overall goal of greater collaboration, understanding, speed and ingenuity in the development of strategic initiatives within the Alamo Colleges.

Martin Luther King March

On January 21, more than 200 St. Philip's College students, faculty, staff and family members participated in the City of San Antonio's 2013 Martin Luther King March by marching and operating a college promotional booth during the event which attracted in excess of 100,000 participants. The city's 2.75 mile procession passed the college's MLK campus which offered support as a VIA Metropolitan Transit park-and-ride site for the march.

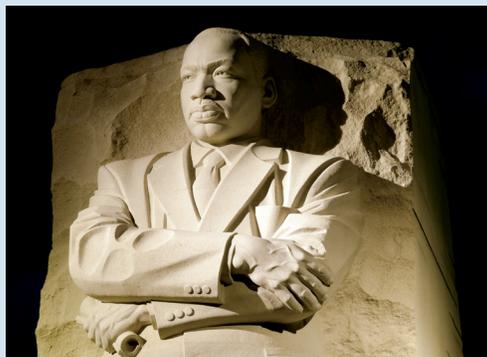
A commemorative program was held in Pittman-Sullivan Park to mark the close of the march. St. Philip's College student volunteers greeted marchers and provided them with information promoting the college's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance services (VITA).

Dr. Adena Williams Loston, President of St. Philip's College, was the recipient of the 2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Distinguished Achievement Award. "Dr. Loston is outstanding in our community, doing more things to ensure we are well-represented, protected, and that freedom is expressed among the students," said Kim Jordan, Chair of the Commission's Public Awards Committee.



An estimated 100,000 participants included more than 200 St. Philip's College students, faculty, staff and family members.





Herman Boone President's Lecture Series

In an effort to promote community engagement and student success during 2013 Black History Month, St. Philip's College welcomed Herman Boone, the inspiration for Hollywood's *Remember the Titans* movie, as part of the St. Philip's College President's Lecture Series February 11 and 12. In the college's Watson Fine Arts Center, Boone shared his journey with students during his lecture based around his experiences as an educator and coach in 1971 at Alexandria, Virginia's T.C. Williams High School. Racial tensions ran high as three schools merged to

form a newly integrated one. After beating out local favorite coach Bill Yoast to become coach of the Titans, Boone faced a challenge of his lifetime. The team came together to form a bond with a common vision – winning the state championship with an undefeated record.

Black History Month

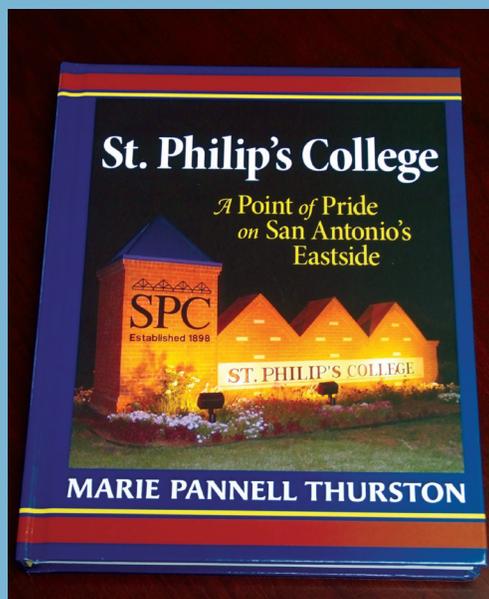
St. Philip's College students observed National Black History Month with a great mix of occasions beginning with an opening ceremony featuring guest speaker Bishop David Copeland, pastor of New Creation Christian Fellowship and 2013 MLK Commission Chair. Following the ceremony was a reception with local artist and St. Philip's College alumnus Howard Rhoder. Our student success and community engagement component of the month long celebration also included The President's Lecture Series featuring Herman Boone and his presentation, "The True Story behind Hollywood's Remember the Titans." Food and entertainment rounded out the month's events as the San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble students showed their mastery of music by African-American composers and the month ended with the culinary program student-led Soul Food Fest.



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Boone lectured on the power of education to empower individuals and affect social change. He shared how his experiences as an educator and coach in Virginia have shaped his message of tolerance. He declared to the audience of 600 that only through the full integration of all ethnic groups throughout every layer of our society can we reach our full potential as a nation. Today, Boone is retired but continues to motivate and inspire audiences with his presentations on respect, teamwork and community involvement.

The President's Lecture Series is a free forum for faculty, staff, students and the community to hear speakers' perspectives on a broad range of local, regional, national and international issues. The next presenter in the lecture series is poet, spoken word artist, freelance photographer and youth and arts advocate, Azure Antoinette, on June 20. To learn more about the President's Lecture Series and view the speakers' complete bios, visit www.alamo.edu/spc/president-lecture-series/.



St. Philip's College's Oral History Book

On February 26, in the St. Philip's College Morgan Gallery, President Dr. Adena Williams Loston hosted a meet-the-author reception and book signing promotion for St. Philip's College's oral history book, *St. Philip's College: A Point of Pride on San Antonio's Eastside*, published by Texas A&M University Press and written by St. Philip's College oral history coordinator Dr. Marie Thurston.

Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie, Board member Denver McClendon, Dr. Loston, Dr. Thurston, former St. Philip's College presidents Dr. Gloria Jackson and Dr. Stephan Mitchell and two current Presidential Scholarship recipients addressed the audience.



St. Philip's College oral history coordinator Dr. Marie Thurston (at center) is the author of the college's first oral history book.

Supporting San Antonio's Hospitality and Visitor Industries

The St. Philip's College Department of Tourism, Hospitality, and Culinary Arts and the University of Houston's Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management have partnered to deliver a world-class bachelor's degree transfer program in hotel and restaurant management to San Antonio in 2014, department chair Mary Kunz announced in March. The hospitality program at UH Hilton College is rated among the top three in America, Kunz explained.

"We are excited about having two great partners—St. Philip's and San Antonio," said John Bowen, dean of the UH Hilton College. "St. Philip's is well known for its hospitality and culinary programs, and we look forward to receiving their graduates into our bachelor's program. This partnership will enable more residents of San Antonio to benefit from the area's vibrant tourism economy by qualifying for the many management opportunities the city offers."

The college's culinary arts program students showcased their talents for more than 100 San Antonio Hotel and Lodging Association annual luncheon members and guests including Bowen on February 27 in the college's Heritage Room.

St. Philip's College's Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts department provides five primary programs along with one full-time faculty member and one advisor to work directly with students in each area. All five programs involve students in classroom-based learning experiences, as well as lab experience, and work-based learning during a practicum course.

The culinary arts and restaurant management programs have been acknowledged with an Exemplary rating from the American Culinary Federation Foundation Accrediting Commission. St. Philip's College is one of only 25 schools worldwide with the commission's Exemplary status and is rated Exemplary by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board—an agency of the Texas state government whose staff oversees all public post-secondary education in Texas. The St. Philip's College program typically graduates 100 students annually, according to Kunz.

Alumni of the tourism, hospitality and culinary arts who transfer into the university's new program have received certification from the Accrediting Commission for Programs in Hospitality Administration™. This industry-recognized professional certification has been granted to only three hospitality programs in

the state of Texas and only one program in the college's service area. The formal title of the commission's certification is Certified Hospitality Graduate (CHG), which was first awarded to graduates of commission-accredited academic programs in 2009, and the college's certification of accreditation from the commission is effective 2012—2019.

"Current St. Philip's College students will be the first to benefit from this new opportunity," Kunz shared. St. Philip's College currently offers associate of applied science degrees in hospitality professions, which fulfill prerequisites for successful transfer and admission to the University of Houston's Hotel and Restaurant Management bachelor's degree program in San Antonio, said Kunz.

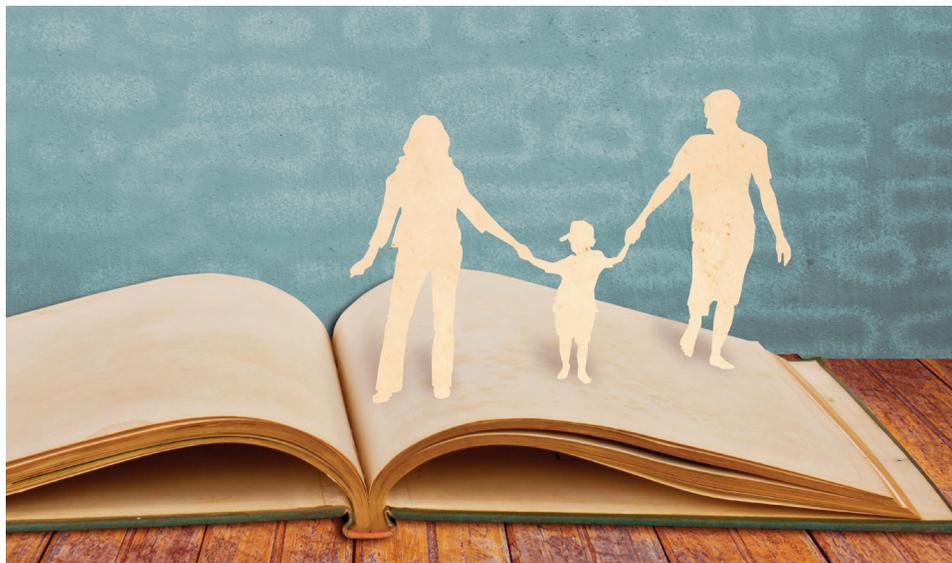
For information on registration in the college's program, contact the department staff at (210) 486-2398, or book reservations with the staff of the college's student-operated restaurant Artemisia's at (210) 486-2EAT.

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Bowden Family Literacy Night

The St. Philip's College Early Childhood and Family Studies student club members gave back while practicing their future profession during their family literacy night for 50 children and their families February 21 at Bowden Elementary School. Students from the college read Eric Carle's, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* for the children, concluding the event with a small meal and a craft activity.

An outreach initiative with Bowden has been underway since 2012. St. Philip's College has nineteen employees committing their time to positively affect the academic success of at-risk students through the Lunch Buddy Program at the school. Dr. Loston began participating in the mentoring initiative this spring.



Councilman David Medina District 5 Scholarship

St. Philip's College hosted the announcement of the Councilman David Medina District 5 Scholarship for the 2013-2014 school year March 5 in Building 1 at the college's Southwest Campus. Through a partnership with Councilman Medina and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas, Inc., ten scholarships of \$500 each will be awarded in 2013 to recipients enrolled full-time in two-year STEM and related academic programs at the Southwest Campus that is within the District 5 area of representation. Attending the announcement were Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie, Board member Dr. Yvonne Katz, St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston and Toyota Motor Manufacturing Texas, Inc., Assistant Human Resource Department Manager Bruno Garcia. Following the announcement, the councilman was escorted on a tour of the facilities at the campus.

Women In Nontraditional Occupations Conference

More than 400 female college and high school students attended the 2013 St. Philip's College Women In Nontraditional Occupations (WINTO) Conference March 27 in Building 1 at the college's Southwest Campus. Now an annual element of the St. Philip's College experience, the event is organized by female students and employees to enhance the financial security of women in the St. Philip's College service area; informing them about well-paid jobs in fields where women are a minority.

Bexar County Sheriff Susan Pamerleau was the keynote speaker in an address titled, "A Personal Reflection on Becoming...". The sheriff shared her personal journey to success and accomplishments in government and corporate leadership positions in San Antonio that have ranged from service as an Air Force major general, an executive at a large insurance and banking company and the sheriff for Bexar County.

Conference session topics included the advantages of choosing nontraditional careers, employee rights and job opportunities in the critical fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics. The event also included a career and education fair to further promote the success and financial security of student attendees.



Bexar County Sheriff Susan Pamerleau (left) was the keynote speaker.

International Women's Day

Dr. Adena Williams Loston provided words of inspiration in the form of an invocation for The City of San Antonio's Seventh Annual International Women's Day Luncheon fundraiser produced by the Mayor's Commission on the Status of Women for their Pathways to Leadership Scholarship fund March 12 in the Henry B. Gonzales Convention Center.

The event guest speaker was essayist and novelist Lee Woodruff. Attendees included Commission Chair Sonia Rodriguez, San Antonio Mayor Julian Castro and San Antonio City Manager Sheryl Sculley.



Two weeks after her invocation, Dr. Loston addressed St. Philip's College Women In Nontraditional Occupations Conference attendees.

Women's History Month

The St. Philip's College 2013 Women's History Month included a lineup of free activities to support the theme Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, event organizers announced in February.

Events began with the opening program *Where Are You Going?*, the Women's History Month keynote address by Veronica Godley, director of environmental laboratory services, San Antonio Water System and concluded with the Women in Nontraditional Occupations Conference. A new program for 2013 was the Daddy-Daughter-Date event that included a library tour with a free screening of "Amelia Earhart: The Final Flight" and daddy-daughter photo sessions to promote the college culture.



The college supported the national observance theme of Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

St. Philip's College Women's History Month Keynote Address

Former St. Philip's College student and 15 year math tutor Veronica J. Godley was the college's Women's History Month keynote speaker in observance of the theme Celebrating Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Godley who is now the Director of Environmental Laboratory Services for San Antonio Water System since 1997, studied organic chemistry and biology under Professor Emeritus of Natural Sciences, Dr. William C. Davis. In her address on March 7 in the Heritage Room, students of all majors filled the room and listened as she shared her inspirations to pursue a career in the sciences, obstacles she overcame and her exciting work environment.

Poetry Slam Fundraiser

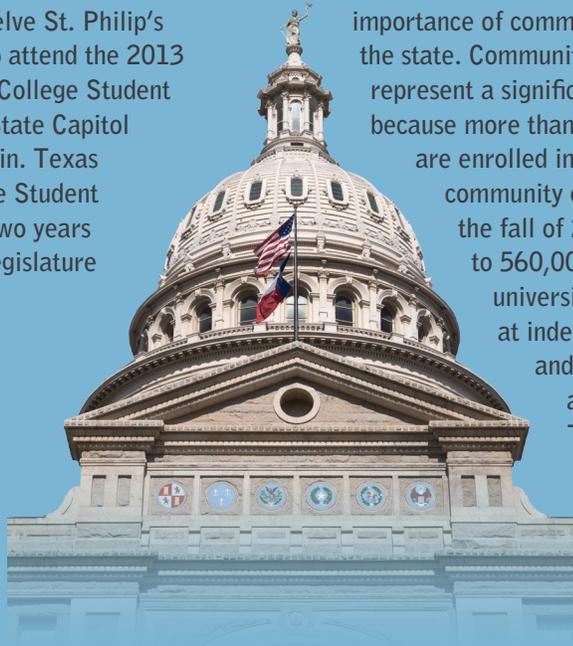
St. Philip's College was represented at the 2013 Women, Wisdom...Wine Poetry Slam and luncheon fundraiser March 23 in the Grand Hyatt in San Antonio. Local community leaders pair up with young ladies from the Boys & Girls Club of San Antonio to enter into a poetry slam or spoken-word poetry competition.

Zoe Grantham, a student at St. Philips, received second place in this year's poetry slam. Each poet is judged by the content of their slam and the delivery and passion behind their performance. The fundraiser supports women and girls through the Women and Girls Development Fund established three years ago by the San Antonio Area Foundation. Their mission is to enable women and girls to reach their full potential. Proceeds have been granted to 13 nonprofits that focus on issues for women and girls.

Community College Student Day at the Texas State Capitol

The Student Life staff coordinated the opportunity for twelve St. Philip's College students to attend the 2013 Texas Community College Student Day at the Texas State Capitol February 5 in Austin. Texas Community College Student Day occurs every two years when the Texas Legislature is in session.

Not only do the students have the opportunity to tour the capitol, they also meet with their respective elected officials and discuss the



state of education while stressing the importance of community colleges in the state. Community college students represent a significant constituency because more than 750,000 students are enrolled in Texas public community colleges during the fall of 2012 compared to 560,000 at public Texas universities and 123,000 at independent colleges and universities, according to the Texas Association of Community Colleges.

Medical Sonography

Over the 2013 Spring Break, 12 of the college's 17 senior diagnostic medical sonography program students opted to sit for the physics portion of their credentialing exam offered by the American Registry of Diagnostic Medical Sonographers. All 12 successfully passed their exam, reported program faculty member Nancy Leah.

"This is very exciting news as we have worked hard the first half of the semester in order for the students to be appropriately prepared for this exam, and the students were rewarded for their hard work. I couldn't be more proud of them!" said Leah. "This is only the first of the three-step process our students must complete in order to obtain their sonography credentials, but it is an important one to complete prior to graduation," she concluded.

Fifth Annual Golf Tournament



A total of 78 sponsors, 144 golfers, alumni and friends were in full support of the SPC mission- providing scholarship opportunities- through generous gifts and cash donations.



St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston (bottom photo) hosted community and business industry partners at St. Philip's College's Fifth Annual Golf Tournament fundraiser sponsored by CPSEnergy March 1 at The Republic Golf Course. This annual fundraising event is in observance of St. Philip's 115th Anniversary (which will be formally celebrated in September). This historic occasion enables St. Philip's College to celebrate our proud history, raise money for student scholarships, and engage our business and community partners. This year's event attracted more participants than last year and raised \$108,000.

A total of 78 sponsors, 144 golfers, alumni and friends were in full support of the SPC mission- providing scholarship opportunities- through generous gifts and cash donations. Presently, nearly 80 percent of SPC students receive financial aid of some type. The Tournament funds Student Engagement Grants and Presidential Scholars Grants.

Congratulations to Frost Bank for taking first place in the tournament. The generosity of all who participated makes a difference in the lives of many deserving students.



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Emeritus Status For Dr. Travis



The Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees announced their approval of Emeritus status for Dr. John Travis during their February 19 board meeting.

Throughout his 18-year career with St. Philip's College, Travis was a professor in the college's social and behavioral sciences department. Prior to retiring from active service with the college in December 2012, Travis was the recipient of the college's 2013 Teaching Excellence Award and a 2012 National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development Award. The institute focuses national attention on developmental education and the unique role community colleges play in providing accessible education.

In remarks during the board meeting ceremony, Travis said, "I have learned

something enduring from each one of you as I begin these next chapters of my life, with the NISOD award, our student government's professor of the month award...all natural things move forward. It has been a privilege to be with you and I thank you for the opportunity to serve as your ambassador."

Travis joins Dr. Deborah Byrd, Dr. Laureen C. Cate, Isabel De Pedro, Dr. Janet A. Flores, Ivie James "Jim" Klaeveman, Dr. Jonathan Paul DeVerville, Dr. Frederick A. Bakenhus, Pearl Conyers and Dr. William C. Davis as the college's faculty members to gain emeritus appointments in recent years.

Travis received his B.A., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from The University of Colorado and his Th.D. from The Iliff School of Theology. As assistant professor in 1997, associate professor in 2003 and professor of philosophy since 2008, Dr. Travis taught all of the college's various classes in philosophy, including Introduction to Philosophy, Ethics, Logic and Introduction to World Religions.

Upcoming Events

Fall Semester 2013

Homecoming 2013

115th Anniversary Celebration

Save the Date

August 21 - VOTC
Groundbreaking Ceremony

October 24 - President's Lecture Series

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