



President's Message



Greetings, friends, alumni, faculty, staff and students.

As we usher in a new year together, I could venture to hope for a year as successful as the one just passed. Last semester we had the honor of celebrating a saint. Our

founding President, Artemisia Bowden, who led St. Philip's for 52 years was added into "Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating the Saints" by the 78th General Convention of the Episcopal Church.

Saint Bowden's Feast Day was commemorated August 18th at Christ Episcopal Church but the worthy celebration did not stop there. On November 20th in our Bowden Alumni Center we invited the campus, community and dignitaries to honor Saint Bowden and all she has done for this institution. In her honor we humbly received over \$80,000 in scholarship donations to the Bowden Scholarship Fund.

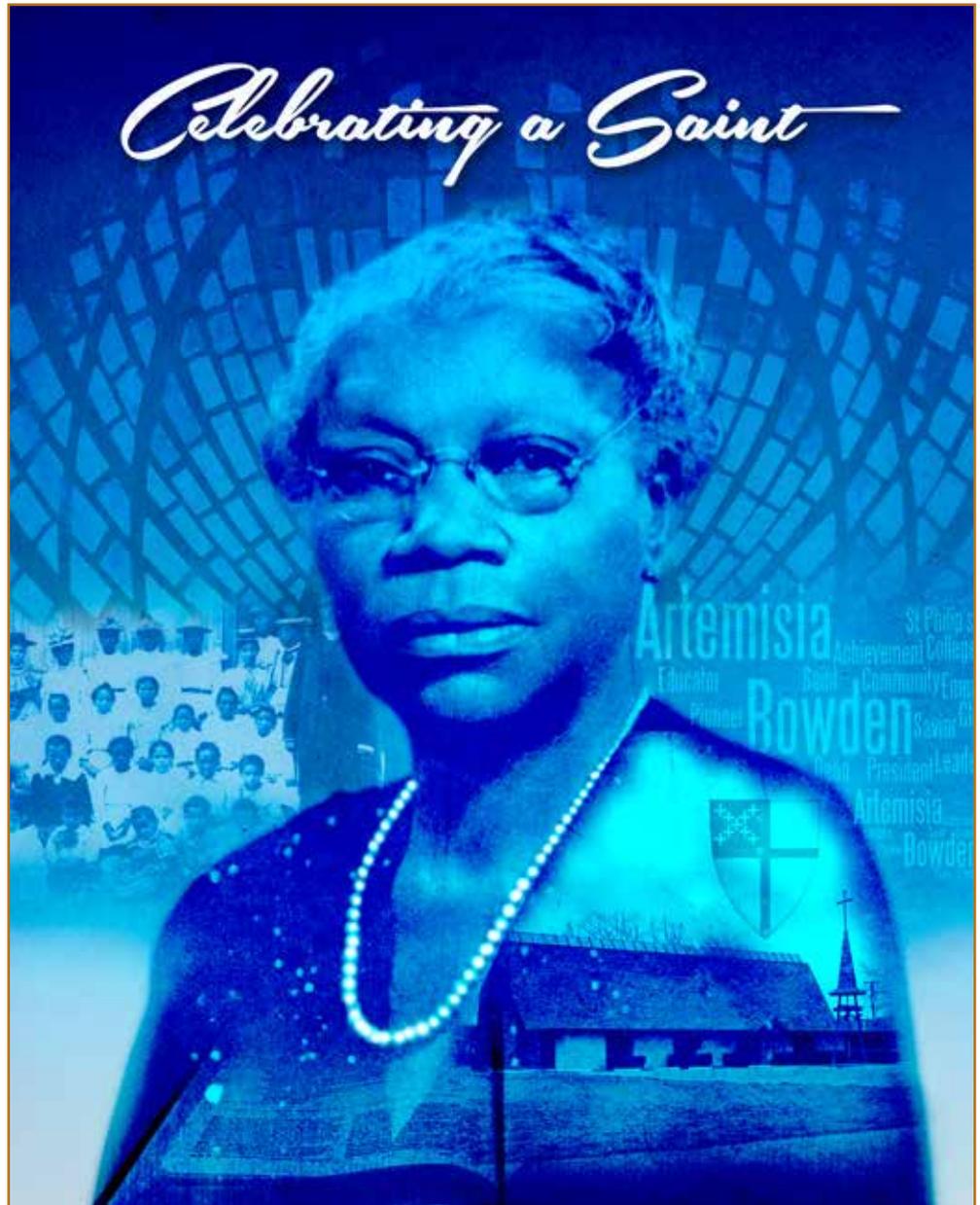
I take great pride in the work that our Office of Institutional Advancement does to ensure funds in the form of grants and scholarships are amply available to our students. As I always say to our deserving students, there is no free money. Students who accept these funds have "skin in the game". This newsletter highlights a few ways our students give back in the community including: Jessica's Project, community gardening and even reaching out to help our neighbors in need.

I would be remiss if I did not mention our 8th Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament. If you have not already done so, please visit our website, alamo.edu/spc to register.

Here's wishing everyone a 2016 of learning and purpose. With a Saint looking over us, we are destined for great things this spring semester.

Best Regards,

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President



Holy Woman - Artemisia Bowden

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“Celebrating a Saint” Artemisia Bowden Holy Woman

The first celebration of sainthood status for Texas’ first saint (inducted in 2015) St. Philip’s College President Emeritus Saint Artemisia Bowden was a highly anticipated event. Authentically, the event took place in the Bowden Alumni Center located in the G. J. Sutton Learning Center, which is built on the grounds of the former college campus residence where Miss. Bowden actually lived and served as an educator and civic leader for a majority of her life.

While the global meaning of Bowden’s sainthood is observed each August in Episcopal churches worldwide, St. Philip’s College students and many of Bowden’s most ardent living supporters shared their part in the Bowden story that is coming to attention beyond San Antonio through a short musical, theatrical, memorial and ceremonial interpretation of her deeds as the mother of workforce education for marketable skills and leadership within the San Antonio community.

Program highlights from the Nov. 20 event for 400 guests included unveiling a bronze relief plaque of Saint Bowden, recognition from the governing body of Alamo Colleges, a \$50,000 corporate donation from OCI Solar Power to fund study at the college, display of vintage Bowden possessions, musical selections from St. Philip’s College Concert Choir, and investment in the Artemisia Bowden Scholarship fund.



The Rt. Rev. David Reed, Bishop Coadjutor of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas (image at left), and (image below from left) Live Oak Mayor Mary Dennis, City Councilman Alan Warwick and Delta Sigma Theta sorority vice president Frankie Johnson and president Cassandra Anderson Carter who presented a donation and flowers in honor of Soror Bowden.



Alamo Colleges Chancellor Dr. Bruce Leslie (left) provided welcome remarks and Dr. Loston (above) provided the occasion remarks.



Playwright and actress Antoinette Winstead (left) portrayed Bowden in a presentation of Saint Artemisia Bowden – Savior of St. Philip’s, while Dr. Loston, SPC President’s Advisory Board Chair Mark Metacalfe and wife Jill (above) admire the newly unveiled Bowden plaque.



Aaronetta H. Pierce (Pictured above with husband Dr. Joseph A. Pierce Jr.), longtime supporter of St. Philip’s College, played a salient role in bringing this momentous occasion to life. Her vision and wisdom has helped advance the history, culture and legacy of St. Philip’s College.



Ceremonial guests (left) included speaker The Rev. Dr. Milbrev Davis-Rector Emeritus, St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, the Rev. Patricia Riggins- Parish Priest St. Philip’s Episcopal Church, Drew Cauthorn-Chancellor Episcopal Diocesan Council, The Right Rev. David Reed- Bishop Coadjutor of Episcopal Diocese of West Texas , Dr. Adena Loston- SPC President and Dr. Bruce Leslie- Chancellor Alamo Colleges. Other attendees (from left above) included Dr. Angela McPherson Williams- Director of Student Life, Ms. St. Philip’s College Katrina King, Rose Spruill- Dean of Health Sciences, and LaTonya Jones- Student Government Association President.



Bowden Scholarship Fund

St. Philip's College Artemisia Bowden Memorial Scholarship Fund sponsorship opportunities range from the \$20,000 Saint Sponsorship to the Pearl Sponsorship for Individual Donations of \$30 or more. The practice of raising money for SPC dates back to the early 1900s when SPC was a modest industrial school for African-American girls. Artemisia Bowden, who served the institution for 52 years as its primary teacher, president, and dean, led SPC's first fundraising efforts by personally soliciting donations from the community. Recognizing the educational tradition established by Saint Bowden, we seek out, encourage, and support students who require financial assistance and who demonstrate personal initiative, academic promise, determination, and civic responsibility.

Find more information online at www.alamo.edu/spc/advancement-grants or by contacting the SPC Office of Institutional Advancement and Grants Development at (210) 486-2887.



Dr. Loston receives a generous donation from Alex Kim, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mission Solar Energy to honor Saint Bowden and support St. Philip's College students.

Bowden Elementary School Supply Donation Drive

Faculty, staff, and students contributed to a multi-campus school supply donation drive benefiting Bowden Elementary School students by delivering school supplies for back to school success. Organizers at SPC and the elementary school determined that Bowden Elementary students required new 70-page wide-ruled notebooks, pencils,



The new notebooks and pencils (above) were donated by faculty, staff and students at the college.

and other stationery items to assist them in achieving a successful school year. Resources to help students included donation collection boxes operated Aug. 17th and Aug. 24th in the Center for Learning Resources and the Student Services Office in Building 1 of the SPC Southwest Campus. The campaign provided more than 133 spiral notebooks for the students, along with such items as boxes of pens, pencils, and crayons. SPC students and employees regularly mentor children at the nearby elementary school, and the school supply drive for 2015 was an element of the mentorship program. The school is named after Texas' first African-American Saint St. Philip's College President Emeritus Artemisia Bowden (1879–1969), noted in San Antonio as the savior of St. Philip's for her service from 1902–1954 and listed within the Episcopal Church as a Saint.

Jessica's Project

More than 200 students gave back while presenting research during the college's fall 2015 Jessica's Project event Nov. 4th in the Bowden Alumni Center. Students researched the relationship between autism, food allergies, and their combined impact in the life of a young person named Payton Chapa. Guests included UTSA autism center founder and coordinator Dr. Lee Mason. The series showcases innovative ways SPC students and community benefit when STEM faculty engage STEM students in an active civic engagement-learning model. With faculty sponsorship, SPC students succeed by participating in community-based projects.



Dr. Loston and Payton Chapa.



Students gave back while presenting research on autism and food allergies in the Bowden Alumni Center.

Namibian Minister of Health and Social Services Visits SPC

SPC made new friends when it hosted a foreign investment entourage led by Namibian Minister of Health and Social Services The Honorable Bernard Haufiko on Sept. 18th in the G. J. Sutton Learning Center. The minister visited SPC when his county's leader (president Hage Geingob) visited San



The foreign investment entourage tours the Center for Health Professions.



Antonio for the first time to cement ties and promote economic cooperation, bilateral trade, goodwill and exchange in multiple fields including alternative energy and tourism as part of the city's Friendship City Agreement with the Namibian capital city of Windhoek. Geingob was presented the Alcalde award by San Antonio Mayor Ivy Taylor. Alcalde recipients are honorary mayor of the historic La Villita settlement where SPC was founded in 1898. Namibian cabinet ministers, a business delegation, and other high-ranking Namibian government officials examining best

practices to increase Namibia's energy security also found SPC's innovative and nationally recognized alternative energy program of note as they furthered Namibia's goal to find friends all over the world. SPC is home to some of the biggest steps Alamo Colleges and San Antonio have ever taken to combat climate change, and home to the tourism, hospitality and culinary arts programs of the Alamo Colleges. SPC President Dr. Adena Williams Loston hosted Haufiko's SPC visit and attended Geingob's foreign investment-themed Friendship City Agreement events at The Plaza Club and The Briscoe Museum.



Cynthia Hall, First HBCU All-Stars Student at SPC/La Prensa Scholarship Student

SPC radiography and honor society student Cynthia Hall was among 83 exceptional undergraduate and graduate students who completed training in September before undertaking a year of public service to innovatively promote college completion by millennials locally and nationally with the support of the White House. The White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU) HBCU All-Stars program supports the White House's goal of helping 60 percent of Americans ages 25-34 complete an associate degree or higher by 2020. What distinguishes Hall among the All-Stars is that she is 19 years of age, the first All-Star from SPC and the only undergraduate selected in this two-year old program. Her initial training occurred during the 2015 HBCU Week Conference Sept. 21-22, 2015 in Washington, D.C. The 85 students selected were each screened and then recognized for accomplishments in academics, leadership and civic engagement. As a trained All-Star for the 2015-2016 academic season, Hall is giving back by promoting education among high school students in San Antonio. During the Oct. 27 regular meeting of the Alamo Colleges Board of Trustees, Hall was recognized as the recipient of a \$500 La Prensa Foundation Inspirational Scholarship. Her mother and father also attend SPC as biochemistry technician and business management students. Hall has one more semester to finish before she graduates. After graduation, she plans to complete her courses to become a licensed real estate agent and return to school to earn her certifications in MRI and CT.



Cynthia Hall, HBCU All-Star and SPC Honor Student

600 Recruits Attend Monster Tech Day

SPC hosted Attack of the Monster Tech Programs Day for 600 area students Oct. 30th at the Southwest Campus. Visiting students participated in the Halloween-themed event promoting technology and allied health programs. In addition to live music outdoors, four presentations on Linux and Raspberry Pi by SPC faculty member Robert Fransman attracted nearly 80 students who learned the characteristics of Raspberry Pi single board computer input and an output to activate a camera, and how to access that technology online through SPC's online resources. Students concluded by proposing uses for the technology as a bedroom security system or an electro-mechanical way to refill the empty food bowls of companion animals.

Hunger Banquet

The Natural Sciences department organized the college's Fall 2015 Hunger Banquet Nov. 12th at the Center for Learning Resources Breezeway. The annual program allowed 100 students at the college to focus on the state of hunger worldwide.



Students learn about hunger during the event led by Dr. Solomon Nfor.

150 Students Give Back In East Side Community Garden

On Oct. 9th in the East Side Community Garden, 150 nutrition students began the college's second season of sharing knowledge as guests in the garden. The project occurs with three to four student volunteers working independently most days of the week through the semester, but Oct. 9th was a day for all 150 currently enrolled nutrition course students to be present as volunteers. The students prepared soil, planted, pruned, and worked with mulch in the 6,500 square-foot garden where seniors can take their gardened produce home for meals.



Gardeners (top and bottom images) learn and give back to the community.

Fall Women Breaking Through Conference

SPC promoted future economic security for 150 local girls in grades 8–12 in the college's 2015 Women Breaking Through Conference on Oct. 10th hosted by the Center of Excellence for Mathematics. Conference highlights included workshops led by professional women in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields. Designed by current professional women to instill confidence in potential professional women, the workshops allowed teenaged girls to explore technology, chemistry, nanotechnology, applied mathematics, molecular biology, and science.



Students attend workshops led by professional women in the science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) fields.



SPC Students In Paris For First International Culinary Exchange Program

Culinary arts department alumni Bryan Likens and Gerardo Ivan Torres gave back and made a bit of history in Paris in September. They taught the college's first Texas cuisine and culture classes to students of the European Union in France during a weeklong exchange culinary program that



Travellers included SPC faculty Frank Salinas, alumni Gerardo Ivan Torres and Bryan Likens (second and fourth from left) and department chair Mary Kunz.

co-promoted the cuisine of the Western Hemisphere—including the iconic pecan and barbecue of Texas—during the fifth edition of France's Fête de la Gastronomie 2015 observances. The event was the first leg of an Alamo Colleges international exchange program led by SPC with Paris-based host partner college Lycée Hôtelier Guillaume Tirel in Paris' 14th district. "Everything was really a blur; but we got to go to Paris to teach and learn!" 2015 summa cum laude graduate Likens said of his once-in-a-college-student's-career teaching experience. When mature, the formal partnership will enable students from both SPC and France to study the hospitality professions abroad beginning in 2016.

Students Building Up the Inner City



Construction technology students (top and bottom images) use skills to repair the home of an elderly couple.

Fifteen construction technology students partnered with District 1 City Council Member Roberto Trevino on Sept. 26 to assist in cleaning, painting and repairing an inner city home that is nearly as old as 117-year-old SPC. Under the faculty sponsorship of five SPC faculty members, the student team worked on painting and repairing the property of a 109-year-old home owned by an elderly couple on W. Elmira St. just north of the city's downtown. The SPC National Association of Home Builders student chapter members gave back by helping to save a property that was scheduled for demolition because of code compliance violations.



Presidential Scholarship Recipients Announced

On Sept. 24th in Artemisia's restaurant, six SPC degree candidates were announced as recipients of the Dr. Adena Williams Loston St. Philip's College Presidential Scholarship for the 2015-2016 academic year. The Presidential Scholarships are funded through more than \$1 million raised during the annual SPC Scholarship Golf Tournaments. The recipients for the 2015-2016 academic year are Keibian Crumedy (health professions), Fadela Gacis Castro (bio-technology), Charis Meeker (nursing), Minako Miyamoto (culinary arts), and Alexandra Scalercio (digital arts and



Dr. Loston and scholarship recipients (from left) Keibian Crumedy, Charis Meeker, Fadela Gacis Castro, Alexandra Scalercio, Minako Miyamoto and Hannah MaHaffey.

media). They are joined by returning scholar Hannah Mahaffey (Web Mobile Development). The recipients are each awarded an annual scholarship of \$3,000 and will give back through service with community organizations. The Presidential Scholars scholarship has been one of the most prestigious elements of the SPC experience since President Dr. Adena Williams Loston established it in 2008. The scholarships are awarded to students with a 3.5 grade point average or higher and individual histories of community service, leadership and engagement. Recipients meet with the president of the college for mentoring opportunities and are required to participate in structured community engagement activities.



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Caricature Unveiling at The Palm

President Dr. Adena Williams Loston became one of a projected 200 local civic leaders to be immortalized on the walls of The Palm restaurant in San Antonio when her caricature was unveiled in Baker's Corner at the restaurant. From London to Mexico City, the iconic restaurant chain has a reputation as a living museum of caricatures and cartoons featuring such iconic faces as Batman, U.S. presidents and civic leaders in their respective service areas. By strategically seating guests next to their caricatures, other guests are expected to take note of the locally caricatured guest, who embodies both the spirit of the brand and the communities it serves.



Dr. Loston's caricature embodies both the spirit of The Palm brand and the global communities it serves.

Upcoming Events

Black History Month - Find event details at: alamo.edu/spc/bhm

LeVar Burton - President's Lecture Series - February 11

Save the Date

Scholarship Golf Tournament - March 11

Women's History Month - March 1

118th Anniversary - March 1

Fiesta Culture Fest - April 21

Spring Graduation - May 13

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