



ALAMO COLLEGES DISTRICT
St. Philip's College

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President's Newsletter

Winter 2020



National Magazine Ranks SPC Among Nation's Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics

St. Philip's College was recognized on the Top 100 Colleges and Universities for Hispanics list published in the October issue of the Hispanic Outlook on Education Magazine. The college ranked 62 for associate degrees conferred to Hispanic students and 58 for the total number of enrolled students in a 2-year institution.

Every year, the national magazine curates Top 100 lists to chart the national progress of Hispanics in higher education and to recognize institutions that are committed to serving Hispanics' educational needs. Data is compiled from the Department of Education's database of completed higher education surveys from all 50 states.

"The recognition is truly an honor and one that we are proud of. SPC is a Hispanic-Serving Institution, as well as a Historically Black College, with a population of

approximately 13,000 students, of which 60% are Hispanic. The creation of a sustainable Pathways Model that contextualizes academic support, applied and experiential learning, and co-curricular activities in six distinct educational pathways, provides a unique opportunity for our diverse student population to pursue their passion," said Randall Dawson, Vice President for Academic Success.



SPC was designated as a Hispanic-Serving Institution (HSI) in 1987. HSIs are colleges, universities, or systems/districts where total Hispanic enrollment constitutes a minimum of 25%. The status provides grant opportunities that help expand educational possibilities, improve the attainment of Hispanic students and enable

HSIs to enhance their academic offerings, program quality and institutional stability.



President's Message



This last year has been a very busy one on campus as several construction and renovation projects have taken shape.

We have been committed to staying on track with improving campus-wide infrastructure while prioritizing our students, faculty and staff during this unprecedented time.

Our five construction and renovation projects have continued as planned. The investment in both campuses — blessed by Bexar County voters in 2017 — will aid us in our greater mission, addressing our community's educational priorities.

Substantial upgrades have been made to the renovated Norris Technical Building. The recently completed facility has also adopted a new name, the Clarence W. Norris Building. The change came as a result of the Alamo Colleges District Board granting Dr. Norris President Emeritus status with recognition and appreciation for 30 years of dedicated service at St. Philip's College.

The Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Center of Excellence will welcome students next year. The state-of-the-art facility and equipment will support San Antonio's \$15.2 billion tourism, hospitality and culinary industry.

The other projects include a \$20 million addition to Southwest Campus to upgrade and expand welding and auto body programs, a \$10 million replacement of the Bowden Building and Campus Center and a \$16 million new construction Health and Wellness Center.

The completed projects will contribute to cultivating a stimulating setting where students can thrive in achieving their educational goals.

Although we are learning to create community in new ways, we look forward to the day where we can celebrate these milestones together.

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

Ongoing, Upcoming and Completed CIPs

THE SIXTIES: A TOURISM AND HOSPITALITY CITY

HemisFair '68 was a milestone for San Antonio, catapulting the city onto the world stage. Construction of the Tower of the Americas, River Walk and HemisFair Park created the foundation for one of San Antonio's leading industries — tourism.

THE SEVENTIES: SAN ANTONIO'S LEADING INDUSTRY

One-year and two-year programs in Restaurant Management debuted in 1971 and 1978. The Certificate of Completion in Hotel Management was added in 1979. The St. Philip's College Business Management Department linked hotel and restaurant programs to jobs in San Antonio's tourism and hospitality industry.

THE EIGHTIES: EXPANDING CAREER PATHWAYS

St. Philip's College added Chef's Apprenticeship, Dietetic Technician and Dietetic Assistant in 1982; Food Service Management in 1983; and Hotel Management in 1984. "Tiger Café" opened to serve meals and was later renamed "The Upper Deck." Expansions accommodated increasing enrollment in the late 1980s. Students as community volunteers heightened program awareness, which set the foundation of partners, advocates and alumni who continue to be the backbone of THCA.

THE NINETIES: REPUTATION AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Tourism Management was the basis of today's Associate of Applied Sciences Degree in Hospitality Management. Hospitality-related programs organized under a Hospitality Management Department became the Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Department. Culinary Arts and Restaurant Management received initial accreditation from the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission (ACFEFAC) in 1991, and again in 1996. In 1997, the Culinary Arts Program received Exemplary Status from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

THE TWO-THOUSANDS: EXEMPLARY STATUS AND INDUSTRY PARTNERS

In 2001, the department was the first in Texas to receive Exemplary Status from the American Culinary Federation Education Foundation Accrediting Commission. A certificate program in Baking and Pastry was established in 2000; followed by the A.A.S. in 2007-08. Culinary Arts and Baking and Pastry Arts received ACFEFAC Exemplary Status again in 2008 and 2015. In 2009, "Artemisia's," formerly known as "The Upper Deck," was named in recognition of Artemisia Bowden who was named President Emeritus posthumously by the Alamo Colleges District Board of Trustees in 2015.

THE TWENTY-TENS: GROWTH AND WORLDWIDE OPPORTUNITIES

In 2012, Hotel Management and Restaurant Management programs earned national accreditation by the Council of Hotel, Restaurant and Institutional Education Program Accrediting Commission. A partnership with the University of Houston Conrad N. Hilton College of Hotel and Restaurant Management opened new pathways to career advancement. The establishment of dual credit programs with area high schools created seamless transitions and transfer credit for culinary and hospitality management students. Exchange programs were established with Lycee Guillaume Tirel in Paris, France, Encuentro Gastronomico de las Americas in Latin America, and SENA: "De la Chagra a la Mesa" in Cali, Colombia.

THE TWENTY-TWENTIES: FOUR STORIES

The Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts building will be open for students in Spring 2021, ushering in a new era for students pursuing careers in the city's \$15.2 billion industry. "Artemisia's," on the fourth floor is designed to give guests a fine dining experience and a gorgeous view of downtown. Café 1898 will be a working kitchen and lab for culinary, pastry and hospitality management students.



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WELDING AUTO COLLISION BUILDING

The new Welding Auto Collision Building will be located at the St. Philip's College Southwest Campus. At 62,000-square-foot, the new facility will host advanced instructional welding and autobody labs, welding stations and double bay automotive prep stations. The one and a half floor building is expected to welcome students for the fall 2022 semester.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS BUILDING

In March 2020, St. Philips College broke ground on a health and wellness building located on the MLK Campus. The 57,000-square-foot facility will replace the existing college fitness center built in 1949. The two-story gymnasium and natatorium will include an elevated track, short course swimming pool, therapy pool, weight and cardio training spaces, aerobic studio, a cardio studio, teaching labs for kinesiology, first aid/CPR, massage therapy, gathering spaces and staff offices. The building will be completed in fall 2021.



BOWDEN BUILDING

The new Bowden Building will be a 25,000-square-foot, two-story replacement building for the existing facility that accommodates the Business Information Solutions Department, Corporate and Entrepreneurial Training Center and the Microsoft Testing Center for Microsoft Office Specialists. In 1954, the center was dedicated in honor of Ms. Artemisia Bowden; the daughter of emancipated slaves led the institution from 1902 to 1954. The project is expected to be completed in fall 2021 and will include classrooms, computer labs, the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Center and staff offices.



CLARENCE WINDZELL NORRIS BUILDING REVITALIZATION

The extensive renovation began in fall 2019. The facility was built in 1970 and originally completed with three floors; a fourth floor was added in 1972. The building was named in 1975 in honor of Dr. Clarence W. Norris Sr., then Dean Emeritus. In March 2020, the Alamo Colleges District Board voted to grant President Emeritus status posthumously to Dr. Norris for his 30 years of dedicated service to the college. In addition, the Board voted to rename the Norris Technical Building to the Clarence W. Norris Building. For decades, the building has not reflected its name in hosting technical programs. The revitalized facility is expected to be completed in spring 2021 and will house the Reading and English departments, Instructional Technology (IT) and the Information and Communication Technology department. It will also host the Learning Lab, Reading Lab, Tutoring and Technology Center (TNT) and the Rose R. Thomas Writing Center. SMART® Classrooms and training labs will also be located throughout the building.

Radiography Students Earn 100% Pass Rate on National Certification Exam Following Eight-Year Re-Accreditation

Spring 2020 St. Philip's College Radiography Technology graduates achieved a 100 percent first-time pass rate on the national certification exam by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists. The 34 students, part of the 2020 class interrupted by a national pandemic, thrived in the remote learning environment, graduated on-time and are now licensed and certified practitioners. Certification allows the graduates to work as a radiologic technologist anywhere in the United States. No previous cohort has earned this level of achievement.

Radiography Program Director, Yolanda Poist, attributes the success rate to their faculty and clinical partners who deliver curricula in a way that students are left with a clear understanding of key concepts and sound clinical reasoning skills. Students are evaluated continuously while in the program by not only written and hands-on exams but also comprehensive competency exams at the end of each semester. The competency exams include all the content covered from each course the student has completed. Students are also required to demonstrate competency in nine general patient care areas, 37 mandatory imaging procedures and 15 elective imaging procedures to ensure that they will be proficient entry-level technologists upon graduation.

Program part-time and full-time faculty have over 200 years of radiologic technology experience collectively. Their curriculum includes didactic and clinical coursework that provides students with a solid foundation of technical skills. In May, the program was ranked the 10th best school for radiologic technologists' studies by Real Work Matters



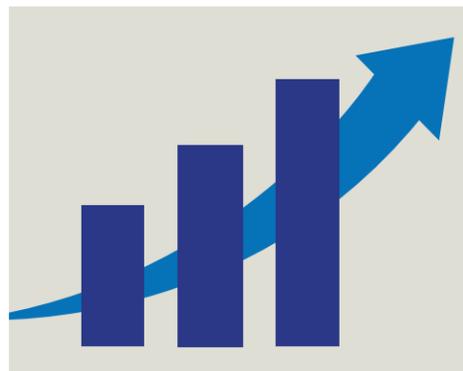
(RWM). Three months later, the program earned continued accreditation by The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) -- the only agency recognized by the United States Department of Education and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation for the accreditation of traditional and distance delivery educational programs in radiography. By showing continued compliance with all relevant standards, the program received the highest award of eight years of continued accreditation. Standards placed by JRCERT are designed to promote academic excellence, patient safety and quality healthcare. The standards require a program to articulate its purposes and to demonstrate that it has adequate human, physical and financial

resources effectively organized for the accomplishment of its purposes.

Obtaining national accreditation has been a longtime commitment for the college and comes at a special time as the program celebrates its 50th anniversary. For years, the Radiography Technology Program has not only prepared students to become skilled technical members of a healthcare team but also to educate them to become productive and responsible citizens in the community.

In practice, technologists use x-rays, magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) and computed tomography (CT) to examine the internal structures of the body and help physicians diagnose health problems in patients.

SPC Receives Donation from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority



St. Philip's College received a donation of \$12,500 from Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated® in partnership with the AKA Educational Advancement Foundation®. The donation comes on the heels of the sorority's recent third annual HBCU Impact Day initiative where more than \$1.5 million was raised in one day for the support of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs).

Last year, AKA began the process of donating to HBCUs through the AKA-HBCU Endowment Fund with the goal to donate \$10 million within four years. The sorority gifted \$1.6 million to the first 32 of 96 4-year HBCUs at a ceremony held at AKA's International headquarters in Chicago. Each HBCU received \$50,000 in unrestricted endowment funds as part of a phased approach to help schools reduce student debt through scholarships, fund industry-specific research, recruit and retain top faculty and other critical operations.

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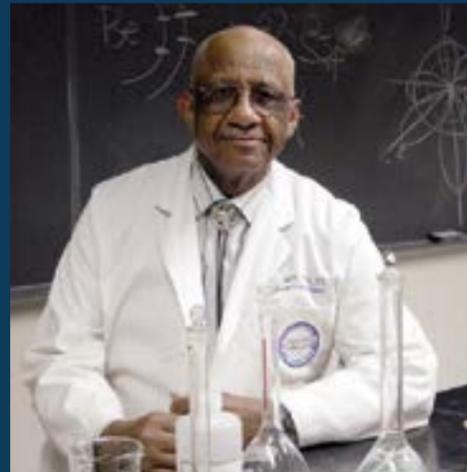
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Dr. William C. Davis, Hailed as a “Genius” by the Liberty Science Center

The Liberty Science Center (LSC), selected St. Philip’s College Professor Emeritus, Dr. William Conan Davis, as one of the three recipients of the 2020 Genius Award. Davis along with Jennifer A. Lewis, 3D Bioprinting Engineer and Moshe Safdie, Principal of Safdie Architects, was honored during LSC’s annual Genius Gala in September. The Genius Award is the highest honor awarded by the LSC. The annual event brings together more than 700 industry leaders and philanthropists to celebrate science, innovation and creativity.

William C. Davis led a remarkable career as a researcher and food chemist. His career was set in motion when his father took him on a road trip from his family’s home in Valdosta, Georgia, to the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. There, the young Davis attended a workshop with George Washington Carver and Henry Ford. Seeing African-American professors



Dr. William Conan Davis

and scientists in action inspired Davis to become a research chemist. Davis went on to receive a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Talladega College and a Master’s of Science in Organic Chemistry from the Tuskegee Institute. He was

determined to pursue a Ph.D. in research—an extremely difficult goal for a black student at the time. The University of Idaho was the only institution willing to accept him as a research-track graduate student. With a Ph.D. in hand, Davis began to explore human health, studying hay fever antigens, learning radioimmunoassay techniques, and spent nearly 15 years as director of United Medical Laboratories in Portland, Oregon. He helped establish a free medical clinic in Portland’s Albina neighborhood before relocating to San Antonio, where he became a chemistry professor at St. Philip’s College. Here, working with colleague Lanier Byrd, he studied the characteristics of drinking water and co-created the formula for Dasani brand water. He was named professor emeritus upon his retirement in 2009. In 2012, the college science building was named in his honor, now sitting as the William C. Davis Science Building.

Collision & Refinishing Technology Students Refurbish Donated Nissan Cube for Veteran in Need



The Collision & Refinishing program incorporates hands-on training with all facets of collision repair on vehicles that have sustained damage in an actual collision, providing a real-world setting in which to learn.

Students from the St. Philip’s College Collision & Refinishing Technician Program are applying their skills and knowledge to a good cause. During the Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters, students will be refurbishing a Nissan Cube for a San Antonio community veteran. The vehicle was donated by ProCare Collision, a local body shop that helps donate refurbished cars to people in need through local programs.

The SPC Collision & Refinishing Technician Program provides students with the skill-set to pursue a career in the highly competitive field of Collision and Refinishing repair. The Nissan Cube project is an example of how the program brings real-world industry experience to provide students the knowledge needed to reshape and restore a wide range of vehicles. Students train with the tools, equipment and

technology used in collision repair centers across the country. Upon program completion, students can become a collision repair technician, automotive refinishing technician, damage estimator, production manager, or a small body shop owner.

“The project we have undertaken in partnership with members of the local industry is tremendously important, not only to the Automotive Collision Repair program but to the students who will breathe life back into the discarded vehicle. Knowing that the effort they put into it will benefit someone in need gives a real sense of purpose and meaning to what they do,” said Jason Masters, Program Director.

The refurbished vehicle will be awarded to a veteran through the University of Texas at San Antonio Department of Veteran and Military Affairs. The project is scheduled for completion in May 2021.

Transportation & Manufacturing Technologies Department Chair Speaks at Texas Workforce Commission Forum



John Haral

St. Philip’s College Associate Professor and Transportation & Manufacturing Technologies Department Chair, John Haral, joined the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) as a panelist during their virtual Office of Employer Initiatives (OEI) Business & Industry Upskill Aerospace Forum. In his presentation, Haral discussed the role of SPC’s Aircraft Technology program in meeting the growing demand for aviation

professionals. He also spoke on how, through program collaborations with the local aerospace industry, the program is able to align its training with the latest technologies and concepts.

The SPC Aircraft Technician program continues to be the only provider of customized instruction for the aerospace industry in San Antonio. The program offers traditional college courses for students seeking the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Airframe and a Powerplant license. Students gain a comprehensive understanding of

the operation, maintenance and repair of turbine aircraft engines and their associated systems. Upon completion of the program, students can pursue various positions within the aircraft industry including, airframe and powerplant technician, aircraft electrician, aircraft avionics technician and aircraft fuel systems technician.

“The program has been a key player in aviation workforce development and continues to produce a pipeline of skilled technicians. Having SPC represented in the TWC forum was important because the aerospace industry relies on community colleges to provide trained technicians to meet their needs and SPC does this well,” said Haral.

The TWC OEI Business & Industry Upskill Forum is part of the Skills Development Fund COVID-19 Special Training Initiative. The sessions play a vital role in providing statewide training to meet the growing demand for a skilled and trained workforce amid the coronavirus pandemic. Each forum is focused on a specific industry, serving as an opportunity to hear from various business and industry partners on new trending business operations and training.



For the past quarter-century, the St. Philip’s College program has served as a bridge between the aviation hub’s past and industry’s future, preparing the next generation of aircraft technicians. Students come from all over; some are interested after serving in the military while others want to learn more about planes and start the program as an attempt at a new career path.

NSF Donates \$1.5 Million for Underrepresented STEM Students

The National Science Foundation (NSF) selected St. Philip’s College as the recipient of a \$1.5 million grant to support efforts in meeting the mission of the Ciencia, Ingeniería, y Matemáticas Aliados - Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation (CIMA-LSAMP) Program. CIMA-LSAMP strives to transform science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education through innovative recruitment, retention strategies and experiences that support groups historically underrepresented in STEM disciplines including African-Americans, Alaskan Natives, American Indians, Hispanic Americans, Native Hawaiians and Native Pacific Islanders. This is accomplished through a large number of initiatives, including peer mentorship, faculty mentorship, tutoring, supplemental instruction and undergraduate research. CIMA was formed in the fall of 2013



when St. Philip’s College was first awarded the LSAMP Bridges to Baccalaureate Program (B2B) Grant. CIMA is comprised of the five Alamo Colleges: San Antonio College, Palo Alto College, Northeast Lakeview College, Northwest Vista College and St. Philip’s College. Each year, SPC hosts the CIMA-LSAMP Research Symposium where research

scholars across the five colleges congregate to present their research and findings.

Partner Universities include the University of Texas at San Antonio, Texas A&M University—San Antonio and the University of the Incarnate Word. This year, the event was held virtually via Zoom and featured 56 student presenters. Research topics included: Creating Efficient and Affordable Face Masks to Combat COVID-19; A Search for Nitrogen-fixing Microorganisms in *Tillandsia recurvata* from South Texas; Assessing Learning and Executive Function in Marmosets (*Callithrix jacchus*) for Human Application; and Plant Metabolite Extraction Protocol and Investigation of Forest Disturbance effects on Costa Rican Howler Monkeys. The virtual event welcomed over 160 spectators.

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Fall 2020 Presidential Scholars

St. Philip's College congratulates the Fall 2020 Presidential Scholarship Award recipients, Baking & Pastry student, Jalisa Terrazas; Nursing student, Tambra Staley; and Biology student, Carolina Gutierrez. Each student was selected based on their academic progress, cumulative GPA and commitment to scholarship requirements.

The Presidential Scholarship is intended to help students actualize their potential in addressing societal issues and challenges by providing funds to support their education. The scholarship is valued at \$3,000 and is awarded in \$1,500 increments per semester. Terms of the scholarship require substantive community service activities related to healthcare, social services, child advocacy, the environment, sustainability or economic development. Upon graduation, Presidential Scholars receive an additional \$900 per year to serve as a transfer scholarship to a 4-year college or university.



CAROLINA GUTIERREZ

Carolina is a volunteer for SA Youth Literacy, a non-profit organization that provides one-to-one reading assistance to elementary children in San Antonio. She also dedicates time as a volunteer for March of Dimes where she participates in donor outreach, data entry and works with local hospitals to gather baby supplies.



TAMBRA STALEY

Tambra's service to the community includes involvement with the National Federation of the Blind, San Antonio Chapter. In working with the organization, she attends monthly meetings where they plan game nights, convention schedules and other activities for the blind in the community.



JALISA TERRAZAS

Jalisa is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the official honor society for two-year colleges by the American Association of Community Colleges. She is a volunteer for the San Antonio Food Bank where she helps sort and package meals that are delivered to community members.

SPC Participates in First-Ever National HBCU Virtual Homecoming Celebration



In October, a National HBCU Virtual Homecoming was organized by HBCUNation.org to foster black college pride and to keep alive the Homecoming spirit inhibited by event cancellations due to the

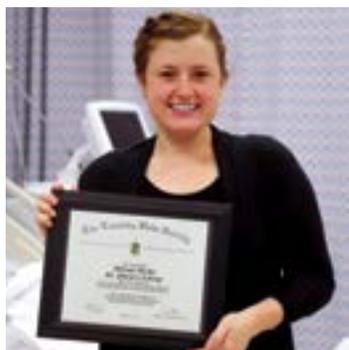
COVID-19 pandemic. St. Philip's College students, faculty and staff joined forces with thousands of others from the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) to celebrate the importance of and successes of the more

than 100 institutions of higher education.

Several HBCUs were featured each week in October. SPC was highlighted during the third week of the month with 18 other HBCUs and several HBCU-affiliated entities including, HBCU Sirius XM 142 and HBCU Pride Nation. The virtual celebration aired exclusively on the HBCU Nation's Digital Media properties, HBCU Smart TV and its sister station, HBCUiRadio throughout the month. Fun-filled events were scheduled each weekend, wrapping up with "Let's Go to Church" and a Gospel concert each Sunday. The celebration concluded on November 3 with Senator Kamala Harris at Howard University.



Respiratory Student Awarded Scholarship by Prestigious Honor Society



Melissa Drake

Lambda Beta, a prestigious national honor society sponsored and maintained by the National Board for Respiratory Care (NBRC), presented Respiratory Care Technology student, Melissa Drake, the Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care (CoARC), Stephen P. Mikles, EdD, RRT, FAARC Media Award.

The \$2,000 scholarship is presented in honor of CoARC's Past-President, Stephen P. Mikles, who served as a member of the Joint Review Committee for Respiratory Therapy Education (JRCRTE) from 1994-1998. The award honors scholastic

achievement and character of students, graduates and faculty members of the respiratory care profession. Melissa will graduate in July 2021 and currently serves as a respiratory therapy aide and stress test tech at North Central Baptist Hospital.

St. Philip's College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees and certificates. Contact the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of St. Philip's College.

Upcoming Events

All Alamo Colleges District events have been canceled, postponed or will be delivered virtually until further notice. Follow us on social media to receive the latest information on campus announcements.



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