



Dr. Loston, pictured here, is a recipient of the Alcorn Alumni Leadership Legends Award. All recipients, from left, are Dr. Alfred Rankins Jr., Commissioner of Higher Education for State of Mississippi, Judge Adrienne Wooten, Dr. Loston, Judge E. Vincent Davis, Commissioner Pelicia E. Hall, Andrea La' Verne Edney, Esq., Dr. Clyde E. Glenn and Senator Willie Simmons.

Loston lauded as 'Pillar of Knowledge and Character'



Dr. Loston is shown accepting her award with Alcorn Alumni Chapter President DeKendric Stamps, left, and Alcorn's first female president, Dr. Felecia Nave, right.

St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston received the Leadership Legends Award during the Alcorn Alumni Legends Ball, Metro-Jackson Alcorn Alumni Chapter, Inc. The award honors pillars of knowledge and character. Dr. Loston, a 1973 graduate of Alcorn State University (Mississippi), earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from the HBCU. Loston went on to receive her Master's and Doctor of Philosophy degrees from Bowling Green State University in Ohio. She later attended the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University in 1996; the Oxford Roundtable at Oxford University in 2001; and the Wharton School of Business in 2005.

Presidential Scholar Receives NAHBCU Scholarship



Tarpeh

SPC nursing student, Dorathy Tarpeh, received the National Association of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (NAHBCU) Title III Administrators, Inc.

Scholarship. The award recognizes students enrolled in Historically Black Colleges

and Universities who have demonstrated outstanding academic and service records. Tarpeh is originally from Monrovia, the capital city of the West African country of Liberia. She settled in San Antonio in 2016 and enrolled in SPC's Pre-Nursing program in January 2017. During her time at SPC, Tarpeh has received several scholarships including the SPC Presidential Scholarship, Alamo Colleges District Masters Leadership Program Scholarship and a scholarship through

Project QUEST. Tarpeh received her Licensed Vocational Nursing (LVN) Certificate from SPC in December 2018 and will be receiving an Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in December 2019. She is transferring to Wayland Baptist University, where she hopes to obtain her Bachelor of Science in Nursing. Tarpeh is employed at Christus Santa Rosa Hospital as an LVN in the telemetry unit, where she works closely with patients in need of cardiac care.

President's Message



It's tax season and our students are gearing up for one of the largest community service projects of the year.

St. Philip's College is part of the national Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance Program. SPC students process more than 4,000 tax returns at no cost to clients. The student-run VITA site, established in 1992, ranks number one in productivity locally, number four regionally and number 12 nationally.

Some SPC volunteers have gone on to run other VITA sites across San Antonio, contributing to \$50 million in tax refunds to VITA clients.

The college also trains over 300 new VITA team members each year to provide free income tax preparation services to individuals and families who earn less than \$60,000 per year.

The site is open from Jan. 21 to Apr. 15 and assistance is offered face-to-face and online. Most of the students – business and accounting majors -- receive Student Engagement Grant (SEG) scholarships for their hard work.

SEG offers students extracurricular experiences while pursuing their college coursework. There are opportunities to get involved with a special initiative, meet other students, and develop professional networks.

Other SEG projects include Allied Construction Technology Community Service, Byrd Sanctuary Peer Tutors, Campus Tour Leaders, Cyber Tigers, Making Reading Buddies at Bowden Academy, Spirit & Pride Crew, Stinson Air Museum and Tiger PAWS (a literary and artistic journal).

Student Engagement Grants are competitive. Staff and faculty project managers submit proposals at the beginning of the funding cycle for review and approval.

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

Dr. Loston Receives Heart of Care Award



From left, President & CEO of University Health System George B. Hernández; University Health System Foundation Board Chair Francisco J. Garza; Dr. Loston; President of University Health System Foundation Lourdes Castro Ramirez; and University Health System Senior Vice President of Community Health and Clinical Prevention Programs Theresa De La Haya.



Dr. Loston, received the Heart of Care award during the University Health System Foundation Texas Diabetes Institute Wall of Honor Luncheon. Each year, the event honors advocates who help build better lives for patients with diabetes. The event observed the 20th anniversary of the Texas Diabetes Institute by inducting Dr. Loston and two others into the Dr. Saul Treviño Wall of Honor.

KENS 5 Chief Meteorologist, Bill Taylor introduced Dr. Loston as the recipient of the Heart of Care award.



Turbon Student Center earns 'Star of Distinction'

St. Philip's College's E. L. Turbon Student Center received the "Star of Distinction for Excellence" Award for Value at the Texas Association of School Administrators (TASA) and Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) 2019-20 Exhibit of School Architecture Competition.

The competition displays new and renovated Texas schools while celebrating excellence in the planning and design of learning environments. The projects are selected by members of TASA and TASB. Thirty-four projects from 27 school districts and three college districts were awarded one or more Stars of Distinction in the following areas: community, planning, transformation, design, value and sustainability.

SPC Student Earns Scholarship from the United States Department of Agriculture



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St. Philip's College student, Kris Hawkins, received a scholarship from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) during The Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities Emerging Leaders' Summit at Concordia University Texas on September 17, 2019.

The summit focuses on preparing students for internships and career opportunities in a variety of fields, and provides the chance to interact with leaders and recruiters from various organizations. The event hosted over 100 students from 18 colleges and universities and connected them with professionals and corporate representatives throughout the day.

Among the attendees was USDA recruiter Ruby De La Garza, who selected Hawkins



Kris Hawkins informs students about the hydroponics system during an SPC Garden Club meeting. The system is used to grow plants in a water based, nutrient rich solution before transporting them to the outdoor community garden.

as one of 25 USDA-sponsored students to attend the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) 34th Annual Conference in Chicago in October. The event provided an opportunity for recipients to network with Agricultural Research Service, Foreign Agricultural Service, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service and Natural Resources Conservation Service. Alamo Colleges District Chancellor Dr. Mike Flores also attended and accepted an award recognizing the District as the 2019 Outstanding HACU-Member Institution.

Hawkins embarked on his educational journey at St. Philip's College in Spring of 2018. He decided to enroll in a biology program after seeing the hands-on experience and research opportunities the college provided. Shortly after starting the program, Hawkins saw an opportunity to leave a footprint at SPC to "combat the food desert that surrounds us." Born and raised in San Antonio, Hawkins recalls visiting a local garden on the Westside where he learned how to pick tomatoes and "chiles," sparking an interest in agriculture.

In 2018, Hawkins took his interest and initiated the St. Philip's College Garden Club which currently has over 25 active members. "Why are we paying so much for food we can grow ourselves?" Hawkins asked. While learning about disease and nutrition, Hawkins became interested in plant chemicals and the specific secondary metabolites that affect humans. Additionally,

he became interested in careers with the USDA which influenced his decision to attend the conference.

Hawkins has participated in on-campus projects that included research of *Callosobruchus maculatus* (bean beetles). He was awarded a Student Engagement Grant (SEG) for the completion of the bean beetles project. Hawkins was selected by Assistant Professor Dr. Mary Kelaita to join her and two other students on a biological field trip to Costa Rica over the summer. His trip was funded by a scholarship given to him through the CIMA (Ciencia, Ingeniería y Matemáticas Aliados)-LSAMP (Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation) Program grant, which was awarded to St. Philip's College by the National Science Foundation.

During the four and a half week-long journey in Costa Rica, students participated in various projects dealing with the effects of diet, climate change, geographic isolation and habitat destruction on the health and well-being of *Alouatta palliata* (howler monkeys). Working alongside five researchers from prestigious U.S. colleges and universities, Hawkins helped identify plants consumed by howler monkeys in an effort to plan his long-term project on secondary metabolite effects on endocrine function.

Hawkins will be transferring to Texas A&M University -- San Antonio in Spring 2020 as a senior and biology major. He has plans to intern at USDA in the Spring and Fall of 2020.



SPC's community garden is located behind the Learning and Leadership Development Center.

SPC Hosts Texas Veterans Service Fair and Veterans Day Ceremonies

St. Philip's College Good Samaritan Veterans Outreach and Transition Center (GSVOTC) welcomed over 200 veterans during the 2nd Annual Texas Veterans Service Fair. The fair hosted more than 40 organizations that assist veterans in identifying potential opportunities, services and tax exemptions they are eligible for.



State Sen. José Menéndez (Dist. 26) addresses veterans and community members during the Texas Veterans Service Fair.



From left, VP for Student Success Dr. Mordecai I. Brownlee is joined by Sen. José Menéndez, Councilwoman Jada Andrews-Sullivan (Dist. 2), State Rep. Barbara Gervin-Hawkins (Dist. 120), State Sen. Pete Flores (Dist. 19) and Alamo Colleges District Chancellor Dr. Mike Flores.



Service members gathered during the Veterans Day Ceremony held at St. Philip's College Southwest Campus.



From left, VP for College Services Lacy Hampton, retired United States Marine Corps Master Gunnery Sergeant Ricardo Perez Cruz, VP for Student Success Dr. Mordecai I. Brownlee and VP for Academic Success Randall Dawson honor veterans and active duty service members on Veterans Day.



At St. Philip's College Martin Luther King Campus, service members gathered with leadership following the wreath laying ceremony. The monument where the service was held was donated in 2011 by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

Jessica's Project Fall 2019: Reproductive Health and Unplanned Pregnancy

Jessica's Project is a civic engagement program that strengthens student interest in STEAM (Sciences, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics) by connecting academic topics to issues affecting the local community. Through this program, students, faculty and staff were provided opportunities to engage with the community by utilizing their skills to conduct research on topics the program focused on.

This semester, "the event highlighted the rate of teenage and unplanned pregnancies in our community. While the rate of teen pregnancy across the U.S. is declining, Texas and San Antonio still have higher than normal rates," says Lourdes Alba, SPC faculty member and chair for Jessica's Project 2019. Part of the research was conducted by students interacting with community members to learn about their experiences with early pregnancy and reproductive health. The research was later featured during the event that hosted over 500 students. Additional presentations on topics included: A Biological Approach to Human Sexuality, Choosing your Statistic (Safe Sex practices), Coping with Pregnancy, Contraception 101 and Prenatal care and the effects of nutrition and toxins.



Northwest Vista College Psychology Department Chair Dr. Donald Lucas served as the Keynote Speaker during the event. He discussed *A Biological Approach to Human Sexuality*.



SPC student and Eureka Club President Chrishall Armstrong conducts a demonstration titled, "Chemical Magic."

CORE4 STEM Family Day Provides Pathways in STEM Education

SPC hosted the 10th Annual CORE4 STEM Family Day in partnership with the San Antonio Hispanic Chamber of Commerce (SAHCC) at the MLK Campus. The free event provided information on career opportunities and pathways in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics). St. Philip's College was one of 10 campuses SAHCC partnered with for the week-long program. The event hosted approximately 150 youth, parents and college students as they

experienced hands-on STEM demonstrations, exhibits, informational booths and other STEM-related activities. Six faculty members presented STEM workshops that included Learning in Virtual Reality, Cyber Security, Synthetic Biology and Forensic Science. Community partners such as Girls, Inc. and Ella Austin Community Center collaborated by promoting the event to families in the community.

SPC Hosts Annual Oxfam Hunger Banquet



Over 1,500 pounds of food were collected during a Hunger Banquet Food Drive. The food was displayed during the event as students participated in an interactive experience that examined the issues of socioeconomic disparities and food insecurity.

St. Philip's College hosted the 19th Annual Oxfam Hunger Banquet. Students randomly drew tickets that assigned them to different income levels and were given food based on their status. Some received a nutritious dinner, while others ate a smaller portioned meal. Additionally, Student Success presented the total amount of donations they collected during the 2019 Hunger Banquet Food Drive which took place from Sept. 30 to Nov. 5. A portion of the donations went to the San Antonio Food Bank, while the other donations were distributed to students in need through the on-campus food pantries on MLK campus in the Sutton Learning Center office 102. Grab 'N Go Food Pantry services are available on Southwest Campus in Bldg. 1 Rm. B-172.

Homecoming Week 2019



Faculty, staff and students from the St. Philip's College Southwest Campus gather to kick-off Homecoming 2019 during the Tiger Nation Pep-Rally.



Homecoming court members, from left, Alexandra "Ally" Carman, Grant Hernandez, Cameron Lott and Parabron Hawkins serve HoCo's traditional Royal Cake.



Dr. Loston joins faculty, staff and students from the Martin Luther King Campus as they gather during the second Tiger Nation Pep-Rally celebration.



St. Philip's College Lady Tigers take the win against Northwest Vista College Wildcats during Homecoming Week's home game.

Homecoming Blue & White Dinner and Dance 2019



2019 Homecoming Court from left are: Noe Barbosa (ECHS King), Grant Hernandez (2nd Runner Up), Parabron Hawkins (1st Runner Up), Cameron Lott (Mr. SPC 2019), SPC President Dr. Loston, Cameron Kirkland (Ms. SPC 2019), Alexandra "Ally" Carman (1st Runner Up), Mo'Nique Harris (2nd Runner Up) and Essie Richardson (ECHS Queen).



Homecoming events concluded with the Blue & White Alumni Mixer and Dance and the coronation of Mr. and Ms. SPC 2019.



Dr. Loston is pictured with Mr. SPC Cameron Lott, left, and Ms. SPC Cameron Kirkland, right. Both were featured on Ebony.com as part of the Ebony HBUC Campus Queens and Kings competition.



Alumni, students, faculty, staff and community members representing graduates from the past six decades come together for the annual "Welcome Home" celebration.



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FULLC Provides Over 2,500 Meals to the Community



FULLC's hard work in corraling volunteers to distribute food make a huge impact on local families who each drove or walked away with enough to feed a family of six for the holidays. SPC student, FULLC President Sandra Trevino and Club Advisor John Orona worked with the San Antonio Food Bank and Student Success and Advocacy Center to bring food donations to San Antonio's Eastside.

In partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank, SPC's Future United Latino Leaders for Change (FULLC) hosted a Thanksgiving Food Pantry Drive-Thru on November 22, 2019. The purpose of the event was to ensure that no family goes without a Thanksgiving meal during the holiday season. With the support of Collegiate 100, Culinary Hospitality and Tourism Club (CHAT) and other SPC organizations, over 22-pallets of food were distributed to approximately 3,000 people. As a Point of Pride on the Eastside, "we are here to serve the community and improve life for current and future students through education and service," said Dr. Angela McPherson Williams, Director of Student Success.

HEB Helps Fight Hunger on Campus

St. Philip's College received a \$3,000 donation from HEB to assist with the inventory of the MLK and SW campus food pantries. "The generous donation has allowed us to supplement our food pantry and provide students with needed resources, such as hygiene items, as well as more fun, seasonal food items," says Student Advocacy Center Director Sasha Wilhelm.

SPC celebrated the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the Grab 'N Go Food Pantry on October 10th where the San Antonio Food Bank announced its partnership with the Alamo Colleges District. Community partners such as the San Antonio Food Bank and HEB are essential as SPC aims to target hunger and food insecurity on campus. The MLK Campus food pantry recently added a fridge to expand the food options available to students.

The Grab 'N Go Food Pantry is a service available to students in the Safe SPACE Student Success & Advocacy Center. Safe SPACE serves to empower our college community through academic, economic and social engagement initiatives to promote self-efficacy and awareness.



Students can stop by the food pantry when they need to restock their fridge at home or just need a little snack boost to help them get through the day. Grab 'N Go Food Pantry services are available on Southwest Campus in Bldg. 1 Rm. B-172 and Martin Luther King Campus, Sutton Learning Center Rm. 102.

SAYWE Celebrates 10th Anniversary



San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble (SAYWE) observes its tenth year in the 2019-2020 season by presenting a series of concerts. Since inception in 2010, SAYWE has served as the premier honor wind ensemble for youth in San Antonio and surrounding communities. From its home in SPC's Watson Fine Arts Center, the fully integrated performing arts program for young musicians provides a positive musical experience for students between the ages of 12 to 20 years old. The Ensemble is led by music director and conductor Roderick Leonard. The 10th-anniversary kick-off will take place Sunday, December 15, in the Watson Fine Arts Center as SAYWE presents Winter in the Watson and continue with a series of concerts throughout the year.

Winter in the Watson

December 15, 2019

2:00 P.M.

Watson Fine Arts Center Theater

10th Anniversary Concert: Black

History Month February 8, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Watson Fine Arts Center Theater

Concert on the Green

April 5, 2020

2:00 P.M.

SPC Campus Green

Spring Spectacular

May 16, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Guest Conductor Jerry Junkin:

Watson Fine Arts Center

Movie Madness

June 25, 2020

7:00 P.M.

Watson Fine Arts Center Theater

CENSUS 2020

In partnership with the City of San Antonio and Bexar County, St. Philip's College encourages community members to respond to the 2020 U.S. Census. Responding is important as it plays a pivotal role in how our community is represented in the U.S. Congress and how federal funds are allocated to address regional needs. A complete count helps ensure that services such as Medicare, Medicaid, social security and public transportation are available to those who need them.

The U.S. Census Bureau makes it feasible for you to choose how to respond. You'll receive an invitation to respond beginning in mid-March with options to participate via online, by phone or by mail. You can also respond in person beginning in mid-May. For more information on the U.S. Census visit 2020Census.gov.





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SPC Attends San Antonio Area Tourism Councils' Gala



Gala attendees, from left are, THCA instructor David Uminski; students Yessica Villagomez Ramirez, Ana Valle Loo, Alexa Serna, Ana Villareal; Dean for Academic Success Edith Orozco and spouse, Rita Perez-Orozco; THCA Dept. Chair Chef Frank Salinas, spouse, Esther Salinas; THCA instructor Corey McNair and VP for Academic Success Randall Dawson.

St. Philip's College employees, students and family members representing Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts (THCA) attended the San Antonio Area Tourism Council 2019 Awards Gala held at the Witte Museum.

Upcoming Events

Martin Luther King March
January 20

Black History Month
February 1-29

Cesar Chavez March for Justice
March 30

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