



President's Message



Welcome back to St. Philip's College. What a great start into the fall semester! I hope all students, faculty and staff enjoyed their summer. Though the summer months on campus are not packed with students on the yard there were still many activities and achievements to celebrate.

We concluded the three-part President's Lecture Series with a presentation from what some are calling the Maya Angelou of the millennial generation. Her passion for spoken word was remarkable and entertaining.

As always, the summers at St. Philip's are a resource for local high school students. Phoenix Middle College, Camp 98.6 and Stem students took a different approach to their summer break participating in hands on educational programs to sharpen their knowledge and interest in science, technology, engineering and math.

While some chose to exercise their brains, others participated in physical labor, building a ramp for someone in need and cleaning the graffiti from a park in our neighborhood.

I can't help but be proud of the St. Philip's family from one semester to the next. We have much to look forward to in the months ahead. The beginning of the academic year is always an exciting time, and I wish everyone a great semester.

Best Regards,

Adena Williams Loston, Ph.D.
President

University Names Center After Ms. Bowden

St. Philip's College President, Dr. Adena Williams Loston, attended the June 5 ceremonial opening of the 30,000 square-foot University of the Incarnate Word Rosenberg School of Optometry and Bowden Eye Care Center. The Center provides an unprecedented level of eye care services for residents of San Antonio's eastside. Dr. Loston and UIW President, Dr. Louis

Agnese, (right) celebrated with guests that included members of St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Alamo Colleges board members, Denver McClendon and Dr. Yvonne Katz, and Dr. Andrew Buzzelli, Dean of the University's Rosenberg School of Optometry. The property is named after noted educator Artemisia Bowden, a 52-year leader of St. Philip's College.



St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston (left) and UIW President Dr. Louis Agnese (right) lead the celebration.

Free Community Health Fair

St. Philip's College Health Science students gave back as they gained invaluable practical experience when the college hosted a day of complimentary health services during the free Community Health Fair April 20 in the Center for Health Professions building. This event was presented at St. Philip's College in partnership with Wal-Mart, The University of the Incarnate Word, and media partner Univision. A second health fair was held at the college on Sept. 13 and the last of the series is scheduled for Nov. 2.



St. Philip's College Health Science students learn and give back to the community.

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Faculty Give Back Through Ramp Project

On June 12 in San Antonio, eight St. Philip's College Aircraft, Construction, and Manufacturing department employees completed an American Disabilities Act-compliant special access ramp as a nine-day goodwill project at a local residence in collaboration with the City of San Antonio's Green and Healthy Homes project.

The city provided site selection, volunteer selection, construction material and debris removal services. The labor was provided at the property on 1102 Steves St. by college employee-volunteers aircraft faculty members Rod Cotter, David Weaver, Richard Jewell and Rafael Brisita, construction adjunct faculty member James Chilson, and lab technicians Robert Clary, Sammy Montanez and Rodney Williams.

The resident who benefits from the volunteer labor performed by the SPC employees during their summer break is an elderly woman who was using an unserviceable wheelchair ramp to access her home in the college's Southeastern San Antonio service area.

"She was very complimentary on the job that was performed," said Cotter. "She was amazed at the quality of the ramp, since the complete ramp is constructed out of two-by-six-inch and four-by-four-inch-treated wood. You can drive a tank up that ramp and it will not break," Cotter said with pride.

"Every board on that ramp was checked and found to be both level and plumb," Cotter shared. "If you look through the rails, you can see all pickets are not only parallel to

each other, but follow the contour of the house. She marveled at the perfection and precision of every piece of wood," Cotter concluded.



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Camp 98.6

St. Philip's College faculty and staff trained 15 Fox Tech High School Health Science Technology students during one cost-free week of study. Both St. Philip's College and University Health System, the lead Level I Trauma Center for all of South Texas, supported the program.



St. Philip's College faculty and staff trained 15 health science students in the Dr. Frank Bryant, Jr., Patient Simulation Center and Nursing Laboratories, one of the nation's largest medical simulation facilities.

The 2013 Camp 98.6 program ran June 17-20 and began in the Center for Health Professions building at the college. The camp concluded off-campus at University Health System AirLife helipad, which supports one

of the nation's premiere emergency medical services air medical programs.

During the first two days of Camp 98.6 at St. Philip's College, students learned the fundamentals of trauma patient care, explained Randall Dawson, Chair of the college's Allied Health, Early Childhood, and Kinesiology department staff which administer the camp. Those students rotate through all areas a trauma patient would go through such as surgical technology, radiography and laboratory services.

Each student was introduced to the college's surgical technology degree program, which leads graduates to jobs assisting surgical teams during surgery. Extensive training on the campus culminated with study in the Dr. Frank Bryant, Jr., Patient Simulation Center and Nursing Laboratories, one of the nation's largest medical simulation facilities.

Study at St. Philip's College groomed the Camp 98.6 students to work with a professional trauma and AirLife team at

University Hospital in a drill simulating a head trauma injury patient arriving at an AirLife helipad. The students moved the



The CAMP 98.6 students studied with allied health department chair Randall Dawson (center) in the college's Center for Health Professions building.

patient sequentially through such hospital facilities as an emergency room with nursing, radiography, respiratory care, surgery, and rehabilitation services personnel at University Hospital. University Health System is one of the top health care systems in South Texas and the primary teaching facility for The UT Health Science Center at San Antonio.

STEM Students Visit Space Center

Under the guidance of faculty sponsor / Mathematics Professor Sounny Slitine and funding by the National Science Foundation, 19 St. Philip's College STEM-CLUB members embarked on successful tours of Johnson Space Center and Houston Museum of Natural Science on April 26-28. Several of the student organization members shared their post-travel observations for the President's Newsletter:

While the trip was educational, the best part for me was finding students as dedicated as I am to furthering their education. It's difficult, at best, to be an adult student trying to hold a home together and keep my G.P.A. up, but to know there are others in the same situation is comforting. In the two days that we've been back, I find myself studying with other STEM students and our banter seems to revolve around the fun and the "cool" things we saw. Again, thank you for everything.

-Cynthia Martin (Math)

As a full time college student---and a working mom---this is a trip that I would not have been able to take had it not been for the school and this organization. The tours I was able to go on at NASA gave me a concrete look into the history of space travel, and I found that very appealing.

-Laticia Gonzales (Biology)

The trip left me wanting more information on how everything there was built and how space travel was possible when there was less technology back in the 1960s. I hope to be able to one day be a part of something great like that with the knowledge I learn from St Philip's College.

-Jorge Valdez (English)



STEM student club members toured both the Johnson Space Center and the Houston Museum of Natural Science.

Spring 2013 Commencement with Lila Cockrell



A highlight of the 129th St. Philip's College Commencement Ceremony unfolded in the Frontier Room of Freeman

Coliseum. On May 10, keynote speaker, the Honorable Lila Cockrell, Mayor Emeritus, promoted the debut of St. Philip's College graduation platinum-toned regalia. The adornment honors female students who completed degree and certificate programs leading to employment and certification in nontraditional occupations where women are a minority. As the first woman mayor of a major U.S. city, Cockrell wore a complimentary cord to display solidarity with innovative commitments by the college to elevate respect for the success of females who attain college degrees and certifications in career and technical programs that are gateways to well-paying jobs in biotechnology, alternative energy, aerospace, automotive, computers, manufacturing and welding. The college awarded 792 degrees and certificates to nearly 450 students this semester, and more than 350 of those students were present on May 10 to march across the stage and accept their degrees and certificates.



The Honorable Lila Cockrell, Mayor Emeritus, City of San Antonio (left) was hosted by St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston (right) as the commencement keynote speaker.

Phoenix Middle College Exhibition Fair

The 2013 Phoenix Middle College Exhibition Fair took place May 29 at the St. Philip's College Southwest Campus. The Phoenix Middle College experience at St. Philip's College allows San Antonio Independent School District 11th and 12th grade high school students to earn their high school diplomas, obtain college credit, and gain leadership experience at no cost.

For two years, the students have opportunities for job shadowing, mentoring, summer employment, senior year internships, leadership activities, plus field trips to job sites and college campuses. The fair was a capstone leadership activity for all students in the program. Among the fields of study represented from a

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leadership perspective were aviation technology, aerospace, engineering, information technology, construction technology, culinary arts, diesel technology, electrical, computer networking and support, manufacturing technology, hotel and restaurant management, welding, plumbing, alternative energy, automotive technology and auto body and collision repair.

During the 2013 exhibition fair, members from various industries, parents, and visiting high school sophomores from San Antonio Independent School District learned about the school while observing the innovative business plans of 30 middle college seniors, and career plan presentations of 15 middle college juniors. In addition, the visiting students toured the campus as they received answers to their questions from both faculty and middle college students, according to Karen Driskill, a counselor and career and technology instructor at Phoenix Middle College.

The Links Inc. Scholarship

St. Philip's College President, Dr. Adena Williams Loston, hosted a May 15 scholarship donation reception for the San Antonio Chapter of The Links, Inc. membership. The organization ceremonially presented St. Philip's College Presidential Scholars scholarship recipient, Hecdris Collier, with a \$1,500 scholarship during the reception. Presidential Scholars are required to participate in structured community engagement activities. Collier is committed to complete a significant portion of her community service in this capacity with the organization that has awarded her its scholarship.



Links Inc. presented Hecdris Collier (center), with a \$1,500 scholarship.

Achieving Presidential Recognition

On May 1 St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston met with the 2012-2013 Dr. Adena Williams Loston St. Philip's College Presidential Scholarship scholars. The non-endowed Presidential Scholarships are funded through money raised during the annual St. Philip's College Scholarship Golf Tournaments. The recipients awarded an annual scholarship of \$3,000 for the 2012-2013 academic year are (from left): Joey

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Moczygemba, Restaurant Management and Culinary Arts; Patricia Lamson, Health Information Technology; Hecdris Collier, Physical Therapist Assistant; and Markus Lopez Business Administration and Culinary Arts; (not pictured: Julian Rios, Network Security).

The Presidential Scholars scholarship has been one of the most prestigious elements of the St. Philip's College experience since Dr. Loston established it in 2008.

"It is one of our college's highest honors, one in which I give personal attention," said

Loston. "Each of these individuals embody at the highest level the essence of what it means to earn and achieve a presidential scholarship."

The scholarships are awarded to students with a 3.5 grade point average and individual histories of community service, leadership and engagement. Recipients are required to participate in structured community engagement activities and to meet with the President of the college for mentoring opportunities. To support the Presidential Scholarship fund, contact Gloria Hernandez at (210) 486-2498.



St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston meets with the 2012-2013 Presidential Scholarship scholars.

Spoken Word Artist Connects with Students

The Maya Angelou of the Millennial generation---Azure Antoinette---inspired students during the final President's Lecture Series event of the 2012-2013 season.



Azure Antoinette visits SPC students during the Presidents Lecture Series event.

Antoinette visited June 19-20, as she was midway in a project with ABC Family TV called, "You Should Know This About Me." The campaign encouraged young adults to submit a paragraph, poem, monologue or video that represented something unique about them.

"There was one question in particular that made my eyes tear up," said Tony Ramos, a student who enjoyed a class and lecture with Antoinette. "A young lady told Ms. Azure, I'm a young woman who is in foster care and trying to go through college, what

kind of advice can you give on how to be as successful as you? Ms. Azure's response was, *I admire you already for making steps to better yourself, and going to college is one of them. Foster parents are amazing. They don't get as much credit as they should. My sister and I were adopted by my mother when we were babies, and all I can tell you is it is going to get better.*

"I bought her book for signing at the end of her presentation. I was so excited because I was about to shake hands with my new role model," Ramos recalled. "All I could say was I am also adopted. She replied, *How is it for you so far?* I said, *It has been wonderful and with that and tears in my eyes, I went home thanking God for a wonderful experience,*" said Ramos.

"As a college, we encourage students and employees to share their unwritten and unspoken stories in writing and in words to reflect on who they are and what they have accomplished over time," said St. Philip's College President, Dr. Adena Williams Loston. "Our college's leaders fulfill student requests to share their legacies in public forums so they know exactly from where they are learning. We are also sharing our legacy through products such as our new oral history book, and events such as Azure's visit, which was a perfect fit for both students and the community," Loston said.

President Opens the Campus to the Alamo City Black Chamber

On May 9 in the Atrium of the St. Philip's College Center for Health Professions building, college president, Dr. Adena Williams Loston hosted attendees at an inclusion event organized by the Alamo City Black Chamber of Commerce. The mixer served as way to introduce chamber members to the college, organizations such as the City of San Antonio and Edwards Aquifer Authority, and several other community guests in attendance. Guests included (below) Jelynn LeBlanc Burley - CPS Energy Executive Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer, Oliver Hill- President of the NAACP's San Antonio branch, Gwen Robinson- former Executive Director of the Chamber, Ivy Taylor- District 2 City Councilwomen, Loston- President, SPC, and Sheryl Sculley- City of San Antonio City Manager.



National Center of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance



A momentous occasion occurred as two St. Philip's College employees accepted ceremonial National Security Agency (NSA) and Department of Homeland Security (DHS) documents at the 2013 Colloquium for Information Systems Security Education program on June 10 in Mobile, Ala. St. Philip's is recognized as a National Center of Academic

Excellence in Information Assurance for Two Year Institutions for the academic years 2013-2015.

Designation as a national center established the global identity of the college as one of the few two-year cyber security education institutions certified as centers of excellence by the cyber security industry and consumers of cyber security education. As a Center of Excellence the

college offers consumers access to scholarships, internships and industry respect associated with a center designation by both the NSA and Department of Homeland Security.

The Business Information Systems Department employees accepting the certificates were center coordinator and college information technology faculty member, Haydar Thomas Sahin and Department Chair, Janie N. Gonzales. Co-presenters of the college's certificate were Roberta G. Stempfley, and Debora A. Plunkett. Stempfley is acting assistant secretary for cyber security and communications at DHS, and Plunkett is Information Assurance Director at NSA.

Students graduating from Information Security and Assurance Associate Degree or certificate programs will graduate with some of the top and best-paid credentials in the information technology industry, along with the broad knowledge and skills required for transfer to a four-year college and further career success.

2013 SA Tourism Council Annual Student Showcase

St. Philip's College received several donations for hospitality student scholarships during the 2013 San Antonio Tourism Council Showcase, Mixer and Dessert Competition May 12 in Sunset Station.

The scholarships for study in the hospitality profession are from Alamo Area Hospitality Association (\$500), Concierges Association-Shirley Pons Scholarship (\$1,000), DMC Roundtable (\$400), and San Antonio Tourism Council (\$500), according to council member Linda Winchester.

"We had approximately 175 guests---mostly members of the San Antonio Tourism Council--representing many facets of the tourism, hospitality and culinary industry in San Antonio," Winchester said. "We presented checks to St. Philip's College for a total of \$2,400 to be used for scholarships in the

college's tourism, hospitality and culinary arts programs," said Winchester. "The recipients will be determined by St. Philip's," Winchester said.

The "Hospitality Industry Showcase" is an annual event sponsored by the Council, San Antonio Convention and Visitors



Donations fund scholarships for study in the tourism, hospitality and culinary arts.

Bureau, St. Philip's College, Historic Sunset Station, and The RK Group. The 2013 program highlighted the talents of 12 teams representing five area high schools, with such guest judges as St. Philip's College Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Department faculty member Chef Steve Martin, Nadler's of San Antonio owner Minerva Nadler, and Lüke San Antonio Executive Chef John Russ.

"Our city's future hospitality leaders are showcased at this annual event," said Mary A. Kunz, Chair of the Tourism, Hospitality and Culinary Arts Department at St. Philip's College. "Many of these students will make the transition from high school into our program and upon graduation will become our city's next pool of executive chefs and hotel general managers."

Silver Stars Six-Season Partnership

St. Philip's College's sixth season of student and faculty partnerships with the WNBA San Antonio Silver Stars has been very successful. On May 24 in the AT&T Center, St. Philip's College Recruiting, Middle Colleges, Dual Credit, and Centers for



St. Philip's College President Dr. Adena Williams Loston appeared on court to lead student and faculty partnerships with the team.

Excellence in Science employees marketed education during St. Philip's College Night at the opening season game of the Silver Stars. This year marks the sixth year St. Philip's College has participated as an educational partner with the Silver Stars organization. The team recognized St. Philip's College President, Dr. Adena Williams Loston, and members of the college leadership in attendance during the event.



An enduring symbol of the educational marketing partnership includes an inspiring blue college logo that appears during games in the AT&T Center.

WNBA Cares

On May 21, in the City of San Antonio's Martin Luther King Park, St. Philip's College partnered with Spurs Sports and Entertainment and the City of San Antonio to clean up the primary park on the city's Eastside. Dr. Loston and 10 St. Philip's College Phi Theta Kappa honor students removed graffiti on park property by repainting as a team with San Antonio Silver Stars coaches and players in a partnership project for the national 2012 WNBA Cares program.



As a partner in one of professional sports' premiere social responsibility programs, 10 of the college's honor students joined their college president and Spurs Sports and Entertainment employees to clean up the primary park on the city's Eastside as a team.

Team-Up with the Silver Stars



On May 15, in the Heritage Room, 10 St. Philip's College Honor Society students performed their second year of community service as leadership seminar providers for project leaders in the 2013-2014 Spurs Sports and Entertainment-funded Silver and Black Give Back Team-Up Challenge

leadership program. Based upon previous St. Philip's College Honor Society student success in the nonprofit organization's premiere initiative, the Spurs Sports and Entertainment organization invited the college's Honor Society students to share their journeys in leading sustainable community projects to help the organization's young workshop participants understand the process of a year of leading and giving back through projects assisted by financial resources from the nonprofit.

Going Green with the Silver Stars

On June 25, in the AT&T Center, faculty member, Dan Sherry, enhanced the Silver Stars Go Green promotion as fans learned more about green programs at St. Philip's College after visiting his information table located on the concourse of the center. Dan's interactive display quickly taught fans how students in the college's new two-year Power Generation and Alternative Energy program are converting light into energy and valuable medical-grade gasses such as hydrogen and oxygen.



Fans fill the concourse of the AT&T Center to learn about the college's greenest programs.

2013 Juneteenth Legacy Award

Dr. Marie Pannell Thurston, Oral History Coordinator, at St. Philip's College, is the recipient of a Juneteenth Legacy Award.

On June 19, 2013, Dr. Thurston accepted her award during the Juneteenth Freedom Dinner held in the Beasley Community Center at Bethel A.M.E. Church in San Antonio. During the annual dinner, honors are given with three awards to select individuals and organizations that exhibit the extraordinary traits of Harriet Tubman, Sojourner Truth, and Frederick Douglass as they worked to make a difference in society.

The 2013 event was a tribute to Dr. Thurston for her excellent work in documenting the 115-year legacy of St. Philip's College. In support of the new 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 Dr. Thurston, St. Philip's College is hosting a series of 2013 events. Dr. Thurston and her spouse, Charles, attended the dinner.

"Dr. Marie Thurston was honored because the history of such Historically Black College and University member institutions as St. Philip's College is for the most part unwritten and does not reflect who the people who led and attended the colleges are and what those people have accomplished over time," said Nettie Hinton. Ms. Hinton was the dinner organizer, as well as, the person responsible for nominating Dr. Thurston to receive the award. "The colleges and their leaders have been influential in making certain that black people can fully take part in a democratic society due to education," Hinton said.

Record Enrollment for 2013 San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble

The two-year-old San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble program of the St. Philip's College Division of Workforce Development and Continuing Education has been an enrollment and student phenomenon.

The ensemble within the St. Philip's College Academy of Fine Arts has grown to two ensembles in order to accommodate enrollment growth to 59 members. On May 19 in the college's 600-seat Watson Fine Arts Center, the San Antonio Youth Wind Ensemble Spring Concert entertained 505 community visitors, a 23 percent attendance increase over the ensemble's previous 2013 concert. This summer's season of ensemble wind and jazz concerts is anticipated to earn similar college-best attendance figures.

College authorities announced May 17 that the ensemble's 59 members will be eligible to compete for 10 St. Philip's College Student Engagement Grant scholarships of \$150 per student.



The college's ensemble has grown to 59 members.

Campus Ministry Mural

St. Philip's College attended the June 12 unveiling ceremony for the Artemisia Bowden Mural painted by 56 Fine Arts students at the college under the supervision of muralist, David Blancas, and sponsorship of their instructor, Jennifer Agricola-Mojica, an Assistant Professor of Art at the college.

The outdoor ceremony was held at the Meerscheidt St. side of the property of the Cooperative Ministries in Higher Education, established in 1971 to provide opportunities for student leadership development through internships and volunteer service. St. Philip's College President, Dr. Adena Williams Loston, provided the welcome remarks for the event that included members of the ministries board.

Currently led by Executive Director, Olga Samples Davis, a Professor Emeritus of St. Philip's College, the organization is supported by the United Methodist Church Southwest Texas Conference, Disciples of Christ, Lutheran Church in America, The Roman Catholic Church, The Baptist Church Community, and the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas.



Fifty-six drawing, painting and photography students gave back while learning fine art and muralism techniques for the new mural (above).





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The Transportation Services Technology Department---the largest transportation services technology college degree program in Texas---offers its graduates associate degrees and certificates of completion in both General Motors Automotive Service Education Program and Automotive Technician Training, now accredited at 2013 Master Accreditation Level standards by the National Automotive Technicians Education Foundation.



The foundation is the definitive provider of certification for hundreds of thousands of technicians who serve millions of consumers in the U.S. automotive service industry. Both of the college's previously foundation-accredited programs are re-accredited at the Master Accreditation Level for five years, explained Department Chair, Herman Hauschildt. "Students completing these programs will

receive degrees and certificates from the premiere college-level automobile technician training program in the college's service area, re-accredited at the highest level by the foundation," said Hauschildt.

St. Philip's College is also a regional training center for incumbent technicians from such automakers as General Motors and Ford Motor Company. Automotive technology is one of the college's top 10 most popular degree programs, helping students master the skills to service modern vehicles.

"The top-tier industry accreditations we have re-earned will enhance the quality and value of our graduates for the next five years," said Russell Gill, GM ASEP Coordinator at the college.

The non-profit National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence works to improve the quality of vehicle repair and service by testing and certifying automotive professionals. Today, more than 350,000 professionals hold ASE certifications, and work in every part of the automotive service industry. The foundation is the educational component of the institute.

Upcoming Events

**Oct. 24 President's Lecture Series:
Wil Haygood**

Save the Date

Nov. 2 Free Community Health fair

Dec. 13 Graduation

Feb. 1-28 Black History Month

Feb. 13 President's Lecture Series: Damon Johns

Mar. 7 Golf Tournament

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