

Proud of Our ACC "Pioneers" at the Pinnacle

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In the fall of 1973, Austin Community College had its start at the Ridgeview Campus. Thirteen of the original "pioneers" that were there at this momentous beginning are still with the college. Two of them call the Pinnacle Campus home – **Raquel Gavia**, Professor, Foreign Languages, and **Steve Muzos**, Professor, Biology.

While interviewing Steve for this article, he shared his historical archives which had the supplement to the Austin American-Statesman distributed in the Sunday, September 2, 1973 edition announcing Austin Community College's opening with steps for applying and two page course schedule in it's entirety. (Click here for a view of the front page: [1310_001.pdf](#) You will need to rotate the page once it's open.)

On the next two pages are Raquel and Steve's memories from those first days.



From Raquel Gavia:

In 1973 I was working at the University of Texas here in Austin in the Ethnic Student Services Department. That year I heard that there were plans to open a community college in Austin.

I was surprised and happy about this new college. At that time I had my Master's Degree in Foreign Language and had been looking for a teaching position.

In early 1973, I was interviewed and hired to teach French and Spanish and to chair the Foreign Language Department at the new Austin Community College.

During the month of August, besides planning courses and ordering textbooks, I spent a couple of weeks telephoning recent high school graduates to tell
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them about the new Austin Community College which would open in September of 1973.

The students I telephoned were African American and Hispanic and lived in East Austin. That first registration event was really something. I think we registered around 2,000 students that first fall semester. Today at ACC, 2,000 students is a small number, but back in 1973, at that first registration, registering 2,000 students was quite a successful beginning for Austin Community College!

From Steve Muzos:

I was hired in August 1973 after being interviewed by John Cise. That was in the old Ridgeview campus, which was the abandoned Anderson High School. I had recently finished my Master's degree at the University of Illinois where I had worked half time at the nearby community college and I really needed a full time job. It was very exciting to be part of the group that started ACC and helped plan its future.

All of ACC was in that building and I knew everyone who worked for ACC at that time. There was one ditto machine that was used for making all copies of all classroom materials by all faculty. I was the entire biology department until I was able to hire some wonderful adjunct faculty.

The first ACC registration was held at Ridgeview in fall 1973. The faculty all had tables in one room with paper and pencil to

sign up students. We had no idea how many students to expect. I remember when we went into the room and we could look out the window and we saw a line of students by the front door waiting to get in and we cheered!

Since there were no labs for biology, physics or chemistry we taught those courses at night in high schools. I taught ACC biology classes at Reagan, Crockett, and the old Austin High Schools. The high schools generally did not want us to use their materials so we took our own equipment and supplies with us in boxes in our cars. Eventually ACC took over the old Austin High and named it the Rio Grande campus. The science faculty moved in right away and for the first time we had our own rooms in which we eventually built labs. I stayed at RGC for a long time until I had the chance to move to PIN a few years ago, and I love it at PIN!



2008 ACC Pinnacle Service Award Recipients

Congratulations to the following 2008 Pinnacle Service Award Recipients!

5 Years of Service:

Julie Beach, Associate Professor Adjunct,
Photography

Patricia Czichos, Associate Professor Adjunct,
English

John Florkowski, Associate Professor Adjunct,
Developmental Math

Kendra Kahn, Associate Professor Adjunct,
Mathematics

Hyo Kim, Assistant Professor Adjunct,
Mathematics

Ashe Laughlin, Professor Adjunct, Art

Jennifer Lyons-Hunt, Assistant Professor,
Adjunct, History

Moira Martin, Professor Adjunct, Psychology

10 Years of Service:

Carol "Jeannie" Beach, Senior Administrative
Assistant, Dean of Business

Donald Becker, Professor, Philosophy

Lyn Colangelo, Professor, Speech

Tisha Coleman, Administrative Assistant III,
Student Development

Cheryl Engle, Associate Professor,
Developmental Reading

Peggy Foreman, Professor Adjunct, Computer
Science

Milton Gatewood, Computer Support Supervisor,
Computer Information Systems

Brian Johnson, Professor Adjunct, Visual
Communication Design

Pamela Mylius-Anderson, Admissions Assistant,
Admissions and Records

15 Years of Service:

Nancy Holden, Video Production Supervisor,
Instructional Development Services

Marieline McGhee, Instructional Lab Manager,
Learning Lab

Lee Moore, Associate Professor, English

Paul Traves, Professor Adjunct, Photography

Sue Wright, Professor Adjunct, English

20 Years of Service:

Sharon "Terry" Gormley, Professor Adjunct,
Foreign Language

Dionicio "Dennis" Gutierrez, Senior Testing
Assistant, Testing Center

Nathan Tinnin, Professor, Library Services

25 Years of Service:

Cleaburn Zwernemann, Instructional Associate,
Learning Lab

30 Years of Service:

Denise Anding, Professor, Student Development

Yvonne Estes, Professor, Biology

William Leonard, Professor Adjunct, Geography

35 Years of Service:

Raquel Gavia, Professor, Foreign Language

Steven Muzos, Professor, Biology



PIN Student Life Offers a Full Range of Activities

Megan Fullen, Student Life Coordinator, and **Adam Pfluger**, Student Life Assistant, have been busy this past summer getting things ready for a great fall semester at the Pinnacle Campus.

They've stocked the Student Life area with musical instruments, as well as a dart board, Wii video game console, and a start-up library where students, faculty and staff can donate books.

Students can also keep up to date on ACC club listings, and there's a job listing board, and information table.

Projects for fall include getting students involved in car pooling, voter registration, and getting students involved on campus. Megan and Adam are available for classroom presentations to inform students of ways to get involved in Student Life that can help increase their scholarship and transfer opportunities and add to their career resume.

Student Life offers volunteer and travel opportunities along with workshops in subjects such as leadership development and diversity. They also have a variety of clubs for students to join to meet new friends, network, and gain professional development.

Faculty members interested in Student Life coming to their classroom can email Megan at mfullen@austincc.edu. They also have a website at www.myspace.com/studentlifepinnacle.



Megan and Adam in Student Activities

Student Life Events at PIN – Fall 2008

September 9	12:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Welcomepalooza	Patio & Commons
September 17	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Back to School Movie	Student Commons
September 23	1:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Scooping Out Success/	Student Commons
September 29	10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Unity Jam	Patio & Commons
September 29	10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.	Posterama	Student Commons
September 29	11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.	Voters Registration	Student Commons
October 8	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Spanish Heritage Movies	Student Commons
October 14	10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.	Domestic Violence Clothesline	Student Commons
October 20	12:00 – 1:00 p.m.	Conversation Café	Student Commons
October 30	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Cluboween	Student Commons
November 13	12:00 – 6:00 p.m.	Student Art Show	Student Commons
November 17	12:00 – 3:00 p.m.	Women's History Movies	Student Commons
November 20	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Collegiate Smoke-Out	Student Commons
December 8 - 9	11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.	Healthy Cart	Student Commons
December 8 – 11	12:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Holiday Card Making	Student Commons

Kudos & Congrats



Yu and Myung Shin
Simon's Café –
Congratulations for
Becoming U.S. Citizens!

Melissa Brown, Administrative Assistant III, Campus Manager's Office, on being our Spring 2008 Pinnacle ACColades winner.

Shirin Khosropour, Professor, Psychology, upon her new appointment as Department Chair in Psychology. Shirin will be relocating to the RGC Campus.

Jody Klinger, upon her promotion to Student Services Assistant for the OSD office.

Andres Tijerina, Professor, History, with his team-mates, Alan Bell, Jay Barnes, and Jamie Beaman won the third annual ACC Golf Scramble held at the Riverside Campus on Friday, August 1, 2008.

The PIN Welcomes

Dr. Shawn Amorde, Associate Professor, Chemistry.

Christy Berry, Admissions and Records Supervisor. Christy comes to us from Northridge Campus Advising.

Wayne Decker, Adjunct Librarian, LRS

Naomi DiTullio, Adjunct Librarian, LRS

Rory Elliot, Adjunct Librarian, Library Services

Ashleigh Gilson, Admissions and Records, hourly clerk.

Bailey Henderson, Admissions and Records, hourly clerk.

Barbara Jorge, Reference Librarian.

Young-Bin Kim, Adjunct Librarian, Library Services.

Peggy Murphy, Adjunct Librarian, Library Services.

Jay Young, Adjunct Librarian, LRS.

Lauren Zschiesche, Admissions and Records, Work-Study

Fond Farewells

Michelle Cruz, Inter. Video Classroom Services Specialist, has left to pursue a degree in higher education, and to launch her own cake baking business.

Ginny Mensing, Administrative Assistant III, English, has relocated to the Rio Grande Campus.

ASK ANNIE

About PIN Parking

Q. I see we have added paved parking in the back and side parking areas, but the unpaved areas are no longer available for parking. What can students do to assure they get to class on time?

A. Beginning, Tuesday, September 9, 2008, the Pinnacle Campus is implementing a free ACC "Park and Ride" shuttle service.

Where to park: AISD's Tony Burger Activity Center located at 3200 Jones Road. ACC parking is located west of the stadium near the bus barn and accessible from the frontage road of U.S. 290 eastbound between Brodie Lane and Westgate Blvd.

When: Shuttle service runs Monday-Thursday, approximately 30 minutes from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For detailed information visit ACC Parking & Transportation at <http://www.austincc.edu/locations/parking.php> for updates and options.

Did You Know ...

For the Welcome Back Edition we thought it would be informational to list a Pinnacle Index (similar to the Harper's Index) of data and historical background of the Pinnacle Campus.

Pinnacle Index

Date of construction:	1984
Purchased by ACC:	December 1990
Purchase Amount:	\$2.8 million
Became a full-service Campus:	Fall 1993
Renovated:	1999
Building Gross Square Footage:	107,383
Assignable Square Footage:	71,235
Land Size:	21.06 acres
Multipurpose Classrooms:	29
Special Purpose Classrooms:	14
Current Enrollment:	3,073

PIN Calendar of Events

October 1, 2008	SECC Kick-off, Faculty Lounge
November 4, 2008	National, State and Local Elections – Student Commons, Room 108
November 27-30, 2008	Thanksgiving Holiday (ACC Closed)
TBA	Holiday Potluck, Faculty Lounge and 10 th floor Conference Room
December 14, 2008	Last Day of fall semester.
December 23 – January 2, 2009	Winter Break (ACC closed)

For a complete list of PIN activities please refer to our Campus Calendar of Events at: www2.austincc.edu/cgi-bin/cgiwrap/calciium/Calcium.pl/Calcium.pl?Op=ShowIt&CalendarName=pin - 21k -



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