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Better Together: 'Sims Stars and Norman Tigers Will Shine and Roar Together'

Norman and Sims Elementary Schools prepare to share a campus during AISD bond modernization project.

Norman Elementary School Principal Wendy Mills is getting settled into her new office at Sims Elementary School. It is a result of Norman undergoing a \$25 million transformation as part of the Austin ISD 2017 Bond Program this fall.

"For the next two years, the Norman and Sims learning communities will share a space, and will work collaboratively to ensure that all of our students excel academically, socially, and emotionally," explains Ms. Mills.

Students from Norman and Sims will share the Sims campus for the next

two years and a modernized Norman will reopen in the fall of 2020. The modernized campus will include technology improvements collaborative spaces for 21st-century learning. While construction is underway, Norman students will be welcomed at Sims, located at 1203 Springdale Road, less than a mile from their current school.

"We have been working hard behind the scenes to ensure that we make this a smooth transition for all," said Mills. Norman staff hosted a well-attended information session this past spring, which included tours of the Sims campus for parents and students.

Families from both schools also got to know each other at a joint

community picnic.

Mills brings a history of educational leadership to Norman and Sims, having worked in public education for 18 years. She has served as an administrator in Lockhart, Cedar Hills and Austin ISDs and has been principal at Norman since 2017.

"I chose elementary education because I want to ensure students have a strong foundation in literacy and numeracy," she said.

The combined campus will house nearly 400 students and most of the Norman staff members are making the move along with the students, allowing the children to see familiar faces in the new year.

"We're looking forward to all the great possibilities the two

campuses will have together," said Renee Conley, assistant principal of Norman and Sims Elementary Schools. "Our students will learn and grow together for the next two years, preparing them for bright futures."

Enrollment is currently open for both Norman and Sims. The first day of classes for the 2018-19 school year will be Monday, Aug. 20. Norman and Sims parents should register their children as soon as possible. Parents can enroll their children in Pre-K-3 and Pre-K through fifth grades. Registration can also be completed online at <https://teams.austinisd.org/registration>. Items needed to register include the child's immunization

record, the child's social security card, the child's state-issued birth certificate, a photocopy of parent identification, and proof of residence in the Austin school district, such as a rental contract or utility bill with valid address. Norman and Sims are both open to out-of-district transfers as well.

For more information about registration or the co-location of Norman and Sims, parents may contact the school office at 512-414-4488.

According to AISD policy, students must live two or more miles from their campus of regular attendance to be eligible for transportation. However, AISD will also provide transportation services to the students residing in the Fort Branch Apartments,

5800 Techni Center, for the 2018-19 school year.

The modernization is part of AISD's 2017 Bond Project and includes an interactive space that incorporates flexible spaces allowing collaborative, interdisciplinary and project-driven learning. AISD's 2017 Bond Program was approved by voters in November 2017. The \$1.05 billion program will:

- Construct 17 new or modernized campus facilities.

- Address campus overcrowding and critical facility needs.

- Improve technology for teachers and students districtwide.

For more information about the Bond Program, please visit www.aisdfuture.com.

TWO HUSTON-TILLOTSON UNIVERSITY LEADERS PROMOTED

AUSTIN, TX - On Monday, July 30, Dr. Colette Pierce Burnette, President and CEO, announced two promotions at Huston-Tillotson University (HT). In the Office of the President, Mr. Wayne Knox, Chief of Staff and Clerk of the Board, received a promotion to Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. In Academic Affairs, Dr. Beverly Downing, Interim Director of Sponsored Programs, Title III, and Institutional Planning, Research, and Assessment, received a promotion to Associate Provost. Knox and Downing's new roles were effective August 1.



Wayne Knox

Mr. Knox joined Huston-Tillotson University in October 2015 as Chief of Staff and Clerk of the Board.

In his new role, Mr. Knox will be charged with being laser-focused on identifying and executing student-centered strategies to drive enhancements to operations and increased efficiencies for his areas of responsibility - Enrollment Management, Student Affairs, Information Technology, Intercollegiate Athletics, Campus Safety, and Food Services - with an enterprise-wide impact. Mr. Knox will continue to serve as the primary point of contact for the affairs of Huston-Tillotson University's Board of Trustees and all

supporting committees.

Before coming to HT, Mr. Knox served in executive management positions at the University of Chicago, City Colleges of Chicago District Office, and Central State University.

Mr. Knox is an active member of the community with leadership positions in several civic/social organizations. He is a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. and the 100 Black Men of Austin; serves on the Board of Directors for the Austin Revitalization Authority (Asst. Parliamentarian and Committee Chair - Community Engagement), Workforce Solutions Board - Capital Area (Executive Committee, Operations Committee and Recruitment & Nominations Committee), Central State University - National Alumni Association Board of Directors, Central State University - College of Business Advisory Council, Community Action Network, and Austin Independent School District (District 1) Diversity by Design Steering Committee.

Mr. Knox is honored to receive the promotion.

"I am extremely humbled and grateful to serve Huston-Tillotson University in this capacity. As a proud product of a historically black university, I have a fervent understanding of the mission and power of these institutions. I consider myself blessed to be able to serve and advance the mission of Huston-Tillotson University, to ensure the next generation will benefit from its greatness."

Dr. Downing came to Huston-Tillotson University with several years



Dr. Beverly Downing

of senior administrative leadership experience. Her extensive background in accreditation and grant writing made her a timely and excellent fit in January 2017 as the Interim Director of Sponsored Programs and Title III and the Director of Institutional Planning, Research and Assessment.

As Associate Provost, Dr. Downing will provide guidance and direction in strategic planning for the academic unit, faculty performance evaluations, academic program reviews and other assessments of the University. Dr. Downing also will serve as our SACSCOC liaison, manage sponsored programs and academic support areas, and supervise the building of strong faculty development programs.

Before coming to HT, Dr. Downing served in executive positions at Coppin State University, Kentucky State University, Jarvis Christian College, Career Centers of Texas - Kaplan University, and Paul Quinn College. Specifically, these positions included Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs at Coppin State University, Interim Provost/Vice President for Academic Affairs, Associate Provost, Interim Provost, and the Dean of the School of Education, all at Kentucky State

University, Chair of the School of Education at Jarvis Christian College, Director of Education at Career Centers of Texas, and Vice President for Academic Affairs at Paul Quinn College.

Additionally, Dr. Downing holds certifications from the Kentucky and North Carolina Boards of Examiners and is a First Aid and CPR Instructor. Dr. Downing also has affiliations with Kaplan Higher Education Corporation Directors of Education Training, American Council on Education (ACE) Fellowships Program, Harvard Management Development Program, Kappa Delta Pi Honor Society, and Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society.

Dr. Downing also is honored to receive her promotion.

"It is my pleasure to serve Huston-Tillotson in whatever capacity I can that will elevate the University and its brand. I am honored to serve as the Associate Provost and to work more closely with faculty and students as they achieve the outcomes set forth for our academic pro-

grams. I feel that my preparation in leadership and experiences are a good match for where the University is going, and I intend to utilize all that I have to offer (knowledge, skills, disposition, and experiences) to uplift and build on the legacy of this outstanding institution of higher education."

NOTICE TO CLAIMANTS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Cynthia Ann Leichty, Deceased were issued on August 2, 2018 under Cause No. C-1-PB-18-001167 in Probate Court No. 1 of Travis County, Texas to Karen Ann Reed.

Claims may be presented to the estate representative, addressed as follows: Karen Ann Reed, 2836 Shadow Point Cove, Round Rock, TX 78665. All persons having claims against this estate are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. /s/ Joseph B. Anderson SBN: 24054578



AUSTIN COMMUNITY COLLEGE (ACC) DISTRICT is requesting sealed proposals from qualified firms for the purposes of selecting a respondent to provide Computers and Servers.

• **Competitive Sealed Proposals (CSP) No. 204-18-0035-00-M-SM**

All sealed proposals must be submitted to the Purchasing Department by no later than Thursday, August 30, 2018 at 2:00 P.M. Central Standard Time (CST).

Solicitation documents are available on the ACC Purchasing website at <http://www.austintec.edu/offices/purchasing/> advertised-solicitations, or at the ACC Purchasing Office with advance notice at (512)-223-1269 between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., Monday through Friday.

All responses must be sealed and returned to the ACC Purchasing Office, ACC Service Center, 9101 Tuscany Way, Austin, Texas 78754, by the date and time indicated above. Electronically transmitted responses will NOT be accepted unless otherwise stated in the documents.

Pre-Proposal Conference will be scheduled. Please see solicitation for information and details.



New Jobs for the Week of 08/05/2018
Crew Lead I, Campus Custodial Operations
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