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Message from the President

Alvin College plays a vital role in creating opportunities for people of all ages and career levels. We serve as an open door to education, workforce training and personal growth, helping students achieve goals that may have once seemed out of reach. Whether someone is a recent high school graduate, a working adult seeking a career change, a parent returning to school or a retiree pursuing lifelong learning, Alvin College provides flexible and affordable pathways to success.

In this edition of Right Now magazine, you will find several stories of students who came to Alvin College from all walks of life to further their education and careers. You'll read about the Young family, a mother and her two children, who all graduated together at our Spring Commencement. You'll also read about Joel Alba, who recently retired from city government and found a new career path in CNC manufacturing.

Inspiring stories of students whose educational journeys were transformed through Alvin College can be found throughout this issue. The common theme in each journey is a deep motivation to build skills, pursue opportunity and open the door to a rewarding career.

Two of Alvin College's greatest strengths are value and accessibility. Tuition costs are significantly lower than many four-year universities and our quality of instruction is high. This allows students to pursue higher education without taking on overwhelming financial burdens. The students featured in this issue took advantage of different instructional options designed to meet them where they are and make classes more accessible.

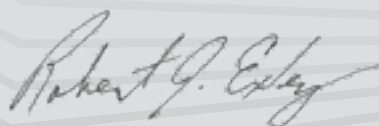
Alvin College works to meet workforce needs by offering career-focused programs and certifications in high-demand industries such as healthcare, technology, business, manufacturing and skilled trades. As you will read in Mr. Alba's story, the college partners with local businesses and industries to ensure students are prepared for current workforce demands.

The college is proud to provide programs of study leading to two-year degrees as well as a number of four-year degree options. We also remain devoted to excellence in preparing students to transfer successfully to four-year universities.

In our community, Alvin College strengthens local economies, empowers individuals and promotes lifelong learning. Our faculty and staff truly embody the belief that education must be accessible to everyone, creating opportunities that change lives and build stronger futures.

We look forward to seeing you on campus soon.

Sincerely,



Robert J. Exley, Ph.D



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A Leader Worth Recognizing

by John Tompkins

Alvin College President Dr. Robert J. Exley was recognized as Outstanding Leader of the Year by the North Brazoria County Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Exley received the honor during the chamber's annual awards banquet on Feb. 20.

"I am very humbled to receive this award from the chamber," Dr. Exley said. "While I am honored to be named an outstanding leader, individual recognition is only possible through the support and guidance of the college's regents, our administration and the entire faculty and staff. Their work and dedication to this institution continue to be an inspiration."

Dr. Exley began his tenure as the college's seventh president in 2021. Since then, he has overseen the completion of the 2018 Maintenance Note, the creation of the Alvin College West campus, the implementation of a strategic plan and the launch of several new programs, including the first bachelor's degree offered by the college. He has also overseen the highest enrollment in the college's history.

"I am so proud that the people of our community have recognized the amazing leader we have in Dr. Robert Exley," said 'Bel Sanchez, chair of the Alvin College Board of Regents. "He is working nonstop to guide the college staff, faculty, leadership and board as we work our Strategic Plan and move the College forward."

Sanchez added that outside of his time as president, Dr. Exley stays involved with many local, state and national organizations to promote the mission of community colleges.

Dr. Exley serves on the board of directors for the North Brazoria County Chamber of Commerce and the National Association for Community College Entrepreneurship. He is also chair of the Texas Gulf Coast Community Colleges Consortium and a member of the legislative committee for the Texas Association of Community Colleges. He has received the Shirley B. Gordon Award for Distinction from the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and is a distinguished graduate of the University of Texas at Austin's Community College Leadership Program.

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'Bel Sanchez

LATE START, FANTASTIC FINISH

by John Tompkins

Finding your way through high school is difficult enough as you learn to navigate the social aspects while also determining what's best for your future.

For Christopher DeLeon, he figured out what he wanted to do while attending Alvin High School, but he got a late start. Once he learned from Alvin College Dual Enrollment advisor, Iris Hilliard, that he could earn an associate degree before finishing high school, he became inspired.

"I asked if that was even an option for me being so late," he said. "We worked to figure out what I would have to do. She told me it would be a lot of hard work."

He was a junior in high school at the time, and completing the program was going to require making up significant ground. Most Dual Degree students begin taking courses as freshmen.

DeLeon was undeterred.

"I jumped right in," DeLeon said, laughing. "The hardest part was the summer after I made that decision. It was like I never left class."

In addition to his courses at the high school, DeLeon also took courses at the college, online and through holiday mini-semester.

"It was a culture shock," he said. "I got used to it very fast."

DeLeon finished his coursework and graduated with an Associate Degree in General Studies during the Alvin College Commencement ceremony on May 8.

Now that he's finished, DeLeon said he wants to pursue a bachelor's degree in political science.

"I think that whole area of study is very interesting," DeLeon said. "I like to set a blueprint of things I want to do, but nothing is set in stone. I want to weigh all of my opportunities."

Eventually, he hopes to work in government affairs and possibly seek elected office.

"I want to get involved in the room where legislation is being written. I like all of it and the element of working together to get it done."

DeLeon volunteers in his community and feels the most important aspect of pursuing a job in government affairs and political science is public service.

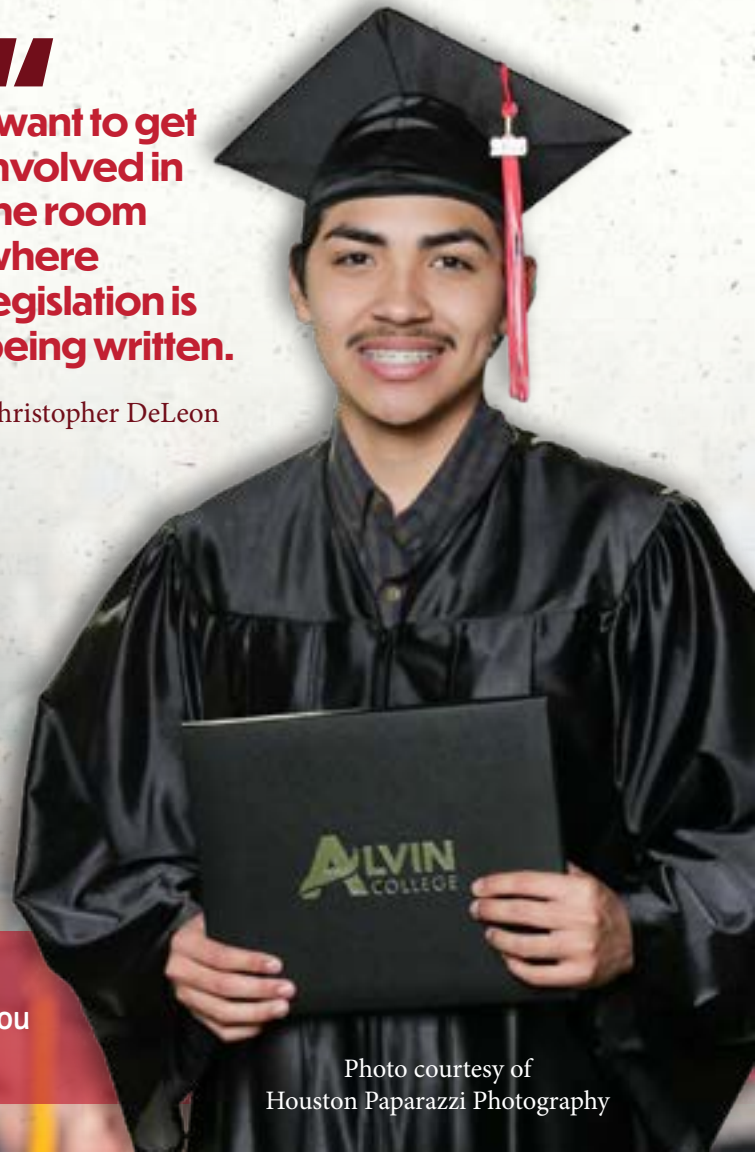
"People really are in need of service, and people are also in need of serving as well," DeLeon said. "I feel like if we can work together, things would go smoother."

DeLeon recently spoke in front of the Alvin College Board of Regents about his experiences, the importance of the Dual Enrollment program and the opportunities it provides for students.

"The financial cost of college has always been my biggest barrier," he said. "I will never forget the pathways Alvin College cleared for me and the incredibly supportive environment that helped me succeed."

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Christopher DeLeon



Scan to learn more about Dual Enrollment



Hear more about DeLeon's journey on the Alvin College Podcast, available wherever you get your podcasts.

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A SECOND ACT

with Hands-on Training

by John Tompkins

When most people reach retirement, they tend to pursue interests they've put off during their careers.

For Joel Alba, finishing his 20-year career in municipal government led him to pursue another career.

Alba worked with the City of Houston in several departments, including financial accounting, public works and engineering as well as the Mayor's Office. After recently retiring, he began looking for another opportunity and joined the CNC program at Alvin College.

"I just needed something more tangible and more fulfilling and this fills the bill," he said. "It wasn't fulfilling being at home."

"It taught me a lot," Alba said of working for the city.

At first, Alba said he enjoyed retirement by traveling overseas, but he later felt it was time for a new challenge.

"The main reason I wanted something new was to get out and do something completely different," he said.

That desire for something hands-on eventually led him to CNC, where students learn to operate the equipment used to shape and manufacture parts for a variety of industries.

CNC, or Computer Numerical Control, machinists operate mills and lathes, which are used in industrial projects. Having skills with both types of equipment makes a potential employee more attractive in the job market. The 16-week program at Alvin College includes benchwork, layout, mathematics, quality control and safety.

"That first week was very difficult, but as the weeks went by, I felt like I was getting the hang of it," Alba said. "I really enjoyed the atmosphere at Alvin College."

The program typically has a 100 percent job placement rate, and students are sometimes offered positions while they are training. Throughout the process, students meet with businesses in the industry to gain a foothold in the workforce, Alba said.

"The people who work here, who set us up for job site visits, they're really interested in us," he said. "They're really in tune with what we do after graduating."

When he was working in municipal government, Alba said it could be several years before the city would see results from the planning and policy development process. CNC is something more immediate.

"CNC is more hands-on," Alba said. "I'm influencing something with my bare hands."

Alba was inspired by his late father, who enjoyed working with his hands, whether it was on personal woodworking projects or repairing vehicles. Learning CNC has made him appreciate technical, hands-on careers.

"This was pretty interesting," Alba said. "I enjoyed working on the manual lathe or the CNC milling machine."

Some of his skills as a government worker and finance professional have translated to the CNC program, including being mindful of the resources available and maintaining a steady output.

"There's a lot of mathematical calculations and efficiencies that they want to promote," Alba said. "It's about using 100 percent of the tool."



Hear more about Alba's journey as a non-traditional student on the Alvin College Podcast, available wherever you get your podcasts.



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Joel Alba

**FROM
CITY HALL
TO THE
SHOP FLOOR**

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more about CNC
Machining





Jacob

Aniya

Veronesia

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Sebastian Young

Class of
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A FAMILY THAT GRADUATES *Together*

by John Tompkins

Education is a personal journey. Students enter Alvin College to further develop their skills, move forward to a four-year institution or train for a career.

For the Young family of Manvel, it was a journey they decided to take together. Veronesia joined her children, Jacob Anthony-Isreal Young and Aniya Minix, as they each graduated during the 2026 Commencement ceremony on May 8.

"I am excited because you never think something like this is going to happen," Veronesia Young said. "It just so

happened that they were looking to graduate together, and I wanted to hop on with them. This is huge for our family."

Their moment on the stage came together as their programs happened to be completed in the same semester.

Veronesia first started taking courses at Alvin College to enter the Bachelor of Business Administration and Management program. When she enrolled, however, she learned that she was just a few courses away from earning an associate degree, which she decided to do.

"The kids were graduating at the same time, so I thought I could backtrack to join them," she said. "I've already planned to join the bachelor's program once I finish."

Veronesia plans to use her education to expand her expertise and improve the counseling firm owned by her and her husband.

"In business, it's not easy, and I'm going to use what I learn in this field to build on that," she said. "We're big on entrepreneurship. I want them to understand that in life, nothing is given. You have to work hard for it. You have a goal, you set that goal and then go meet that goal."

Jacob started at the college taking courses on the main campus and the West campus. His journey to the Commencement stage ended with the completion of his Cybersecurity and Engineering program.

"All of my teachers have been great," he said. "I'm working toward an internship and then trying to work my way up the corporate ladder."

Jacob was inspired to go into cybersecurity because of his love of video game design.

"I want to get into the gaming field," he said. "I could consider working with anti-cheats on a variety of gaming platforms."

Aniya enrolled at Alvin College not yet knowing what she wanted to do. She started in the Communications program but eventually entered the Culinary Arts program. Now that she's finished, she wants to join her mom in the bachelor's program.

"Culinary became something that I wanted to do because everyone has to eat," she said. "I enjoy the process and the reaction of cooking for people."

Veronesia said one of her main objectives in returning to college was to show her children the importance of earning an education and overcoming obstacles through their faith.

"I'm a big advocate for learning," she said. "When I think of life, it's not about the degree you have or what you choose to do. As long as they stay on that path, they'll be fine. That's my prayer."

**TOGETHER IN FAITH.
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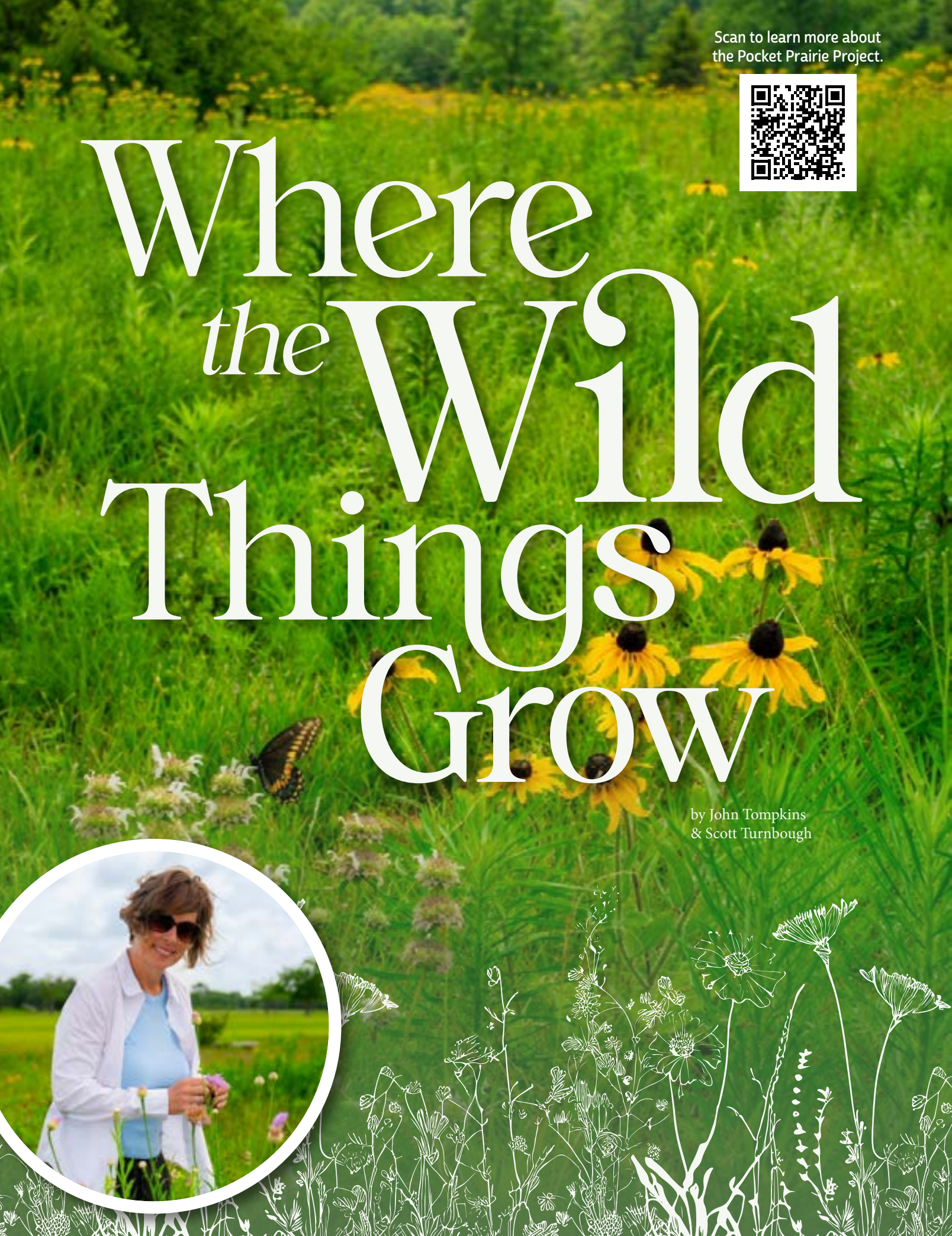
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Alvin College has to offer

Scan to learn more about
the Pocket Prairie Project.



Where *the* Wild Things Grow

by John Tompkins
& Scott Turnbough



For Heather Lewis, the prairie outside Alvin College's Science/Health Science Building is more than a patch of land. It is a living classroom, a conservation project and a reminder that nature often knows what it is doing when people give it room to grow.

Lewis, an Alvin College Biology instructor, has been drawn to the natural world for as long as she can remember.

"I have been enthralled with nature since I was a small child," she said. "I spent my days outside playing in the woods."

That early love of plants, animals and wildlife eventually led her to study wildlife biology, where conservation became part of both her education and her mindset. Today, that passion is taking root through the Alvin College Pollinator Project, a one-acre pocket prairie designed to support native plants, pollinators, wildlife and student learning.

The project began in 2020 after a donation of milkweed plants from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service helped spark interest in doing more. With support from the Alvin College Foundation, Lewis and longtime contributor Dwight Rhodes helped develop the space into a campus pocket prairie. The prairie recently benefited from a \$6,000 grant through the Native Prairies Association of Texas Pocket Prairie program, funded by the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

"We initially intended to grow some milkweed in the beginning," Lewis said. "But then it sort of blossomed from that."

That growth became especially clear after a March planting event, when more than 70 volunteers helped plant more than 1,000 native plants, remove invasive species and continue restoration work. Soon after, monarch caterpillars were spotted on the newly planted milkweed.

"This was very exciting because it did not take long for the butterflies to find it," Lewis said.

Recent rains have helped the prairie flourish, with one species growing more than four and a half feet tall. The area now includes at least 29 documented bird species, including nesting bluebirds, and at least five butterfly species, including monarchs and common buckeyes.

For Lewis, those signs of life are proof that the project is doing what it was meant to do.

"When you stroll along the pathway and really observe, you will see the diversity of plants and insects abound," she said. "It's extremely rewarding to see the hard work of our volunteers come to life."

The prairie also gives students a hands-on way to study conservation. Biology students have used the space for photo journals, insect sweeps, plant identification and native seed planting. Some students have also volunteered outside of class to help with maintenance and planting.

The pocket prairie's impact reaches beyond campus. Native plants provide habitat for pollinators and wildlife, help with erosion control and support local ecosystems. Homeowners can also play a role by adding native plants suited to local conditions.

"A pocket prairie or pollinator garden is very scalable," she said. "Even one or two species of native plants is better than none."

Looking ahead, Lewis hopes the prairie continues to grow in both beauty and purpose. She would like to see more native grasses and wildflowers, fewer invasive plants and a strong volunteer base to help maintain the project.

"This is a wonderful educational opportunity for the students and the community," she said.

On one acre of campus land, Alvin College is showing that conservation does not always require a massive preserve or distant wilderness. Sometimes, it starts with a small patch of prairie, a few volunteers and someone willing to let the wild things grow.



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Heather Lewis



Hear more about the Pollinator Project and the Pocket Prairie initiative on the Alvin College Podcast, available wherever you get your podcasts.



DESIGNING A NEW PATH



by John Tompkins

With a spark of curiosity and the support of a national grant, Hallie Rose is building her future in design engineering and opening doors for others along the way.

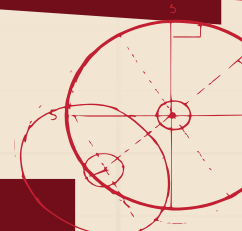
Alvin College student Hallie Rose felt as though she had discovered her path when she recently enrolled in the Drafting and Design Engineering Technology program. But not long after, she found an opportunity to build on her education in a different way.

“I fell in love with mechanical design,” Rose said. “I was making something that was my own. I found something I could deep dive into and learn to explore every avenue.”

Rose then took advantage of a federal grant and enrolled in the CNC program under a scholarship while also working to complete her Design Engineering degree. Alvin College was one of 18 American colleges to receive a Strengthening Community College grant from the U.S. Department of Labor in 2025.

The \$1.5 million grant helped fund upgrades to the college’s CNC program, along with staffing, equipment and curriculum development, with the aim of increasing the number of women in the field. The Houston region has among the highest employment levels for machinists in the United States, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In CNC, or Computer Numerical Control, machinists operate mills and lathes, which are used in industrial projects. Having skills with both types of equipment makes a potential employee



STRENGTHENING COMMUNITY COLLEGE GRANT

The Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants program, funded by the U.S. Department of Labor, supports colleges as they expand training in high-demand fields.

Alvin College’s grant focuses on advanced manufacturing and CNC training, creating more opportunities for students and strengthening the regional workforce.

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Taking two programs at the same time is a daunting and time-consuming endeavor, but Rose feels each program is unique, even though they are connected through creativity and industrial application. She decided to enroll in CNC because she felt it would make her better at engineering design.

"It's like a spark went off," she said about visiting the CNC lab. "I felt I had to do it. I could make things with my hands and be on the other side of the design process."

Rose originally felt the CNC program would help improve her education to become a drafter, but she is now considering starting her career as a machinist before taking a position in engineering design or CNC programming.

"It's all in the process of making me a better drafter," Rose said. "CNC has shown me how things need to be designed to be cost-effective and machined."



Hear more about Rose's journey on the Alvin College Podcast, available wherever you get your podcasts.



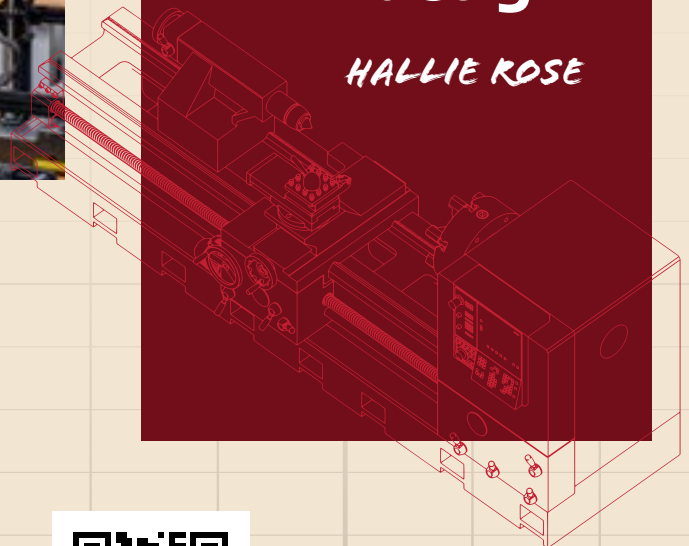
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HALLIE ROSE



Taking Charge in *Nursing*

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Dr. Robert J. Exley

by Scott Turnbough

RN to BSN launching Spring 2027



Submitted to the Texas Board of Nursing and Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for approval.

Pending approval by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges and the Department of Education. Not eligible for Financial Aid until all approvals are complete.

For today's registered nurses, experience alone is no longer enough. As more healthcare systems shift toward a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)-prepared staff, the question is no longer if you advance, but how to do it without stepping away from the career you've already built.

At Alvin College, the answer is designed with those realities in mind.

The college's RN to BSN program creates a direct, flexible pathway for Associate Degree Nurses and working registered nurses ready to take the next step. Delivered fully online and designed to be completed in as little as 12 months, the program allows students to keep caring for patients while advancing their own careers.

"This program is about meeting nurses where they are," said Elizabeth Saucedo, Director of Nursing Programs. "They've already proven themselves in the field. Our role is to help them build on that experience and open doors they may not have thought possible."

Built specifically for licensed RNs who already hold an associate degree, the program emphasizes practical, career-focused skills. Coursework centers on leadership, evidence-based practice, community health, and healthcare technology, preparing graduates for the evolving demands of modern healthcare.

That evolution is already reshaping expectations across the industry.

"The workforce is changing, and healthcare organizations need professionals who can lead, analyze data, and improve systems," said Dr. Stacy Ebert, Provost and Vice President of Workforce & Strategy. "This program was built with direct input from industry partners to ensure our graduates are ready for what comes next, not what came before."

For many nurses, earning a BSN is more than a credential. It is a gateway to expanded roles such as charge nurse, case manager, and leadership positions, as well as a stepping stone toward graduate education.

Beyond career advancement, the program reflects a larger shift at Alvin College.

"We're excited to introduce this as our second bachelor's degree, and it's just the next step," said Dr. Robert Exley, President of Alvin College. "This RN to BSN program represents where Alvin College is headed. We are expanding in ways that reflect what our community needs today and where industry is going tomorrow, especially in careers that offer strong demand and real earning potential."

That commitment shows up in how the program is structured. Designed for working adults, the fully online format allows students to balance school with demanding schedules, family responsibilities, and full-time careers.

For students, that flexibility is not just convenient. It is essential.

The result is a program built not just for completion, but for momentum.

A way to move from bedside to leadership.
A way to stay competitive in a changing field.
A way to turn experience into opportunity.

At Alvin College, the next step in nursing is no longer out of reach. It is on the way.



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more about
the RN to
BSN program

ELEVATE2030



ALVIN COLLEGE'S STRATEGIC VISION FOR THE NEXT DECADE

The Future is in Motion

by Scott Turnbough

For more than 75 years, Alvin College has focused on one mission: helping students build better futures.

Now, the college is preparing for the next chapter with an ambitious long-range vision designed to expand opportunities, modernize facilities and strengthen its impact across the region.

The initiative, called Elevate 2030, serves as the college's strategic framework for the remainder of the decade. Built from strategic planning efforts and facilities assessments, the plan outlines how Alvin College intends to grow alongside the rapidly evolving needs of students, employers and surrounding communities.

The initiative comes at a critical time as population growth, workforce demands and student expectations continue to evolve across the region.

"This is about preparing Alvin College for the future while staying true to who we are," Alvin College President Dr. Robert Exley said. "Our mission has always centered on student success and workforce development. Elevate 2030 gives us a roadmap to expand opportunities, modernize our campuses and continue serving our communities at the highest level."

The initiative focuses on strengthening student momentum through expanded flexible learning options, additional support services and stronger workforce partnerships. College leaders also plan to continue developing short-term credentials and new academic programs aligned with regional industry needs.

At the same time, Alvin College is continuing efforts to modernize campus facilities to better serve students and the community. In 2025, the Board of Regents approved a \$35 million Maintenance Tax Note to strengthen and modernize facilities across campus. Planned improvements include upgraded infrastructure, expanded workforce training areas, improved technology and more collaborative student spaces designed to support learning and engagement.

Regional growth is another major component of the initiative. As the population across the service area continues to grow, Alvin College plans to expand educational access through outreach efforts, online learning opportunities and continued development at Alvin College West.

One of the most visible changes connected to the initiative is the transition from Alvin Community College (ACC) to Alvin College. The updated name reflects the college's broader academic mission and continued growth following the launch of its first bachelor's degree program.

"The new name reflects where the college is headed while honoring the foundation built by generations of students, employees and community supporters," Exley said. "We are still the same institution at heart. We are simply evolving to meet the demands of tomorrow."

Board Chair 'Bel Sanchez said Elevate 2030 demonstrates the college's commitment to both innovation and stewardship.

"Elevate 2030 represents our commitment to creating opportunities for students while strengthening the college's role throughout the region," Sanchez said. "We want Alvin College to remain accessible, affordable and responsive to workforce and community needs for years to come."

A key goal of Elevate 2030 is for Alvin College to serve more than 8,000 students annually by the end of the decade through expanded programs, modernized facilities and increased regional access.

Elevate 2030 is more than a long-term vision. With expanded programs, facility investments and continued regional growth already taking shape, the next chapter for Alvin College is already underway.



THE FOUR PILLARS OF ELEVATE 2030

Elevate 2030 gives us a roadmap to expand opportunities, modernize our campuses and continue serving our communities.

Dr. Robert J. Exley



STUDENT MOMENTUM

Expanding access, support services and workforce-focused learning opportunities.....●



MODERN FACILITIES

Creating updated learning spaces designed for today's students and tomorrow's workforce.....●



REGIONAL GROWTH

Reaching more students through expanded programs, partnerships and locations.....●



BOLD IDENTITY

Positioning Alvin College for the future with a stronger regional presence and expanded opportunities.....●



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Together, we elevate.



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*Honoring Legacies.
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At Alvin College, student success is strengthened by the generosity of donors, community partners, alumni, faculty, staff and friends who believe in the power of education.

Through scholarships, emergency assistance, innovative grants and program support, the Alvin College Foundation helps students overcome barriers, prepare for careers and stay focused on their goals. During the 2025-2026 academic year, Foundation support reached across campus, helping students begin their educational journeys, continue through unexpected challenges and prepare for the workforce.

On behalf of the Alvin College Foundation Board, thank you for believing in our mission and helping us ***Make It Happen*** at Alvin College.

Inspiring Innovation: Foundation Grants at Work

Faculty and staff also benefit from Foundation support through the Innovative Grants Program. During the 2025-2026 academic year, grants funded projects across campus, including ergonomic training tools for sonography students, advanced CNC technology for welding instruction, high-frequency CPR simulation training for healthcare programs and a Virtual Dementia Tour to help students better understand patients living with dementia.

Honoring a Legacy: The Henry C. & Doris M. Rossi Memorial Endowment

The Henry C. and Doris M. Rossi Memorial Endowment was established by the Rossi family to celebrate a lifetime of service, leadership and dedication to Alvin College. Henry Rossi served on the Alvin College Board of Regents and was a founding member and past president of the Alvin College Foundation. All four of his daughters attended the college. The scholarship provides \$5,000 in support over two years to help students persist and complete their degrees.



**Henry C.
Rossi**

**Doris M.
Rossi**

Preparing Tomorrow's Workforce: Process Technology Innovation

Thanks to a \$100,000 grant from Dow, Alvin College's Process Technology Program is enhancing hands-on training for students entering the chemical and manufacturing industries. Additional support from the Alvin College Foundation and the College helped fully fund the purchase of advanced Yokogawa troubleshooting software, giving students access to real-world simulations that build critical thinking and problem-solving skills before they enter the workforce.



Advancing Science Education: The Jane Allen Biotechnology Scholarship

The Alvin College Foundation also helped establish the Jane Allen Biotechnology Scholarship, made possible through the generosity of Alvin College retiree Bill Horine. Created in memory of Jane Allen, the scholarship provides a \$2,500 annual award to a Biotechnology student pursuing a future in science. Allen played an important role in developing biotechnology education at Alvin College, managing the Biotechnology Resource Center and introducing innovative laboratory experiences to students and educators throughout the region.



**Jane
Allen**

Recognizing Excellence: Annual Excellence Awards for Faculty & Staff

Each year the Foundation invites faculty and staff to nominate co-workers to demonstrate excellence every day, not only in their classrooms but also on campus and in their community. This year, four full-time faculty & staff, as well as two adjunct faculty & staff were honored with a plaque and a monetary award.



Meeting Students Where They Are: Emergency Support & Essential Resources

One of the most direct ways the Foundation supports students is through the Emergency Fund and Student Resource Center. These resources help students facing unexpected expenses such as car repairs, utility bills, temporary housing or transportation needs. The Foundation also supports the Student Resource Center through an Amazon Wish List and helps stock campus Blessing Boxes with groceries, toiletries, school supplies and other essentials. Working with Alvin College counselors and student support staff, the Foundation helps students stay enrolled when life gets complicated.

Every scholarship awarded, grant funded and student supported reflects the impact of a community that believes in education. Whether helping a student stay enrolled during a crisis, honoring the legacy of a longtime supporter

or preparing graduates for high-demand careers, the Alvin College Foundation continues to create opportunities that change lives.

The Foundation's work is possible because of donors and supporters who invest in Alvin College students. Together, they are helping build a stronger college, a stronger workforce and a stronger community.

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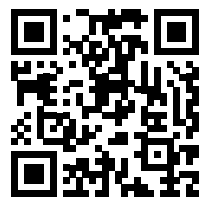
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*Congratulations
Graduates!*

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CULINARY CORNER

by Chef Laura Trigo, Culinary Arts Instructor

Pickled Vegetables

Directions

1. Prepare a boiling water bath in a large pot. Place lids in hot water and keep warm until ready to use.
2. Combine water, vinegar and salt in a saucepan; bring to a boil to make the brine.
3. Slice cucumbers into ½-inch-thick slices or thinner. Place a jalapeño, garlic, and a sprig of dill into each jar, then pack the cucumber slices tightly into the jars, filling to just below the neck.
4. Pour the boiling brine over the cucumbers, making sure all ingredients are covered while leaving appropriate headspace. Wipe the jar rims clean, apply the hot lids, and secure with rings.
5. Process the jars in the boiling water bath for 15 minutes. Remove and allow to cool undisturbed until the lids seal with a “pop.”
6. Store the sealed jars and allow them to pickle for 6 weeks before opening.

Ingredients

2 Cups Water
1 Cup White Vinegar
3 Tbsp Canning Salt
1 Jalapeno
1 Large Clove of Garlic
1 Sprig of Dill

Approximately
2 quarts.
Yield may vary
based on cucumber
size & how tight
jars are packed.



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The ARTS

2026 CALENDAR

AUGUST

ART ENRICHMENT STUDENT EXHIBITION

July 13 - September 4
Art Gallery, E-Building

FALL MUSIC ACADEMY

Children & Adults
August 24 - December 4
Call 281-756-3596

THEATRE AUDITIONS

And Then There Were None
by Agatha Christie

Auditions:

August 25
Alvin College Theatre
7 p.m.

Callbacks:

August 26
7 p.m.

SEPTEMBER

VISITING ARTIST SERIES

September 11 - October 1
Art Gallery, E-Building

Reception:

To Be Announced

Master Class:

To Be Announced

THEATRE AUDITIONS

The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
Dramatized by Joseph Robinette from
the story by C.S. Lewis

Auditions:

September 22 & 23
Alvin College Theatre
6 p.m.

Callbacks:

September 24
6 p.m.



OCTOBER

EMPTY BOWLS

Fundraiser for Alvin Meals on Wheels

October 6
Student Center, E-Building
4 - 6:30 p.m.

SUSTAINABLE STORIES FILM FESTIVAL & ART EXHIBITION

October 12 - November 6
Art Gallery, E-Building

Reception:

To Be Announced

THEATRE PRODUCTION

And Then There Were None
by Agatha Christie

October 10	7:30 p.m.
October 11	2:30 p.m.
October 15	7:30 p.m.
October 16 (Talkback)	7:30 p.m.
October 17	7:30 p.m.

FALL BAND CONCERT

*Alvin College Concert Band &
Alvin Community Band*

October 18
Alvin College Theatre
3:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION

November 2
Ceramic Studio, J-Building
Noon - 1:30 p.m.

STUDENT ART SALE

November 10
Student Center, E-Building
9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

STUDENT ART SHOW

November 16 - December 8
Art Gallery, E-Building

Reception:

November 19
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

*Alvin College Concert & Chamber Choirs,
Alvin Community Chorus*
December 1
First Methodist Church - Alvin
611 W South St, Alvin, TX 77511
7:30 p.m.

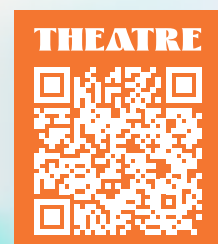
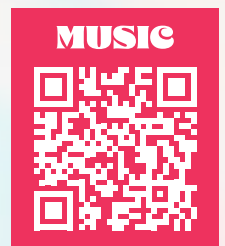
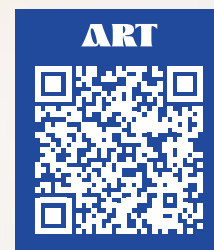
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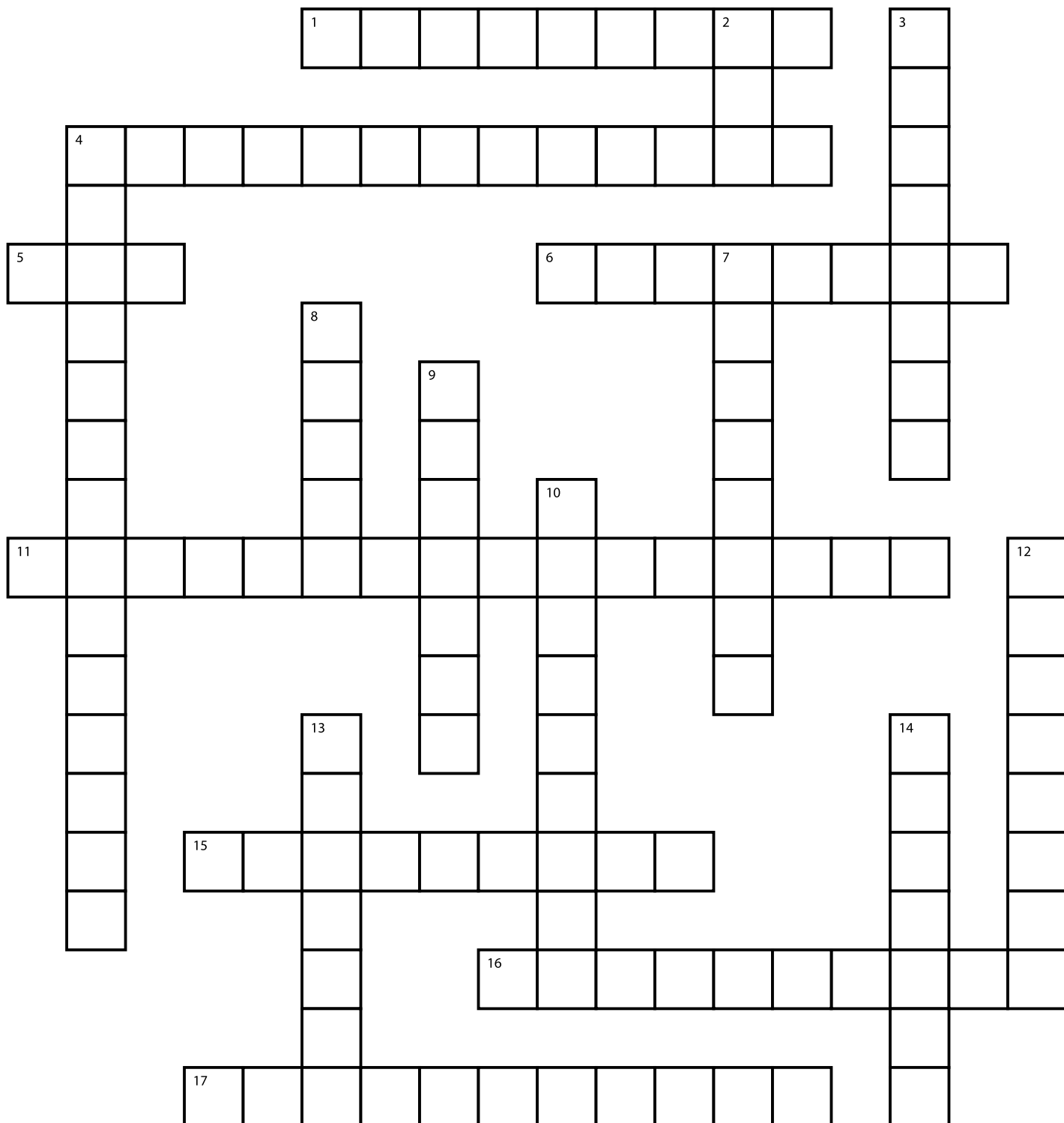
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Crossword Puzzle

Fill in the crossword using Alvin College program names.



\$500 First Step Award

Application Deadline: August 20

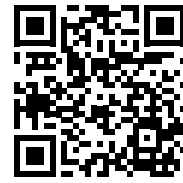
To apply, you must be taking your very first college course ever, have a high school diploma or GED and be enrolling in Fall 2026.

Does not apply to Dual Enrollment, CEWD or TDCJ.



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ACROSS

1. Legal Studies program supporting attorneys.
4. Program focused on protecting digital systems & data.
5. Medical Services program abbreviation.
6. Pathway for future educators.
11. Heart ultrasound imaging program.
15. Business field covering advertising & sales.
16. Liberal Arts study of behavior & the mind.
17. STEM field for design & problem-solving.

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2. Program for creative expression through drawing, painting & design.
3. Pathway covering business & marketing careers.
4. Program focused on media, messaging & storytelling
7. Hospitality program for food service careers.
8. Liberal Arts program for theatre performance.
9. Pathway for future managers, entrepreneurs & sales professionals.
10. Program focused on Supply Chain Management.
12. Technician program for dispensing medications.
13. Healthcare program focused on patient care & clinical skills.
14. Liberal Arts field focused on Mexican-American studies.

ANSWER KEY

14. HISTORY	
13. NURSING	
12. PHARMACY	17. ENGINEERING
10. LOGISTICS	16. PSYCHOLOGY
9. WELDING	15. MARKETING
8. DRAMA	11. ECHOCARDIOGRAPHY
7. CULINARY	6. TEACHING
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