MISSION STATEMENT
Texas College is a historically black college founded in 1894, by a group of CME ministers. Our mission, which continues to embody the principles of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, is to ensure that the student body experiences balanced intellectual, psychological, social and spiritual development, aimed at enabling them to become active productive members of society where they live and work.

CORE VALUES
To address the mission, the College incorporates the core values of:

- **Academic Excellence** – developing a culture of curiosity and creativity that will challenge the frontiers of teaching/learning; stimulate research; raise the level of analytical reasoning and inquiry; and enable students to acquire leadership, human relations, communications, and technology skills.

- **Integrity** – instilling the pursuit of character, honesty and sincerity of purpose as the moral rubrics upon which the behaviors of our graduates and College family are anchored.

- **Perseverance** – implanting diligence, enterprise and pride in the application of skills, knowledge and abilities developed during the course of study at Texas College.

- **Social Responsibility** – promoting in the College community a conscious awareness that we are all stewards of the resources entrusted to our care.

- **Tolerance** – emphasizing openness to divergent points of view, applying an eclectic approach to rational and analytical thinking.

- **Community Service** – encouraging self-extension in service to others as the heart and soul of our educational enterprise.

HISTORIC BEGINNINGS
The College’s history states that in the Spring of 1894, Texas College was founded by a group of ministers affiliated with the Christian Methodist Episcopal (CME) Church. The founding represented the start of the educational process for a group of disenfranchised individuals in the area of east Texas, City of Tyler.

The Charter as originally issued July 1, 1907, indicates that the name of the corporation was established as “Texas College,” with the purpose of an educational institution designed to operate under the supervision and ownership of the CME Church in America. The exclusive educational direction was to include the education of youths, male and female, in all branches of a literary, scientific and classical education wherein all shall be taught theology, normal training of teachers, music, commercial and industrial training, and agricultural and mechanical sciences.

On June 12, 1909, the name of the college was changed from Texas College to Phillips University. The noted change was associated with Bishop Henry Phillips, as a result of his leadership and educational interests for mankind. The name change was short lived and reportedly lasted until actions for a name reversal occurred in 1910 at the Third Annual Conference of the church. In May 1912, the college was officially renamed Texas College.

The subsequent years of the College were spent with refinements and enhancements of the educational enterprise. The Articles of Incorporation reflect such efforts with modifications and amendments during periods 1909 to 1966.

Today, the College complies with its founding principles in that she remains open to all individuals without discrimination on the grounds of national origin, race, religion, or sex…with the right to offer instruction in the areas of Arts and Sciences, Humanities, Natural Sciences, Social Sciences preparation of teachers and the provision of instructional supports, to those in pursuit of an education.
# 2015-2016 Texas College Academic Calendar

**August 2015**
- 3: Staff Returns
- 9: Athletics & Auxiliary Groups Summer Camp Arrival
- 10: Orientation & Registration for Summer Camp Students
- 17-18: Faculty Staff Institute
- 19: Residence Halls Open for New Students
- 20: New Student Orientation
- 20-21: Testing & Registration for New Students
- 22: Residence Halls Open for Returning Students
- 24: Fall 2015 Registration Begins for All Students
- 26: First Day of Class for Fall 2015
- 27-28: Add/Drop a Course Period
- 31: Late Registration Begins (Fees Apply)

**September 2015**
- 2: Weekly Chapel Services Begin*
- 7: Labor Day Holiday (No Classes/Offices Closed)
- 11: 12th Class Day for the Fall 2015 Semester
- 15 - 10/15: Hispanic Heritage Month Observance Begins
- 23: Opening School Convocation

**October 2015**
- 12-16: Mid-Term Exams
- 19: Mid-Term Grades Due (Submit to Academic Affairs)
- 23: Homecoming Parade, Homecoming Football Game
- 28: Last Day to Withdraw from a Course with a "W"

**November 2015**
- 1-5: Academic Advisement Week
- 9-13: Registration for Spring 2016 Semester
- 25: Financial Aid Awareness Week
- 26-27: Thanksgiving Holiday (Campus Closed)
- 29: Residence Halls Open at 8 a.m.
- 30: Classes Resume and Office Open at 8 a.m.

**December 2015**
- 1: Last Day of Service for the Fall Semester
- 4: Last Day to Withdraw from College for Fall Semester
- 5: Last Day to Remove Incomplete before converts to a "F" at 5 p.m.
- 7-11: Final Exams
- 11: Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m.
- 14: Final Grades Due (Submit to Academic Affairs)
- 23: Administrative Office close at 5 p.m.
- 24-25: Christmas Holiday (Campus Closed)

**January 2016**
- 1: New Year’s Holiday (Campus Closed)
- 4: Faculty Staff Institute
- 7: Residence Halls Open for New Students
- 8: New Student Orientation
- 9: Testing & Registration for New Students
- 10: Residence Hall Open for Returning Students
- 11: Spring Registration begins for All Students
- 14-15: Add/Drop a Course Period
- 23: MLK Recognition Program
- 18: Martin L. King Holiday (No Classes/Offices Closed)
- 19: Late Registration Begins (Fees Apply)
- 20: Weekly Chapel Services Begin
- 29: 12th Class Day for the Spring 2016 Semester

**February 2016**
- 1: Deadline to Make Application for May 2016 Graduation
- 8-12: Financial Aid Awareness Week
- 17: Black History Month Observance Begins
- 21-24: Religious Emphasis Observance
- 29-3/4: Mid-Term Exams

**March 2016**
- 2-6: Final Exams for the Spring Semester
- 3: Graduation Confirmation Letters Disbursed
- 6: Graduation Rehearsal, Flag Ceremony
- 7: Baccalaureate Services*
- 8: Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m.
- 9: Commencement Exercises*
- 10: Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes/Offices Closed)

**April 2016**
- 4-8: Registration for Summer & Fall Classes
- 11, 13, 15: Last Chapel Services for the Spring Semester
- 16: Miss Texas College Pageant
- 19: Students Vote for 2016-2017 SGA Officers & Representatives
- 25-27: Final Exams for Graduating Seniors
- 28: Prospective Graduate Grades Due
- 29: Last Day to Remove Incomplete before converts to a "F" at 5 p.m.
- 30: Last Day to Withdraw from College for Spring 2016 Semester

**May 2016**
- 2-6: Final Exams for the Spring Semester
- 3: Graduation Confirmation Letters Disbursed
- 6: Graduation Rehearsal, Flag Ceremony
- 7: Baccalaureate Services*
- 8: Residence Halls Close at 5 p.m.
- 9: Commencement Exercises*
- 10: Memorial Day Holiday (No Classes/Offices Closed)

**June 2016**
- 27-29: Summer Session Final Exams
- 30: Summer Session Grades Due

**Legend**
- Convocation/Graduation Events
- Academic Dates/Exams/Grade Deadlines
- General Activities/Events/Observances
- Holiday
- Registration/orientation Events
*Student Attendance Mandatory

**Note:** Dates may be subject to change/correction.