



75 Fun Facts about ACC



1. More than 200,000 students have taken courses at ACC in its history.
2. The first Dual Degree graduate was Thomas Schuenemann in 2008.
3. ACC opened the Child Development Lab School in 1978.
4. AJC Volleyball Team won the national NJCAA championship in 1974.
5. KACC is a 5,600-watt FM radio station.
6. KACC went on the air in 1978.
7. The ACC district includes 421.8 square miles.
8. ACC was administered by Alvin ISD from 1948 to 1972.
9. The main campus has 16 buildings on 114 acres.
10. ACC moved from Alvin High School to the main campus in 1963.
11. ACC was named a Hispanic Serving Institution in 2016.
12. The Science/Health Science building was opened in 2008.
13. ACC Foundation was established in 1974.
14. ACC was the first Texas community college to open a Law Enforcement Academy in 1970.
15. ACC was the first Texas community college to offer courses to TDCJ inmates in 1965.
16. ACC was first ranked among the top community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute in 2010.
17. ACC was first accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in 1959.
18. The Nolan Ryan Center opened in 1996.
19. Buildings A, B, C and D opened in 1978, effectively doubling the size of the campus.
20. Alvin Junior College was renamed Alvin Community College in 1975.
21. Building N was constructed in 1982.
22. Building H was constructed in 1966.
23. The courtyard memorial was built in honor of the 50th anniversary.
24. The Community Chorus first performed in 2014.
25. The Community Band first performed in 1994.
26. ACC once had the Guinness World Record for longest paper chain, 51.8 miles, built in one day in 1998.
27. ACC classes were first held in the Fall of 1949 at Alvin High School.
28. The Science/Health Science Building is 98,790 square feet.
29. Hurricane Ike caused \$15 million in damages to the campus in 2008.
30. The softball field was named for Ruth Ryan in 2005.
31. Buildings A, B, C and D together total 200,000 square feet.
32. More than 4,000 cadets have graduated from the Law Enforcement Academy.
33. ACC was among the first in the country to have an accredited sleep study program.
34. ACC had the first accredited pediatric echocardiography program in the country.
35. The Upward Bound program at ACC began in 2003.
36. ACC has had seven presidents in its history.
37. The ACC Board of Regents was created in 1972.
38. Voters approved a \$19.9 million bond in 2005 to build the Science/Health Science Building.
39. More than 4,000 ACC students have been inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.
40. The ACC Nursing program began in 1965.
41. The Process Technology program began in 1984.
42. The Drafting program was among the college's first programs.
43. The Summer Children's Theatre program began in 1980.
44. The first ACC Fall Festival was held in 1975.
45. Alvin Junior College was created by a vote of 743-31 in 1948.
46. ACC will begin its first Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration & Management in 2024.
47. District voters approved an \$8 million bond in 1975 to construct Buildings A, B, C and D.
48. ACC offers Dual Enrollment courses at 9 local high schools.
49. The Maintenance Facility opened in 1980.
50. ACC has a two-mile jogging trail around the campus.
51. The Pottery Studio was built in 2008.
52. The first class of students at Alvin Junior College was called the "13th and 14th grades."
53. ACC originally started its Athletics program with volleyball, basketball, baseball, softball, golf and tennis.
54. The ACC Baseball team advanced to the JUCO World Series in 2008.
55. ACC has received more than \$10 million in grant funds from the Texas Workforce Commission over the past 10 years.
56. The Larry Holdorff baseball field house was opened in 2010.
57. Licensed Vocational Nursing graduates have posted a 100 percent pass rate on their license exams over the past 12 years.
58. The first class of students at Alvin Junior College had 134 students.
59. The Respiratory Care program began in 1976.
60. The AJC district approved a \$1.5 million bond in 1961 to build the main campus on Mustang Road.
61. ACC currently offers 90 degree and certificate programs.
62. ACC President Emeritus, Dr. A. Rodney Allbright, was the longest serving college president in the country at 38 years.
63. The ACC West campus is set to open in 2024.
64. ACC has been ranked among the best colleges in the country seven times by the Aspen Institute.
65. The ACC District includes all of Alvin ISD and a portion of Angleton ISD.
66. The ACC Service Area includes four school districts: Alvin, Angleton, Danbury and Pearland.
67. Heisman Trophy winner Andre Ware is an ACC alum.
68. Actor Poncho Hodges is an ACC alum.
69. Oscar-nominated film producer David Greathouse is an ACC alum.
70. MLB pitcher Mike Stanton is an ACC alum.
71. MLB pitcher Woody Williams attended ACC, where his jersey was retired.
72. Baseball TV personality Kevin Eschenfelder is an ACC alum.
73. Radio personality Tom Fontaine is an ACC alum.
74. U.S. Congressman Randy Weber attended ACC.
75. Texas representative Rick Noriega attended ACC.