

**Arkansas State University  
Board of Trustees  
September 15, 2017**

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOUNDATION**    Contact: Philip Jackson (870) 972-2775

For the period ending June 30, 2017 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$7,380,071.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$6,415,922
ASU-Mountain Home	593,638
ASU-Beebe	108,635
ASU-Newport	216,057
ASU System Foundation	45,819

The Foundation reported net assets of \$66,986,243, representing an increase of 18.85% for the period ending June 30, 2017.

The market value of the ASU System Endowment Pool for the period ending June 30, 2017, was \$66,217,337.

The net rate of return for the period ending June 30, 2017, was 14.27%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$59,243,805	89.47%
Mountain Home	3,404,295	5.14%
Beebe	1,438,021	2.17%
Newport	1,706,632	2.58%
System Foundation	424,584	0.64%

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
**Capital Projects Report**  
**September 15, 2017**

Arkansas State University campuses have several capital projects under way in various stages of programming, design, and construction.

**ASU-JONESBORO CAMPUS**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Marion Berry Parkway - Phase III	\$1,868,754	Construction Phase
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
V. C. Kays House Restoration - Phase II	\$200,000	Construction Phase
ASU Energy Performance Contract	\$15,216,080	Closeout
Convocation Center Fire Alarms and Sprinkler Systems	\$943,250	Construction Phase
Public-Private Partnership Student Housing Project	Privately Funded	Substantially Complete
Public-Private Partnership Graduate Apartments	Privately Funded	Substantially Complete
Aggie Road Resurface	\$850,000	Substantially Complete
Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II	\$620,000	Construction Document Phase
Campus Site Lighting - Phase I	\$538,555	Construction Document Phase

**1. Marion Berry Parkway - Phase III**

Engineer: Jacobs Engineering  
Contractor: Asphalt Producers  
Expected Completion: July 2017  
Funding: Design - University Reserves  
Construction - University Reserves

Status: Phase III work provides for the extension of University Loop West under the north bridge to connect with West Aggie Road. The Phase III design was delayed, and, therefore, a temporary road was constructed in August 2012. This project was re-bid on June 21, 2016. A contract has been issued to Asphalt Producers. The project is substantially complete. The Arkansas Highway Department is reviewing plans to add a Multi-Use Trail to the project. The anticipated substantial completion of the Multi-Use Trail is December 15, 2017.

**2. Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications**

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell Architects, DCI Engineering  
Contractor: In-house - Village Interior/Exterior Repairs Phase I  
Baldwin & Shell Construction - Village Interior ADA Modifications Phase II  
Bailey Construction - Village Interior ADA Modifications Phase III  
Construction Network - Village Exterior ADA Modifications

Expected Completion: Village Interior ADA Modifications - February 2017  
Village Exterior ADA Modifications - February 2015  
Village Exterior Repairs - September 2019  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope addresses the following three distinct areas: the Village Apartments' interior ADA modifications; the Village Apartments' exterior ADA modifications; and the Village Apartments' exterior repairs. Phases I and II are complete.

The interior ADA scope was competitively bid and awarded to Bailey Construction. The work scope began in August 2014 and was completed in November 2016 ahead of schedule.

The exterior ADA scope was awarded through competitive bidding to CNI Construction. Construction began in June 2014. Exterior ADA sidewalks and ramps were completed by the deadline of February 2015.

Exterior building repairs to the Village began in June 2014 with an ASU projects crew. This work will be phased over multiple years, but the projected completion date is planned for third quarter 2019.

**3. V.C. Kays House Restoration - Phase II**

Architect: Brackett & Krennerich  
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
Expected Completion: Summer 2017  
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council Grant

Status: The Phase II project funding will address interior restorations and improvements for ADA accessibility. Brackett & Krennerich issued interior drawings in February 2017, contractor bidding/pricing occurred in February 2017, the P.O. was issued to Baldwin and Shell Contractors in June of 2017, and the completion date is scheduled for September 19, 2017.

**4. Arkansas State University Energy Performance Contract**

Architect/Engineer: Johnson Controls, Inc. & Others  
Contractor: Johnson Controls, Inc. & Others  
Expected Completion: March 2017  
Funding: Capital Lease/Operational Cost

Status: This project is a campus-wide performance contract per the regulations of A.C.A. §19-11-1201. Johnson Controls, Inc. was competitively selected to execute a campus-wide performance contract. The project scope includes lighting retrofits and replacements, water conservation, HVAC upgrades, and waste management conservation. Work on the project began in January 2016 and was completed in the summer of 2017. Lighting retrofits are complete. The work scope schedule for summer is complete. Final HVAC scope with measurement and verification began in the first quarter of 2017 and is ongoing.

## **5. Convocation Center Fire Alarms and Sprinkler Systems**

Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
Expected Completion: September 2017  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: A new sprinkler system will provide fire protection for the area covered by retractable seating around the perimeter of the arena floor. The fire alarm system will be upgraded to meet current fire-protection and mass-notification code requirements. The fire alarm system is substantially complete. The sprinkler project is under construction, and the completion date is scheduled for September 2017.

## **6. Public-Private Partnership Undergraduate Student Housing Project**

Developer: Zimmer Development Company, Wilmington, NC  
Contractor: Huffman & Co.  
Expected Completion: Summer 2017  
Funding: Private Development

Status: This project provides undergraduate housing developments on the ASU-Jonesboro campus through a private developer land lease. The undergraduate housing will include two buildings with a total of 354 beds. This project is substantially complete.

## **7. Public-Private Partnership Graduate Apartments**

Developer: Zimmer Development Company, Wilmington, NC  
Contractor: Huffman & Co.  
Expected Completion: Summer 2017  
Funding: Private Development

Status: This project provides graduate housing developments on the ASU-Jonesboro campus through a private developer land lease. The graduate housing will include four buildings with a total of 180 beds. This project is substantially complete.

## **8. Aggie Road Resurface**

Architect / Engineer: Pickering Firm, Inc.  
Contractor: Asphalt Producers  
Expected Completion: Summer 2017  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is resurfacing Aggie Road from Red Wolf Boulevard to University Loop, adding new campus standard lighting and improving drainage. This project is substantially complete. The lighting is scheduled to be complete in September of 2017.

**9. Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II**

Architect / Engineer: Morris and Associates  
Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
Expected Completion: Summer 2018  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The Phase II project funding will address exterior restorations to the brick, windows, and joint sealants on the lower three floors. Morris and Associates issued the design drawing in February 2017 and Bailey Contractors completed Phase I in July 2017. Phase II of the project is scheduled to be complete in September 2018.

**10. Campus Site Lighting - Phase I**

Architect / Engineer: Pettit and Pettit  
Contractor: In-house Projects Crew/JOC Contractors  
Expected Completion: Summer 2018  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The Phase I project funding will address exterior lighting improvements on campus. Pettit and Pettit provided a plan, and the ASU in-house crew, along with JOC contractors, will execute the work. Phase I of the project is scheduled to be complete in the summer of 2018.

**ASU-BEEBE CAMPUS**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUB Energy Performance Contract	\$5,238,065	Arranging Funding

**1. ASUB Energy Performance Contract**

Architect/Engineer: Johnson Controls, Inc. & Others  
Contractor: Johnson Controls, Inc. & Others  
Expected Completion: June 2018  
Funding: Capital Lease/ADHE Revolving Loan Fund/ABA Loan Fund

Status: This project is a campus-wide investment grade energy audit and performance contract per the regulations of A.C.A. §19-11-1201. Johnson Controls, Inc. was competitively selected to execute a campus-wide energy audit and performance contract. The project scope includes lighting retrofits and replacements, water conservation, and HVAC upgrades. Work on the project is expected to begin in September 2017, and substantial completion is expected by June 2018.

## **ASU-NEWPORT CAMPUS**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
ASUN Energy Performance Contract	\$3,951,078	Arranging Funding

### **1. ASUN Energy Performance Contract**

Architect/Engineer: Johnson Controls, Inc. & Others  
Contractor: Johnson Controls, Inc. & Others  
Expected Completion: June 2018  
Funding: Capital Lease/ADHE Revolving Loan Fund/ABA Loan Fund

Status: This project is a college-wide investment grade energy audit and performance contract per the regulations of A.C.A. §19-11-1201. It encompasses the three campuses of ASU-Newport. Johnson Controls, Inc. was competitively selected to execute a campus-wide energy audit and performance contract. The project scope includes lighting retrofits and replacements, solar power generation, and HVAC equipment and HVAC controls upgrades. Work on the project is expected to begin in September 2017, and substantial completion is expected by June 2018.

## **ASU-MOUNTAIN HOME CAMPUS**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Integrity First Hall Third Floor Renovation	\$160,000	Design Development

### **1. ASUMH Integrity First Hall Third Floor Renovation**

Architect: Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects  
Contractor: ASUMH  
Expected Completion: July 2017  
Funding: Workforce Implementation Grant (50%)  
Auxiliary Funds (25%)  
Private Funds (25%)

Status: This project will revitalize the learning environment of the third floor of Integrity First Hall to allow students more opportunities to collaborate and to encourage working in teams. Moving away from the old cookie-cutter-style classroom of desks or tables and chairs only, the new space will help to motivate, stimulate, communicate, and encourage creativity while learning. The new configuration is designed to support Project Based Learning. ASUMH received a \$358,258 Regional Workforce Implementation Grant (Programming/Mobil Development Degree) providing the financial means for faculty salary, travel, training and/or supplemental educational opportunities, and equipment. Faculty members have been trained in Project Based Learning, and soft-skills job-preparedness education will be infused throughout this new degree plan.

**Report to the  
Board of Trustees of Arkansas State University  
From  
Kelly Damphousse, Chancellor  
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro  
September 15, 2017**

**UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

**Advancement Services:**

- For fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, the University recorded a total of 25,824 gifts and commitments from 7,804 individual donors for a total of \$17,031,402.63. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges.

**Alumni Relations:**

- Alumni Association Annual Membership revenue for the fiscal year-end 2017 was up \$5,700 from fiscal year-end 2016. 1924 memberships increased with 52 new 1924 Sustaining Life memberships since fiscal year-end 2016.
- The number of official A-State license plates continues to grow, with revenues in excess of \$121,000, representing a five-and-half percent increase from last year.
- The Cooper Alumni Center continues to increase its usage for events. Comparing the 2015-2016 year to 2016-2017, more events were booked and a record number of attendees visited the facility.
- The 2017 Distinguished Alumni have been selected. The three individuals to be honored this year are Ivan Joe Miles of Mountain Home, MG James Simmons of Port Saint Joe, Florida, and Beth Smith of Jonesboro. They will be honored at a breakfast on Saturday, October 14 at the Cooper Alumni Center.
- The alumni website has transitioned to a mobile-friendly platform. It enables members to navigate the site without having to pinch and zoom. It also provides for cleaner and easier methods to use for donation, membership, and event form submissions.
- Alumni Networking Events/Chancellor Damphousse Welcome Events have been hosted in Memphis and Little Rock. Our Northwest Arkansas event will be scheduled at a later date and an event in New York City is scheduled for October 3. On September 23, the Association will host a pre-game party before the A-State football game at SMU. In addition, a tailgate party will be held at the Cooper Alumni Center on September 16 before the game against UAPB and again on Homecoming Weekend.

**Marketing and Communications:**

- Along with the regular Wilson Award and Convocation of Scholars events in April, Marketing and Communications managed the collateral materials for the Chancellor's Search, the hosting of three candidate visits, and the launch of the new chancellor, Dr. Kelly Damphousse. This office created and supported a candidate portal, which housed the candidate finalists' information. It was also the home page for streaming each candidate's public forum, managing live questions from Facebook

participants, and placing recorded versions online. The announcement at the Drama Theatre at Fowler Center was also live-streamed. These accomplishments were all firsts for us and led to a quarter with the most live events streamed on the University side (including the regular commencement streams). Another special event at the close of the quarter was the ground breaking for the A-State Welcome Center.

- The office also participated in being one of the lead campus groups supporting the first-ever Northeast Arkansas Komen Race for the Cure. Arkansas State was a presenting sponsor of the run, which became the largest single 5K event in NEA with more than 4,000 participants. The video of the start of the race, taken by our drone and viewed on Facebook, was one of the top five most-watched events on the A-State page.
- Digital Creative had 57 packages during the quarter, including the high-traffic “Welcome” video with Dr. Dampousse. Other highlights included a new History of the Wilson Award video, which featured the recollections of Wilson Award recipients from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s; the Economic Impact of Historic Dyess Colony in support of the visit by the Arkansas Department of Tourism; and a pair of packages on the Women’s Business Leadership Center.
- On social media, Facebook and Twitter engagement spiked in mid-June with the announcement of the new chancellor. We closed the fiscal year at 102,750 followers. For the quarter, our post reach average was 27,408, up from 14,557 from the previous year. As customary, spring commencement ceremonies represented one of our largest engagement days, with 933,000 in post reach from the live stream, photo galleries, and post-event video packages. Videos posted on Facebook generated 311,500 views, which was an increase of 26 percent from the first quarter of 2017. For the quarter, we gained 3.8 percent on Twitter to 38,698 and 6.9 percent on Instagram to 9,700.
- A highlight among the 479 jobs completed in the second quarter by Creative Services was a special “challenge coin” for the Welcome Center groundbreaking.
- During the second quarter, Marketing and Communications received six CASE District IV awards, including one gold; ten awards from the local American Advertising Federation (AAF), including two “Best of Show”; and a first-ever regional AAF award for the campus visit digital viewbook used for recruiting. Bill Smith presented at the CASE District IV meeting, while Todd Clark continues as a member of the CASE District IV Board of Directors and will chair the 2018 meeting in Fort Worth.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### **Financial Aid and Scholarships:**

- Disbursed more than \$5 million to students for the summer 2017 semester.

### **Recruitment:**

- The August 8 *Preview and Admitted Student Day* at Centennial Bank Stadium was attended by 100 students and parents.
- At the *Find your Place on Campus* program, held on August 19, 35 recruits attended a short program to tour campus and see the Greek Life event at 11 a.m.



- Contact with high school seniors continued via printed pieces, e-mails, and phone calls, including but not limited to the following:
  - Postcard – Come for a Campus Visit
  - Invitation – Senior Preview Day
  - Postcard – Accept Your Scholarship by May 1
  - Calls to students – Missing documents reminder
  - Emails to counselors – Missing documents reminder
  - Calls to all admitted students who had not enrolled in a New Student Registration session
- High school junior recruitment continued across the state of Arkansas, as well as in Missouri, Tennessee, and Mississippi, also via (but not limited to) printed pieces and email:
  - Postcard – Come for a Campus Visit
  - Invitation – Junior Preview Day
  - Mail – Brochure
  - Postcard – Reminder of ACT Dates for 2017
  - Postcard – Congrats, You’re a Senior (developed)
  - Postcards – Series of three cards to be mailed to fall 2018 semester prospective students during May, June, and July
  - A special pennant package, to be mailed in August, will be the campaign’s culmination
  - Communication with parents of juniors via a printed parent newsletter
  - Creation of a new printed junior piece for recruiters to use during spring visits
  - 25,000+ names and demographic information purchased from NRCCUA and loaded into Hobsons and Banner

**Dining Services:**

- Announced the addition of late-night hours for Howl’s Grill in the Student Union Food Court. The menu includes a mix of breakfast, lunch, and dinner items.

**Residence Life:**

- Welcomed the first tenants into The Circle apartment complex on June 30. A small group of NYITCOM students took advantage of the early move-in opportunity. Students, faculty, and staff who have moved into The Circle have expressed appreciation for the size of their apartments and the amenities provided.
- Early-arrival residents began moving into Pack Place on August 1. Residents were excited to decorate their new apartments, and for many, it is their first experience living in an apartment.
- Residence Life thanks the Jonesboro community for all of the volunteers who helped our students move into the residence halls on a very hot Saturday in August. These volunteers unloaded vehicles and carried boxes, microwaves, refrigerators, and other items to students’ rooms.

### **Student Leadership and Development:**

- Hosted a full week of activities for new and returning students. Activities were designed to give students from across disciplines a time to mingle and become familiar with the heart of campus – the Reng Student Union. Activities included the following events:
  - Saturday, August 19
    - Residence halls opened for *Move-In Day*. Staff members from various departments were available to answer questions and greet parents and families of those moving in.
    - Greek Life National Panhellenic Council sororities wrapped up the week of formal recruitment with the *Bid Day* celebration on the Heritage Plaza lawn of the Student Union.
    - *Party in the Pines* was held near Centennial Bank Stadium. All students were invited to enjoy the celebration, which included food, music, and fun, followed by a movie on the football field.
  - Sunday, August 20
    - *First-Year Convocation* for all entering students was held at Convocation Center.
    - *Multicultural Mingle*, sponsored by the Multicultural Center, took place in Centennial Hall, Reng Student Union. Students learned techniques for developing an atmosphere of inclusion with others who attended and with faculty, staff, and students throughout campus.
  - Monday, August 21
    - Student Activities Board (SAB) officially kicked off *Welcome Week*. Student Activities Board members handed out protective viewing glasses in preparation for the historic solar eclipse that peaked in the afternoon. This kick-off event took place on Heritage Plaza lawn on the east side of Reng Student Union.
    - Multicultural Center hosted a *Welcome Back Ice Cream Social* in the Reng Student Union.
    - *A Solar Eclipse Viewing Party* was hosted by the Arkansas Biosciences Institute. All attendees were cautioned to use proper eye protection.
    - *Concert on the Lawn*, featuring *Backroad Anthem*, was held at Heritage Plaza. The event was hosted by SAB.
  - Tuesday, August 22
    - *Pinot's Palette* guided painting classes took place at Heritage Plaza. Hosted by SAB, the event was free to all A-State students. Freshmen were given VIP treatment, and everyone painted the A-State Red Wolf logo.
    - Non-traditional students were invited to a free *Welcome Lunch*, hosted by the Multicultural Center, in the Non-Traditional Students Lounge in Reng Student Union.
    - A-State Greek Life's National Panhellenic Council (NPHC), made up of fraternities and sororities, hosted events during Welcome Week to engage students and help them to learn more about membership in an NPHC organization. One of the major events was *Meet the Greeks*, which took place on the lawn between Kays and University Halls.
    - *Rec-Fest* was held on the lawn in front of the Red W.O.L.F. Center. The event was designed to promote student engagement in wellness and recreation programs offered through the University during the first week of classes.

- Wednesday, August 23
  - *Community and Organization Fair*, the annual event for community vendors and student organizations, was made up of dozens of vendor tents and tables that were set up on the Reng Student Union lawn and surrounding area to promote the participants' organizations and businesses.
  - NPHC sponsored *Back to School Hump Day* at Unity Park.
  - *A Freshmen Talent Show* was held at the Fowler Center.
- Thursday, August 24
  - *DiversiTEA*, held in the SunBelt Lounge in Reng Student Union, provided students an opportunity to mingle and play board games from around the world. The first several students in attendance received a voucher for a free Starbucks coffee or tea.
  - *Why Not NPHC?*, a Q&A forum for students, was held in the Student Union Auditorium.
  - *Midnight Dance Party*, held at Heritage Plaza, featured DJ King Vick as musical entertainment. SAB sponsored the party to help everyone unwind from the first week of classes.
- Friday, August 25
  - The Student Activities Board and Volunteer A-State teamed up for a campus cleanup effort from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.
  - Our *NFL Greek Flag Football Tournament* was held at the intramural fields.
  - Dining Services sponsored *National Banana Split Day*. Students were asked to "bring your own banana (byob)" and celebrate with ice cream, laser tag, and entertainment in the heart of campus, from 8 p.m. to midnight.
- Saturday, August 26
  - A pool party at Wolf Creek Apartments was held from noon to 4 p.m.
  - NPHC sponsored a party at Wolf Creek Apartments, with a 10 p.m. start time.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH**

### **Academic Affairs and Research Reorganization:**

- Effective August 1, 2017, changes were made in the leadership areas of Academic Affairs and Research. Formerly Associate Vice Chancellor for Teaching and Learning, Dr. Gina Hogue, assumed duties as Associate Dean of the College of Liberal Arts. Dr. Hogue's duties have been redistributed among Dr. Karen Wheeler, Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Dr. Jill Simons, Associate Vice Chancellor for Retention and Completion (formerly Assistant VC for Undergraduate Studies); and Dr. Summer DeProw, Director of Assessment and Interim Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs.

### **New Faculty:**

- Forty-one faculty completed New Faculty Orientation August 14-15, 2017. This orientation programming was led by Provost Lynita Cooksey. Training included an overview of University policies and procedures, the teaching and learning experience, A-State Digital Press, information and

technology services, research, faculty development opportunities, assessment, Banner usage, and other applicable topics.

### **Fall Faculty Conference:**

- Both new and returning faculty convened on August 16, 2017, for the annual faculty conference. This year's theme focused on "Every Red Wolf Counts!" System President Chuck Welch and Provost Lynita Cooksey provided opening remarks. Presentations were given by Dr. Kelly Damphousse: "Biographical Introduction and A-State Challenges for 2017"; Dr. Len Frey: "Campus Construction Projects 2017"; ASU System General Counsel Brad Phelps: "Title IX and Concealed Handguns"; and Lisa Bohn: "Who Tells Your Story? Race, Rap, and Revolution in *Hamilton*." Dr. Cooksey provided an overview of the upcoming Higher Learning Commission Accreditation visit, scheduled for March 5-6, 2018, and the new state funding formula. College and Departmental faculty meetings followed on August 17-18.

### **First Year Convocation and First Year Experience:**

- A-State's Class of 2021 was addressed at the First Year Convocation, held on August 22, 2017, in the Convocation Center. The event was well attended by the new first-year students and their parents. Drs. Kelly Damphousse, Lynita Cooksey, Jill Simons, Rick Stripling, and Lonnie Williams, as well as deans, other academic administration staff, and faculty participated in the ceremony. Student speakers, sophomore Zhederick Jackson and junior Kennedy Wells, provided insight into how to succeed at A-State and become a member of the Pack.
- This year's First Year Experience common reader is *The Secret World of Red Wolves* by T. Delene Beeland. The common theme to be explored from this reader is "**Mindful Conservation.**" Conservation of the red wolf will be applied conceptually. As part of a natural process, the global community continually evolves; however, advancement sometimes means critical concepts such as ideas, practices, systems, and even life forms can be left behind. First-year students, as up-and-coming professionals and community members, will explore the change process by analyzing what is worth saving, losing, or changing for the good of the whole. Students at A-State Queretaro will be participating in the common reader experience with opportunities to engage digitally with students on the main A-State campus.

### **Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions:**

- The following changes were approved by the AHECB for A-State at the July 28, 2017 meeting:
  - **New Degree Program**
    - Doctor of Nursing Practice – Nurse Anesthesia Option
  - **Graduate Certificate Program**
    - Graduate Education Certificate – Superintendent
  - **Name Change of Existing Certificate/Degree/Major/Option/Organizational Unit**
    - Adult Health Nursing was changed to Adult Gerontology Advanced Practice Nursing

- **New Minor, Option, Emphasis, or Concentration**
  - Emphasis in Marketing Analytics in the Bachelor of Science in Marketing
  - Emphasis in Musical Theatre in the Bachelor of Arts in Theatre
  - Minor in Sports Media in the Bachelor of Science in Creative Media Production
- **Deleted Programs, Units, Minor/Emphasis/Concentration**
  - Master of Rehabilitation Counseling
- **Reconfiguration of Existing Degree Program – Modification to Create New Degree**
  - Associate of Science in Accounting
- **Existing Degree/Certificate Offered by Distance Technology**
  - Master of Science in Social Studies Education

### **Accreditation and Program Reviews:**

- The following programs will be preparing for accreditation or program reviews, as required by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, during 2017-2018: Clinical Lab Science (AAS and BS), Music Programs, Teacher Education, Master of Arts in Teaching, Occupational Therapy (Doctoral), School Counseling (MSE), School Psychology (Ed.S).

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Baseball:**

- Alex Howard and Tyler Zuber were named to the 2017 Sun Belt Conference All-Tournament Team.
- A-State claimed one of the American Baseball Coaches Association's (ABCA) Team Academic Excellence Awards for the second straight season.

### **Track & Field:**

- The men's and women's teams sent a school-record of six student-athletes in seven events to the NCAA Outdoor Track & Field Championships.
- Erin Farmer (women's shot), Cristian Ravar Ladislau (hammer throw), and Tiaan Steenkamp (men's high jump) were all named Outdoor Track & Field Second Team All-America.
- Jaylen Bacon (men's 100m and 200m dash) became the first A-State student-athlete, indoor or outdoor and male or female, to be named First Team All-America in two different events.
- A total of four current and former track and field athletes competed at the USA Track & Field Outdoor Championships and the USATF Junior Championships.

### **Football:**

- A senior on the 2016 team, defensive lineman Jake Swalley, was named one of five 2017 "HERO of the Year" finalists.
- Senior defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones was named to the 2017 Bednarik, Nagurski, Senior Bowl and Ted Hendricks watch lists.

- Senior cornerback and return specialist Blaise Taylor was named an Allstate AFCA Good Works Team nominee, as well as a member of the Hornung Award and Wuerrfel Trophy watch lists. He has received national attention, including a *Sports Illustrated* article, for being the only current FBS player to earn a bachelor's and master's degree before the start of his true senior season.
- The Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Team featured seven Arkansas State players, including senior defensive end Ja'Von Rolland-Jones as the Defensive Player of the Year.

### **Volleyball:**

- Former two-time All-American Markie Schaedig was selected as a nominee for the 2017 NCAA Woman of the Year award.
- A-State was one of 145 NCAA Division I programs to receive a Team Academic Award from the American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) for the third consecutive year, after maintaining at least a 3.30 cumulative team GPA.
- The Red Wolves were picked to repeat as champions of the West Division by the Sun Belt Conference coaches, while Carlisa May, Kenzie Fields, and Jessica Uke represented a league-high three selections on the 2017 preseason All-Conference team.

### **Men's Golf:**

- The Red Wolves were honored by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) as an All-Academic Team for posting at least a 3.0 team GPA for the 2016-17 academic year.
- Seniors Tanner Napier and Andrew Huseman were named Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA).

### **Women's Golf:**

- The Red Wolves placed a school-record seven student-athletes on the WGCA's 2016-17 All-American Scholars list to tie Yale, Toledo, and Lindenwood for the most in the nation.

### **Men's Basketball:**

- Redshirt sophomore guard Connor Kern represented A-State on the 2016-17 National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Honors Court.
- A-State posted the nation's largest percentage increase in home attendance in 2016-17, while also ranking sixth in largest average attendance increase.

### **Women's Soccer:**

- Junior goalkeeper Kelsey Ponder was named to the 2017 Sun Belt Preseason All-Conference Team.

### **Athletics:**

- Kaz Kazadi, who has more than 25 years of combined experience as a coach and player at the NFL and FBS levels, was named Assistant Athletics Director for Athletics Performance.

- The Athletics Department announced updated details, complete with artist renderings, in relation to its Centennial Bank Stadium “North End Zone Expansion” project through a new Red Wolves Foundation web site.
- Former A-State volleyball all-conference performer Beth Cochran Thomas, women’s basketball all-conference standout Adrienne Davie, football letterman and Super Bowl champion Ron Meeks, and baseball All-American Josh Yates will all be inducted into the Arkansas State Hall of Honor on Friday, September 15.
- Arkansas State University held its Summer Commencement ceremony at the Convocation Center, and 13 more student-athletes from the Red Wolves’ athletics department have been awarded degrees.
- With five “Fox Sports Arkansas” radio stations joining the EAB Red Wolves Sports Network, every Arkansas State football game broadcast during the 2017 season will air on a school-record 23 affiliates covering almost the entire state of Arkansas and reaching into parts of Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, and Tennessee. The addition of the five stations gives A-State the largest lineup of affiliates in the Sun Belt Conference and places it among the most extensive in the Group of 5 conferences.
- A-State placed 81 student-athletes on the 2016-17 Sun Belt Conference Commissioner’s List and another 91 on the Academic Honor Roll, giving the Red Wolves 172 student-athletes on the two lists combined.

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### **Convocation Center:**

- A national search for the Director of the Convocation Center is under way.

### **Facilities Management (FM):**

- Student Learning Space and Public Space Renovations: Facilities Management Projects team completed (16) renovation projects during the summer break, improving student/public spaces in nine buildings.
- Capital Renewal Projects: The majority of 2016 Board approved projects (21 of 25) are complete. The remaining projects will complete by December 2017.

### **Budget Planning/Development:**

- Budget, Human Resources, and Payroll Services collaborated to accomplish the “Merit Bonus Payments” for 467 classified employees based on FY17 performance evaluation ratings. Overall cost of the payments totaled \$284,613.80.
- The FY18 approved ASUJ and ASU-System operating budgets were successfully loaded into Banner to facilitate the seamless workflow for departmental constituents.

### **Office of Diversity:**

- Relocated Office of Diversity to Educational Leadership Building.

- Hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> cohort of S.U.R.E. Scholars (five different universities represented).
- Hosted the first ACT Prep Camp (50 students participated from throughout the region).
- Awarded approximately \$5,000 in grants to faculty and students to support efforts to advance diversity and inclusion on the A-State campus.

### **Human Resources:**

- The electronic on-boarding process for Graduate Assistant and Resident Assistant position new hires was successfully transitioned to the Taleo application during the month of August. The remaining part-time employee and adjunct faculty new hire transitions dates are Oct. 1, 2017 and Jan. 1, 2018, respectively.

### **Office of Affirmative Action (OAA):**

- Assisted University Counsel in coordination of Title IX training for staff.
- Presented at the annual Title IX Summit hosted by the ASU System Office in August 2017.
- Conducted Title IX training for Residence Life.
- Title IX training for first-year students was conducted August 28-31, 2017.
- Developing online Title IX training for all sophomores through graduate level students.

### **Red Wolf Wellness:**

- A-State Dietetics students completed a summer clinical rotation with Red Wolf Wellness. The students worked on various projects and provided nutrition assessments and educational materials for faculty and staff.
- Developed a plan to promote and grow the Red Wolf Wellness Program. Key strategies are:
  - Increasing employee participation in health risk assessments, biometric screenings, annual wellness visits, and wellness intervention programs with the use of incentives.
  - Educating employees on their current health status and providing wellness programs and resources to improve health scores.
  - Selecting a wellness vendor to collect data, provide reporting and analytics, track incentives and university-wide wellness challenges, promote programs and provide mobile engagement, and app and device integrations.
  - Formation of a Red Wolf Wellness committee to provide feedback, ideas and engagement from faculty and staff.

### **Training and Development:**

- Conducted New Employee Orientations for 82 new employees May-August 2017.

### **University Safety and Emergency Management (USEM):**

- The Office of USEM implemented initiatives to facilitate campus Celery Act compliance.
- Worked with Andy Frain representatives to review Campus Security Authority (CSA).
- Conducted a test of severe weather announcement procedures at Centennial Bank Stadium.



- Conducted CSA and Convocation Center Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) training for full-time and temporary Convocation Center employees.

### **Environmental Health and Safety (EHS):**

- Conducted multiple air sample tests during the quarter and defined remediation plans and re-inspected as appropriate.
- Conducted monthly radiation surveys and reconciled quarterly inventories of radioactive materials.
- Developed tools to assist faculty in upcoming laboratory inspections.

### **Information and Technology (ITS):**

- IT Security – Developing educational information and training for all campus IT users.
- Mexico - Continued to assist the Mexico team with operational start up.
- Residence Hall Wireless – Installed new wireless in residence halls resulting in up to date and complete functions to “home like” wireless connectivity for students.
- Banner 9 (XE) – The Core Team continues to meet every 3 weeks to discuss progress. Transition plan is to be at least 95% complete Banner 9 by December 2018.
- Appogee – the new cable TV contractor is 95% complete across campus.

### **Fiscal Operations:**

- Controller’s Office: Closed Fiscal year 2017 and Legislative Audit is currently working on the annual audit. The implementation schedule for the new travel software, Concur, is being finalized.
- Compliance and Process Improvement: Final recommendations for wire payment requests have been submitted. Process improvement initiatives to transition on-campus vendor purchases from IDT to Banner requisition process. Cassey Tune is serving as vice program chair for the CoHEsion Summit conference this fall.
- Business Services and Risk Management: Facilitating with the bookstore, faculty and ITS to bring Open Educational Resources (OER) to campus. The OER program should result in more affordable course materials, provide students with day-one access to course materials and in many instances allow instructors to customize the materials they use for their courses. The University’s property insurance was renewed with the State AMAIT Program, effectively insuring approximately \$1 billion in buildings, business personal property, fine arts, mobile equipment, and business interruption values.
- Procurement: Conducted the annual Vendor Exhibit on May 11 with 40 vendors in attendance. New state purchasing thresholds began on August 1. The Managed Print Services (MPS) contract with Xerox work continues with installation of machines campus wide.
- Treasurer’s Office: The new Paypath system for merchant card transactions is in place and will significantly reduce the university payments for bank service charges. Work continues on the Marketplace portion of this project which will allow internal departments to utilize online payment solutions that are customizable for each area.

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**Campus Insight Conference**

During the last week of August, several staff members attended the 2017 Campus Insight Conference in Orlando, Florida. They participated in several of the 30+ hands-on trainings that were offered and were able to meet and talk with colleagues from other institutions facing similar opportunities and challenges as ASUB. This conference provided networking and problem-solving opportunities, and our team's members returned with new strategies and a deeper understanding of the Campus Management System. ASU-Beebe also had a chance to participate in an Executive Strategy Forum and a Strategic Advisory Council, both of which allowed ASUB to voice key initiatives, priorities, and opportunities to Campus Management Leadership.

**FEMA Training**

On June 27-29, several employees attended a FEMA Emergency Management Training on our sister campus, ASU-Mountain Home.

**Academic Deans**

We welcomed three Academic Deans to ASUB on July 3. Dr. Suzanne Baily will lead the Division of Career Education, Dr. Jason Goodner will lead the Division of Arts and Humanities, and Dr. Tina Moore will lead the Division of Business, Math, and Science.

**ASUB Website**

Staff members are working toward a "go-live" date for the all new ASUB website, which is scheduled to occur on October 24, 2017.

**90th Events**

It is my great pleasure to relate to you our plan for four community events that will commemorate Arkansas State University-Beebe's *90th Anniversary in Education*. Our first event will be a lecture and book signing by author and former ASU-Beebe student, Cara Brookins. Brookins' Book, "Rise: How a House Built a Family," tells the true story of how she and her children built their own home with skills they learned by watching You Tube videos. This event will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m., at the Searcy High School Performing Arts Center, located at 301 North Ella in Searcy, in recognition of our ASU-Beebe Searcy campus.

Our second celebration is called a “Climb & Dine” event to be held at our Heber Springs campus. We are partnering with the Sugarloaf Heritage Council to provide students and our community visitors the opportunity to explore the four amazing trails that wind to the top of scenic Sugarloaf Mountain, adjacent to our campus in Heber Springs. This event will be held on Saturday, October 21. The hike will begin at 9:00 a.m. and will be followed by a FREE community picnic at the campus pavilion at 11:00 a.m.

The third event is our biggest by far and is the premier event of this series! It will be a FREE community concert on the ASU-Beebe main campus by Arkansas’s own Kris Allen, the season eight winner of the hit show, “American Idol.” ASU-Beebe is pleased to bring Kris and his band for an outdoor show, open to the public, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 28, 2017.

The fourth and final community event will recognize our long-standing relationship with the military service members at Little Rock AFB and surrounding communities. This “Salute to Our Veterans’ before Veterans’ Day” will occur on Thursday, November 9, 2017, and will be held on our Beebe campus in front of the McKay Student Center. It will not only include a patriotic salute to our members and veterans of the United State Armed Forces, but it will also include displays of military aircraft and equipment, demonstrations by the ASU-Beebe ROTC detachment, and a notable guest speaker.

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1. Remodel in Integrity Hall

The remodel of the third floor of Integrity Hall has been completed this summer. This remodel involved four classrooms, a conference room, two public spaces, and faculty offices. These spaces are now home to our Graphic Design and Computer Coding programs. A modern color pallet of green, blue, and orange was introduced into the spaces, along with furnishings that evoke a Google/Facebook corporate feel and look. New equipment was purchased for the classrooms including computers, projectors, cameras, and glass marker boards. The physical plant staff completed most of the work on the project, and almost all of the expenditures came from grant funds, with limited participation from the E&G budget (\$25,000).

2. Long-Range Planning

Long-Range Planning is underway at ASUMH. We are in the fifth year of the current long-range plan and are now asking our constituency to help us set our goals for the next five years, beginning in July of 2018. We are currently conducting meetings with students, staff, and community members to gather their input concerning our long-range goals. These meetings consist of a SWAT Analysis and a goal identification exercise. Once we have completed meetings with approximately 500 people we will ask for a ranking of the identified goals, thus establishing our projected goals for the next five years. We plan to complete this process by early October, leaving the balance of the fall for staff to develop their strategic one-year plans in keeping with these news goals. We will then budget for these strategic plans in the spring of 2018.

3. A-State Women's Business Leadership

ASUMH is proud to be partnering with the A-State Women's Business Leadership Center, which is a part of the ASU-Jonesboro College of Business. At Mountain Home, we have recruited ten professional women from our community to serve as mentors. On September 14, they will meet with our 20 students, who are participating in the program and will be matched with each other to begin the mentoring process. These ASUMH young women have aspirations to establish themselves as leaders in existing businesses or to establish their own businesses. This process should prove to be very beneficial in helping the students reach their goals.

4. Adult Education Program

The Adult Education Program has returned to ASUMH, having been approved to serve both Baxter and Marion Counties. We have leased and remodeled a facility in Yellville (Marion County) and moved the program into Roller Hall on the main campus. Three of the six new positions have been filled, and 43 students are already enrolled in programs.

5. Energy Efficiency Projects

ASUMH recently completed a lighting replacement project in the original four campus buildings. All of the florescent bulbs have been replaced with LED bulbs, moving us from 132 watts per fixture to 32 watts per fixture. The total cost of this project was \$5,800, and the installation was conducted by our physical plant staff. This project is estimated to save the campus \$25,000 per year in energy costs.

A water-cooled chiller was also replaced with an air-cooled chiller, resulting in an expense of \$8,000, which will have an annual payback of \$12,000 in energy cost savings.

The central plant chiller backup compressor was also rebuilt this past summer. This project will result in greater efficiency of the chiller, especially on very warm and humid days.

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**Report of the Chancellor  
Arkansas State University-Newport**

**Strategic Priority 1: Student Success**

- **Census Date Enrollment Comparisons**
  - Unduplicated enrollment for the fall 2017 semester is 2,468 – a decrease of 9% from last year (2,718). Unduplicated headcount not including concurrent students is 2,012 – up 1.3% from last year (1,986). Unduplicated headcount for concurrent students is 456 – down 37.7% from last year (750). Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) is 1,601 – up 7% from last year (1,495.6).
  - ASUN has a comprehensive concurrent enrollment program and strong partnerships with our regional school districts. ASUN made a strategic decision based on resource allocation and low matriculation rates of concurrent students to make changes to the concurrent scholarship program. The college decreased the amount of scholarships offered to our nine partner high schools as well as the Northeast Arkansas Career and Technical Center. This change increased the tuition cost to the high school. Fortunately, this is primarily an impact to the overall student headcount for the college and not to the total student semester credit hours. This is due to the fact that concurrent students take smaller class loads. Thus, the budgetary impact is very minimal from the decreased headcount enrollment. The cost to our partner high schools is still significantly lower than other providers in the region.
- Convocation week was filled with professional development activities for both faculty and staff. During the college wide session, System President Chuck Welch addressed all employees with a focus on the Productivity Funding Model. ASU System General Counsel Brad Phelps presented the latest information regarding the Guns on Campus legislation.
- ASUN hosted the LPN Capping and Pinning for 53 students from the Jonesboro and Newport campuses in June. This was the first time we've combined the two groups and it was a great success.
- **Summer Camps:**
  - 4-H Science Day Camp: Nine children attended this camp hosted by the ASUN Library and led by Taylor Hastings, from the Cooperative Extension Office. During the camp, participants performed experiments using household ingredients, reasoning, and imagination to create slime and boats.
  - Mythbuster's Youth Discovery Camp: Twelve students completed the camp on the Newport campus, which was based on the popular television show. Under the leadership of Associate Professor Irena Reynolds and many faculty and staff, students explored common myths through activities, crafts, science and math projects, dissection, and much more.
  - Tek Starz Summer Manufacturing Academy: A total of thirty-one high school students completed the Academies, led by Charley Appleby, Vice-Chancellor for Economic and Workforce Development. Programs were held in Jonesboro and, for the first time, Newport. Students were introduced to the concepts of manufacturing, given tours of selected industry partners, and

participated in hands-on activities designed to educate and encourage students to consider a career in manufacturing via ASUN's technical programs.

- ASU-Jonesboro and ASUN have been working to develop articulation agreements for education majors. This is a relationship that we highly value and look forward to future opportunities. The Bachelor of Science in Education now offers the following seven tracks:
  - Mid-Level Education Science/English Language Arts
  - Mid-Level Education English Language Arts/Social Studies
  - Mid-Level Education Math/Social Studies
  - Mid-Level Education Science/Social Studies
  - Mid-Level Education Math/English Language Arts
  - Mid-Level Education Math/Science
  - Education-Elementary Education

### **Strategic Priority 2: Institutional Excellence**

- ASUN Adult Education has been approved as a certified WAGE™ Center for program year 2017-2018. WAGE™ (Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy) is a job-readiness training program conducted by the Adult Education Division of the Arkansas Department of Career Education. This program places the employer at the center of an effort to redefine basic skills required by today's high-performance workplaces. It includes 112 basic skill competencies based on the Secretary's Commission on Achieving Necessary Skills (SCANS). The certificates offered are the following: Bank Teller; Customer Service I and Customer Service II; Employability; Industrial; and Office Technology. ASUN Adult Education has formed an Advisory Committee consisting of local business leaders and industry partners, and adult learners may begin earning certificates this fall.
- Webpage, ASUN.EDU, closed on a high note for 2016-2017. Our analytics tell us that:
  - Our annual page views exceeded our annual goals for 2017, 2018, and 2019 with a total of 842,339! This was made possible thanks to everyone's efforts in pushing our students to the website for more information!
  - The top pages viewed for 2016-2017 include: 1. Homepage; 2. Get Started (New App); 3. Nursing; 4. Schedules; 5. Financial Aid; 6. Application (old); 7. Schedules (second path); 8. Search; 9. All programs List; 10. Catalogs.
- ASUN celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> BULLET Communication since we developed our ASUN Communications Plan in spring 2015, which supports our Shared Leadership vision. BULLETs consists of a weekly communication sent from the Office of the Chancellor and is designed to keep everyone informed as to what's trending at ASUN.
- Institutional Advancement rolled out ASUN's Annual Giving Campaign beginning with two signature donor appreciation receptions – one at the home of John and Andrea Conner, and the other at the home of Dr. Chuck and Mandy Welch. Advancement Officer Teriann Turner introduced members of the Development Board and Board of Visitors to the community, and distributed information regarding the Friend's Circle and the five distinct levels of giving:

- *Future Club*                      *Gifts of \$5,000 and above*
- *Transformation Club*      *Gifts between \$2,500-\$4,999*
- *2001 Club*                        *Gifts between \$1,000-\$2,499*
- *White River Club*            *Gifts between \$500-\$999*
- *Delta Club*                        *Gifts under \$500*

### **Strategic Priority 3: Community Engagement**

- The ASUN Board of Visitors held its first official meeting on August 24. We presented the Board with our resolutions, including the addition of four automotive certificates of proficiency and our renaming resolution.
- Eight participants have completed the “Car Capable” program with our Automotive Services Technology Instructors on the Marked Tree Campus. Car Capable is a four-hour training program covering basic car care and maintenance services. Participants receive hands-on training that includes everything from checking fluid levels to changing tires.
- AirGas donated a pallet of sanding discs. These are utilized heavily in the Collision Repair program and will greatly benefit our students, program, and partnership.

### **ASUN Academic Program Notifications**

- ASUN has reconfigured the Associate of General Studies degree. Students will now earn an Associate of Science in Liberal Arts and Science, with several pathways to choose from:
  - Health Sciences- Health Services Administration Emphasis
  - Health Sciences- Physical Therapy Emphasis
  - Addiction Studies Emphasis
  - Health Education Emphasis
  - Nutrition Emphasis
  - Environmental Science- Biology Emphasis
  - Environmental Science- Chemistry Emphasis
  - Environmental Science- Planning and Administration Emphasis



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**Report from Chancellor Debra West  
Arkansas State University Mid-South**

**National Recognition**

The tenth annual Report on the Academic Workplace, compiled by *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, designated ASU Mid-South as one of the “2017 Great Colleges to Work For.” This report, which surveys employees at colleges and universities across the country, is the largest and most comprehensive workplace study in higher education. Of the 232 colleges and universities that participated, 57 four-year institutions and 22 two-year institutions were recognized. ASU Mid-South was the only institution in Arkansas to be recognized, receiving honors in three categories: Confidence in Senior Leadership; Facilities, Workspace & Security; and Teaching Environment.

**Enrollment**

Preliminary Fall 2017 enrollment (as of 5:00 PM on August 28, 2017) stood at 1,651 headcount and 14,052 SSCH. This represents a 10.1% decrease in headcount and 5.6% decrease in SSCH over the official eleventh day enrollment period for the Fall 2016 semester.

**Fall 2017 Student Demographics:**

Gender	Number (Percentage)
Female	985 (59.7%)
Male	666 (40.3%)
Race/Ethnicity	Number (Percentage)
Black or African American	949 (57.5%)
White	532 (32.2%)
Hispanic or Latino	77 (4.7%)
Multiple or Other Race/Ethnicity	93 (5.6%)
Student Type	Number (Percentage)
Concurrent/High School <sup>1</sup>	658 (39.9%)
Adult	993 (60.1%)
Program of Study <sup>2</sup>	Number (Percentage)
Transfer (AA, AAT, or AS)	437 (47.3%)
Technical (CP, TC, or AAS)	487 (52.7%)

\*<sup>1</sup>All concurrent/high school students are taught on the ASU Mid-South campus.

\*<sup>2</sup>Program of study percentages were calculated using the numbers from our adult, degree-seeking student enrollment/population of 924.

### **HLC Onsite Accreditation Visit**

The Higher Learning Commission will visit ASU Mid-South on March 5-6, 2018. The college's last major accreditation visit occurred in October 2013, at which time it was placed on an open pathway, requiring another site visit at the ten-year mark. The merger in 2015, and the resultant change of control application, caused Mid-South to be placed on the standard pathway, requiring another site visit at the four-year mark. Additionally, we received a focused site visit on January 25-26, 2016, to assess the effects of the merger. These visits have produced no adverse findings, and we are confident in our ability to demonstrate our continuing adherence to HLC's criteria for accreditation.

### **On-Campus Health Center**

East Arkansas Family Health Center, Inc., a nonprofit, FTCA (Federal Court Claims Act) Deemed healthcare organization, known for providing accessible, comprehensive, and high-quality healthcare to residents of Crittenden, Poinsett, Mississippi, and Phillips Counties, opened its newest Health Center at ASU Mid-South on August 16. The Health Center is housed in a space formerly occupied by the Crittenden County Health Department. Former state representative, diagnostic radiologist, and long-time supporter of the college, Dr. Scott Ferguson, donated examination tables and other medical equipment needed to upgrade the space for the new clinic, which will provide basic health screenings, immunizations, and routine primary care to students and employees every Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

### **Jeremy M. Jacobs Hospitality Program Donation**

Southland Gaming and Racing recently presented a \$100,000 check to ASU Mid-South in support of the Jeremy M. Jacobs Hospitality Program. This donation is the sixth of ten annual contributions pledged by Southland to support ASU Mid-South's hospitality program, which includes the first two years of a two-plus-two arrangement with the Kemmons Wilson School of Hospitality and Resort Management at the University of Memphis.

### **Twenty-fifth Anniversary**

The upcoming year is an exciting one for ASU Mid-South, as we celebrate milestones in the college's 25-year history. On October 23, 1992, Mid-South Technical Institute received approval from the State Board of Higher Education to convert to a community college. On February 16, 1993, voters in Crittenden County overwhelmingly voted for the passage of a four-mill levy to establish a community college district in Crittenden County. Finally, in the fall of 1993, Mid-South Community College (now ASU Mid-South) conducted its first classes as a community college. Various campus and community activities are being planned to commemorate these events, which will culminate in a Community Gala and Hall of Fame Induction, scheduled for the fall of 2018.