

**Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees
December 11, 2009**

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

1. The Higher Learning Commission Statement of Affiliation Status

On November 19, 2009, ASU-Newport received confirmation of receipt and approval of the interim reports on assessment of student learning and distance learning programs. No further reports are required, and the next comprehensive evaluation is scheduled for 2016-2017.

2. Career Facilitators

ASU-Newport was notified that it will be one of eleven two-year colleges that will receive funding for a three-year project to employ four Career Facilitators to work with public schools in Jackson, Poinsett, and Woodruff counties. The focus of the program will be to increase the number of students pursuing the Smart Core curricula, increase persistence rates, increase high school graduation rates, increase college going and graduation rates, and assist Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) eligible adults in the pursuit of higher education.

3. Employee Recognition Banquet

The annual Employee Recognition Banquet was held November 5, 2009, on the Newport campus. Employees from the Newport, Jonesboro, and Marked Tree campuses were recognized for their years of service. In addition, Mary Houchin of the Marked Tree campus was recognized as the college's Outstanding Staff and Anna Westman of the Newport campus was recognized as the college's Outstanding Faculty. Trustees Milligan and Rhodes participated in the presentation of recognition awards.

4. Mossie J. Richmond, Jr. Outstanding Leadership Award

The Arkansas College Personnel Association recognized Dr. Mary Robertson at its annual meeting in November with the award of the Mossie J. Richmond, Jr. Outstanding Leadership Award which recognizes outstanding student affairs leaders who have made significant contributions to the Arkansas College Personnel Association.

5. ASUN Hosts Drive-Through Flu Shot Clinic

On October 30, the Jackson County Department of Health and ASUN nursing students hosted a drive-through flu shot clinic on the Newport campus; over 1,100 people participated. A second clinic is scheduled for December 11, 2009.

6. Economic Development Initiative Proposal

On November 5, 2009, Dr. Stanley Williams informed ASUN that its Economic Development Initiative Proposal had been funded in the amount of \$136,364. The proposal was funded by the Governor through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. This will allow the college to complete its underground outdoor high voltage laboratory. This state-of-the-art facility will be the only one of its type in this region of the country.

7. ASU-Jonesboro Faculty-Staff Appreciation Day

ASU-Newport wants to extend its thanks to Dr. Robert Potts and staff for hosting Faculty-Staff Appreciation Day. ASUN campuses had 188 faculty, staff, and family members attend the great tailgate activity and game. Thanks to all of those on the ASU-Jonesboro campus that made this event possible.

8. Faculty Association Thanksgiving Feast

On November 18, the Faculty Association of ASUN hosted a Thanksgiving dinner for all of the college's employees. The meal was their "thank you" to the staff for all of the assistance that is provided to our faculty by the staff.

9. Patron Series

On December 18, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, ASUN will host *#1 Hits of the 60's* from Branson, Missouri. It is the second show of the three Patron Series performances.