

**ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.**

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For the period ending December 31, 2022 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$3,307,211.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$2,648,277
ASU-Mountain Home	366,226
ASU-Beebe	139,008
ASU-Newport	34,733
ASU-Three Rivers	105,733
ASU System Foundation	13,234

The Foundation reported net assets of \$110,583,202, representing an increase of 2.12% for the period ending on December 31, 2022.

The market value of the ASU System Foundation Endowment Pool for the period ending December 31, 2022, was \$101,823,942.

The net rate of return for the period ending December 31, 2022, was 1.70%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$86,558,292
Mountain Home	5,266,883
Beebe	2,097,012
Newport	2,609,928
Three Rivers	755,867
Red Wolves Foundation	1,832,593
System Foundation	<u>2,703,366</u>
Total	<u>\$101,823,941</u>

# ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM

## Capital Projects Report

March 10, 2023

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

### ASU-JONESBORO

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Fine Arts ADA	\$280,000	Design Phase
Nursing Elevator	\$317,216	Substantially Complete
Arkansas Hall Fan Coils	\$286,000	Design Phase
University Hall Fan Coils	\$273,000	Design Phase
Collegiate Park HVAC	\$340,800	Construction Phase
Caraway Rd. Closure Improvements/Parking Deck Ent.	\$1,600,000	Design Phase
Library Elevators Modernization	\$500,376	Construction Phase
Beck Center for Veterans	\$497,532	Substantially Complete
Campus Lighting Phase III	\$714,573	Construction Phase
Farmers' Market	\$3,463,532	Construction Phase
Lab Science West Fire Alarm Replacement	\$328,590	Construction Phase
Wilson Advising Center - New Counseling Center	\$602,516	Substantially Complete
Student Learning Commons	\$962,865	Substantially Complete
First National Bank Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement	\$830,953	Construction Phase
College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement	\$529,151	Construction Phase
Student Union Controls Upgrades	\$399,781	Substantially Complete
Misc. Bldg. Site Demolition	\$4,008,109	Bidding/Demolition Phase
Arkansas Biosciences Institute 1 <sup>st</sup> Floor Exhaust Upgrades	\$893,063	Construction Phase
National Pan Hellenic Council Lounge	\$427,237	Construction Phase
Kays Hall Shower Valves	\$325,380	Construction Phase
Quapaw Rd. Closure and Site Lighting	\$298,870	Design Phase
Stadium West Parking Lot Lighting	\$297,144	Substantially Complete
Dean St. Lighting and Cameras	\$463,131	Construction Phase
North Park Quads N-5 Parking Lot Overlay	\$459,748	Construction Phase
Ed Comm-5 Classroom Reno-Lounge	\$350,000	Construction Phase-Lounge
Equine Ctr. Parking Lot Lighting and Cameras	\$345,645	Construction Phase

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

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell Architects - DCI Engineering  
Contractor: Nabholz Construction  
Expected Completion: Village Exterior Repairs – November 2024  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Exterior building repairs to the Village began in June 2014 with Nabholz Contractors. This work will be phased over multiple years, but the projected completion date is planned for November 2024.

**2. Fine Arts Center ADA**

Architect/Engineer: WER Architects & Planners  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: TBD  
Funding: TBD

Status: The Fine Arts Center ADA project scope is to provide ADA access from the south lower portion of the Fine Arts Center building to the north upper portion of the building, as well as ADA upgrades to the restrooms.

**3. Nursing Elevator**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: KONE Elevators and Escalators US  
Expected Completion: Summer 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status:

The existing elevator in the School of Nursing Building is beyond its useful age and has become a maintenance issue. Due to the age of the existing fire alarm systems, they will also have to be replaced, in order for the fire alarm and elevator to meet the current fire-safety codes. The project is complete, pending the completion of the invoicing paperwork.

**4. Arkansas Hall Fan Coils**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers  
Contractor: RGB Mechanical / Other  
Expected Completion: Summer 2025  
Funding: TBD

Status: The scope is to replace the existing fan coil units with new units. This will be a multi-year phased project. Disposition of this project is pending the completion of the campus Master Plan update.

**5. University Hall Fan Coils**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers  
Contractor: RGB Mechanical/Other  
Expected Completion: Summer 2024  
Funding: TBD

Status: The scope is to replace the existing fan coil units with new units. This will be a multi-year phased project. Disposition of this project is pending the completion of the campus Master Plan update.

## **6. Collegiate Park HVAC**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers  
Contractor: RGB Mechanical  
Expected Completion: Summer 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope is to replace the remaining R-22 units with new 14 SEER R-410A units. This is be a multi-year phased project.

## **7. Caraway Road Closure Improvements/New Parking Deck Entrance**

Architect/Engineer: Crafton-Tull  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: Phase 1 expected to begin summer 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This multi-phase project will update and replace the current sidewalk, steps, retaining walls, and building signage, thus improving ADA access between the buildings on the east side of Caraway Road and the parking deck. Phase 1, a new entrance to the parking deck, will be added south of the closed portion of Caraway Road.

## **8. Library Elevators Modernization**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: KONE Elevator and Escalators US.  
Expected Completion: Summer 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The library tower has two traction elevators to access floors of the library tower. One elevator was installed with the original construction in the early 1990s (Otis); the second was installed around, or following, the year 2001 (Thyssen Krupp). Electronic controls on both elevators have been updated and maintained over their life cycle. In the fall of 2020, the Thyssen Krupp elevator controls began to fail. In spring/early summer 2021, it became evident that the obsolescence of the Thyssen brand/support would lead to the necessity of finding alternative sourcing of the elevator controls. The scope of this project is to completely replace the controls for both elevators. The project scope also includes mechanical upgrades and fire alarm upgrades. KONE has experienced material-delivery delays that have extended the project's completion date.

## **9. Beck Center for Veterans**

Architect/Engineer: Morris AE  
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project is to renovate several rooms in the Turner Military Science Building for the Beck PRIDE Center. The scope of work includes interior finishes, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and IT upgrades. This project is substantially complete. A second phase, which will include renovations and upgrades to an existing kitchen in the Armory, is under development now.

## **10. Campus Lighting Phase III**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: RGB Mechanical  
Expected Completion: Substantially complete  
Funding: University Reserves/Access & Security Fee

Status: The scope of this project is to provide parking and street lighting in the parking lots west of University and Kays Halls and along Marion Berry Parkway. Delivery delays for emergency call stations have extended project completion.

### **11. Farmers' Market**

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture  
Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
Expected Completion: October 2023  
Funding: University Funds/Private Gift

Status: The scope of this project is to provide a new Judd Hill Farmers' Market facility, which will be a pre-engineered building structure that will house student-and-teaching space. Students will experience the agricultural, business, and economic-related transitions of "farm-to-table" enterprise. The facility contains approximately 6,000 square feet of heated and cooled space and 1,600 square feet of exterior covered porch space. The facility's form is modelled after the existing Farmers' Market pavilion. Housed in the new facility is a large classroom that can be subdivided into two smaller classrooms, a demonstration kitchen, retail space, a conference room, public restrooms, storage, and general mechanical and electrical support spaces.

### **12. Lab Science West Fire Alarm Replacement**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: Johnson Controls Fire Protection  
Expected Completion: June 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to remove and replace the fire alarm system in the Lab Sciences West building.

### **13. Wilson Advising Center-New Counseling Center**

Architect/Engineer: AMR  
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The former Wilson Advising Center will be remodeled into a new home for the Counseling Center. The stand-alone building is approximately 4,000 square feet and will be abated prior to the start of construction. The renovated space will provide six private counseling offices, a group-counseling/multipurpose room, storage space, office space for interns, and a kitchen/breakroom. The front entrance is being demolished and rebuilt to conform to ADA standards. This project is substantially complete.

### **14. Student Learning Commons**

Architect/Engineer: AMR  
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The approximately 9,000 square-foot, former Campus Bookstore is being remodeled into a 24/7 Student Learning Commons. The space will provide a variety of seating areas for individual and group study, with a mixture of lounge and task seating. The space also houses three small study rooms equipped with AV/IT and a larger room for meetings or larger study groups. This space is open to the entire student body via new electronic card swipes. The project is substantially complete and in use, pending final closeout.

#### **15. First National Bank Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: June 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to remove one existing Air Handler Unit (AHU) and replace it with one new AHU that has dehumidification capabilities, and to refurbish one existing AHU. The refurbishment is complete and the replacement is expected to be finished after the completion of the 2023 basketball season.

#### **16. College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: RGB  
Expected Completion: June 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to remove and replace the ventilation air unit with one that has dehumidification capabilities. Construction has begun. Delivery of the ventilation air unit is pending.

#### **17. Student Union Controls Upgrades**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: RGB  
Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to remove the outdated existing controls system and replace them with a new Computrol's system. This project is substantially complete, pending final close-out documents.

#### **18. Misc. Building Site Demolition**

Architect/Engineer: WER  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: Fall 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The asbestos abatement process was scheduled to begin in February 2023. The selection/bidding of the full demolition contractor is underway. This project includes the demolition of the Fine Arts Annex, the Fine Arts Foundry, the HPESS Natatorium, and the Academic Circle Houses.

#### **19. Arkansas Biosciences Institute First Floor Exhaust Upgrades**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: RGB  
Expected Completion: December 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Provide a stand-alone exhaust system for the west wing of the first floor of the ABI building.

## **20. National Pan Hellenic Council Lounge**

Architect/Engineer: AMR Architects  
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
Expected Completion: Summer 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Renovate the current Counselling Area in the Student Union into space for the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC).

## **21. Kays Hall Shower Valves**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: RGB/Woods Masonry  
Expected Completion: July 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Maintenance project to replace 121 shower valves.

## **22. Quapaw Road Closure and Site Lighting**

Architect/Engineer: Pickering  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: December 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to permanently close Quapaw Street, while providing parallel parking on University Loop, as well as street lighting and crosswalks.

## **23. Stadium West Parking Lot Lighting**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: RGB  
Expected Completion: July 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Provide lights for the West Parking Lot at the football stadium. Lighting is installed. Camera installation is pending delayed camera delivery.

## **24. Dean Street Lighting and Cameras**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: RGB  
Expected Completion: June 2023  
Funding: Security Fees

Status: The scope of this project is to provide lighting upgrades and cameras on Dean Street.

## **25. North Park Quads N-5 Parking Lot Overlay**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: Meadows Contractors  
Expected Completion: June 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to overlay the asphalt parking lot and repaint the striping.

**26. Ed Comm-5 Classroom Reno-Lounge**

Architect/Engineer: AMR Architects  
 Contractor: TBD  
 Expected Completion: June 2023  
 Funding: College of Communications Departmental Funds

Status: The five classrooms are complete. The remaining funds are being used to renovate the Student Lounge. The Lounge project is expected to begin in the spring of 2023.

**27. Equine Center Parking Lot and Cameras**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
 Contractor: RGB  
 Expected Completion: June 2023  
 Funding: Security Fees

Status: The scope of this project is to provide lighting and cameras for the Equine Center parking lot.

**ASU-BEEBE**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Student One-Stop Shop	\$826,596	Planning

**1. Student One-Stop Shop**

Architect/Engineer: WER Architects  
 Contractor: TBD  
 Expected Completion: August, 2023  
 Funding: Grant, University Reserves

Status: ASUB received a five-year federal Title III grant to launch and operate a student one-stop shop to better serve students through the advising, admitting, enrollment, and financial-aid processes. The One-Stop Shop will be housed in the student center in the space that once contained the college bookstore. The institution intends to internally finance the project through institutional cash reserves and will seek reimbursement for \$380,000 of the construction costs from Title III funds over the five-year, grant-funding period.

**ASU-MOUNTAIN HOME**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUMH Amphitheatre	\$600,000	Planning
ASUMH Tech Center Expansion	\$1,707,000	Construction
ASUMH Trail Lighting and Landscaping	\$420,000	Design



### 1. ASUMH Amphitheatre

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: December 2023  
Funding: Private Donations

Status: Three \$200,000 gifts have been donated to construct an amphitheater on campus. Design is underway.

### 2. ASUMH Technical Center Expansion

Architect/Engineer; Architecture Plus  
Contractor: Gregory Construction  
Expected Completion: February 2023  
Funding: Grants

Status: A Regional Workforce Development grant, with \$808,000 included for construction, as well as a grant from the Arkansas Office of Skills Development with \$699,000 for construction, has been received. We are expanding the Tech Center to support our boat manufacturing, injection molding, and extrusion manufacturing with an additional 6,300 square feet. Construction began in February 2023.

### 3. ASUMH Trail Lighting and Landscaping

Architect/Engineer: TBD  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
Funding: ARDOT TAP Grant, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project encompasses a walking/biking trail on the Mountain Home campus. The project is funded by a Transportation Alternative Program grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation and 20% matching institutional funds.

## ASU-NEWPORT

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails	\$234,000	Construction
Wayfinding Signage	\$240,686	Installation
Commercial Driver Training Driving Range Repaving	\$464,000	Design
White River Hall Flood Repair/Renovation	\$350,000	Construction
Gutter Replacement	\$100,000	Construction

### 1. ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: Fall 2023  
Funding: ARDOT Trails Grant, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project encompasses a walking/biking trail on the Newport campus. The project is funded by a Recreational Trails grant from the ARDOT and 20% matching institutional funds.

### 2. Wayfinding Signage

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates  
Contractor: Gibson Signs  
Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project is to update exterior and interior wayfinding signage on all three campuses.

### 3. White River Hall Flood Repair/Renovation

Architect/Engineer: NA  
Contractor: All-Clean Restoration Services  
Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
Funding: Insurance Proceeds 80%/Reserves (Deductible) 20%

Status: This project is to repair damage caused by burst pipes that occurred in late December 2022. It includes removal and replacement of flooring, ceiling tiles, and drywall.

### 4. Driving Range Repaving

Architect/Engineer: Brackett- Krennerich  
Contractor: Redstone Construction Group Inc.  
Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
Funding: Regional Workforce Grant

Status: This project is to repair and repave the Commercial Driver Training Truck Driving range on the Newport campus. The range is used for off-road skills development and is being funded by a Regional Workforce grant.

### 4. Gutter Replacement

Architect/Engineer: NA  
Contractor: Jonesboro Roofing  
Expected Completion: March 2023  
Funding: Deferred Maintenance Funds

Status: This project is to replace commercial gutters and downspouts on the Larry N. Williams Student Community Center on the Newport campus. Gutters were damaged from age and weather and are non-functional.

## ASU MID-SOUTH

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
FedEx Aviation Maintenance Finish-out	\$1,971,000	Construction
Truck Driving Range	\$1,075,000	Pre-Construction
Reynolds & University Chilled Water System	\$1,500,000	Design

### **1. FedEx Aviation Maintenance Finish-out**

Architect/Engineer:	Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
Contractor:	Wagner General Contractors
Expected Completion:	August 2023
Funding:	PBI Grant, Institutional Reserves

**Status:** This project is to complete the finish-out phase of the mezzanine level of the FedEx Aviation Maintenance Building. The project will complete the 7,000 square-foot facility by adding two classrooms, additional restrooms, an elevator, and a student lounge area. The contractor has begun construction on this project.

### **2. Truck Driving Range**

Architect/Engineer:	Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
Contractor:	Frank A. Rogers & Company
Expected Completion:	June 2023
Funding:	ADHE Regional Workforce Grant, Institutional Reserves

**Status:** The scope of this project is to construct a new truck driving range, east of the Marion Berry Renewable Energy Center. We had a pre-construction meeting in mid-February with the contractor to kick off the project. It is scheduled for completion in June 2023.

### **3. Reynolds Center/University Center Chiller Replacement**

Architect/Engineer:	WER Architects
Expected Completion:	Early 2024
Funding:	Endowment Funds, Institutional Reserves

**Status:** This project is to combine and upgrade the chiller system for the Reynolds Center and University Center. We recently selected WER as the architects for this project and are currently preparing contract documents for legislative review.

## ASU THREE RIVERS

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation–Phase III	\$861,277	Design Phase

### **1. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation–Phase III**

Architect/Engineer:	SCM Architects
Contractor:	Clark Contractors, LLC
Expected Completion:	July 2023
Funding:	Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, will fund Phase III renovations, which include installing fire protection and alarm systems; continued work on electrical and mechanical systems; and auditorium renovations.

## HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Caddo Center	\$1,190,861	Construction Phase
Caddo Center (Phase II)	\$1,400,000	Design Phase

### 1. Caddo Center

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects  
 Contractor: Bell Construction  
 Expected Completion: Spring 2023  
 Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) FY 2021-22 Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant is funding adaptive preservation of the Caddo Center as a one-stop shop for students. These funds from the ANCRC, to adapt the shell of the Caddo Building, will allow continuation of the preservation of the historic Caddo Center, and provide space for Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, and Advising and Tutoring. This will improve the impression created upon entering the campus and will expand the number of persons viewing the artifacts and the associated information highlighting their importance to the history of Arkansas. Construction began this past winter and is projected to be completed in Spring 2023.

### 2. Caddo Center (Phase II)

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects  
 Contractor: TBD  
 Expected Completion: June 2024  
 Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) FY 2022-2023 Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant is funding adaptive preservation of the Caddo Center as a one-stop shop for students. These funds from the ANCRC, to adapt the shell of the Caddo Building, will allow continuation of the preservation of the historic Caddo Center, and provide space for Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, and Advising and Tutoring. This will improve the impression created upon entering the campus and will expand the number of persons viewing the artifacts and the associated information highlighting their importance to the history of Arkansas. This project is currently in the design phase and to be bid by May 2023.

**Arkansas State University System  
Board of Trustees  
March 10, 2023**

**Chancellor's Report  
Arkansas State University**

**Academic Affairs and Research:**

- Chancellor Todd Shields extended invitations to visit Arkansas State University to three finalists vying for the position of Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost. In consultation with the Provost Search Committee, the finalists Dr. Shields selected were Dr. Mark Clarke, Dr. João Sedycias, and Dr. Calvin White. Each finalist visited A-State to meet with the Search Committee, other on-campus groups, and members of the community.
- Interim Provost Len Frey appointed Dean Mickey LaTour and Interim Dean Jennifer Bouldin to lead the curriculum development process to establish a College of Veterinary Medicine (CMV) at A-State. The Provost's Office continues to work, in conjunction with Dr. James Lloyd and other external veterinary medicine advisors, to complete required paperwork and acquire all appropriate approvals to establish the new college. A request for new positions has been submitted to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. The A-State CVM will operate on a four-year distributed model, where students will complete their first years' coursework on campus before moving into the veterinary community for additional clinical training. Interim Provost Frey, Dr. Bud Kennedy, and Dr. James Lloyd attended the Arkansas Veterinary Medical Association Winter Meeting to discuss the new program with the veterinary community.
- For the 2022-23 academic year, 33 students have applied for nationally competitive opportunities through the Emerging Scholars Program, and several more will prepare applications this spring. To date this academic year, five students have won the Gilman Scholarship for study abroad, three are finalists for a Fulbright Scholarship, one is a finalist for the SMART Scholarship, and one is a finalist for the DAAD RISE summer fellowship, with more applicant notifications due in the coming weeks.
- Eleven A-State students, representing the colleges of Engineering & Computer Science and Sciences & Mathematics, presented five posters at the event: "STEM Posters at the Capitol", on February 8 in Little Rock. The trip was organized and sponsored by A-State's Office of Student Research.

**Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions**

The following were approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for A-State at the January 27, 2023, meeting:

- **NEW DEGREE PROGRAM**
  - B.S., Public Health

- **NAME OR CIP CHANGE OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE, DEGREE, MAJOR, OPTION, OR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT**
  - M.S.A., Agriculture, CIP to be changed from 01.0102 to 01.0308
  - A.S., and B.S., Information Systems and Business Analytics to be changed from 52.1201 to 52.1301
- **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED ONLINE**
  - B.S.A., Agricultural Studies
- **RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW DEGREE**
  - M.S.E., Engineering, emphasis in Electrical Engineering, reconfigured to create M.S., Electrical Engineering
  - M.S.E., Engineering, emphasis in Mechanical Engineering, reconfigured to create M.S., Mechanical Engineering
  - M.S.E., Engineering, emphasis in Civil Engineering, reconfigured to create M.S., Civil Engineering
  - M.E.M., Engineering Management, reconfigured to create M.S., Engineering Management

The following will be submitted to AHECB for A-State at the April 28, 2023, meeting:

- **PROGRAM CURRICULUM REVISION**
  - C.P., Entrepreneurship
  - M.S., College Student Personnel Services
  - Ed.S., Psychology and Counseling, School Psychology Track
  - M.S.N., Nursing, Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner and Family Nurse Practitioner Options
  - P.M.C., Family Nurse Practitioner
  - D.N.P., Doctor of Nursing Practice
- **RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW DEGREE**
  - M.B.A., Business Administration, Concentration in Management, reconfigured to create M.S., Organizational Leadership
  - B.A., Computer Science, and B.S., Electrical Systems Engineering, reconfigured to create B.S., Computer Systems Engineering (offered at Arkansas State University Campus Querétaro only)
- **NAME OR CIP CHANGE OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE, DEGREE, MAJOR, OPTION, OR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT**
  - M.S., College Student Personnel Services, to be renamed, M.S., Higher Education
- **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED ONLINE**
  - B.S.N., Nursing

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Athletics Administration**

- A-State's licensing royalties, collected during the first quarter of the 2022-23 fiscal year, increased by 31% over the same time period as last year, resulting in one of the best quarterly totals over the last four years, and among the highest of all time.
- The Athletics Department extended its multimedia rights partnership with LEARFIELD through 2033.
- Twelve student-athletes, representing seven intercollegiate sports, participated in Fall Commencement.
- The Athletics Department recognized 203 student-athletes for posting at least a 3.0 grade-point average to earn a spot on the Fall 2022 Athletics Director's Honor Roll. The 203 members represented 57 percent of all A-State student-athletes who collectively achieved an all-department 3.06 GPA. Out of the 203 student-athletes on last semester's list, 50 held a 4.0 GPA, for the second-most number of students over the last decade.
- On January 25, the Athletics Department held a "State of the Pack Live!" Zoom event, which was open to the public, and addressed questions submitted by A-State fans, while providing updates about sport programs and the Red Wolves Foundation.

### **Baseball**

- A record crowd of more than 700 attended the annual Grand Slam Banquet at First National Bank Arena.

### **Men's Basketball**

- A-State celebrated a milestone with its 500th all-time men's basketball game at First National Bank Arena.

### **Women's Basketball**

- Keya Patton and Lauryn Pendleton were named to the preseason First and Third Team All-Sun Belt, respectively.

### **Bowling**

- Opening the Baker bowling best-of-seven bracket play with a perfect game, the Red Wolves bowled the first Baker 300 in program history at its annual home tournament, the Mid-Winter Invitational. Brooklyn Buchanan was named the tournament's MVP.

### **Cross Country**

- Jaybe Shufelberger became just the second A-State student-athlete ever to compete in the women's NCAA Cross Country Championships.
- The men's and women's squads were both named to the United States Track and Field and Cross Country Coaches Association All-Academic Teams.

## **Football**

- Eight student-athletes combined for nine selections to the All-Sun Belt Conference Team, including freshman All-America kicker, Dominic Zvada, as a first-team choice.
- The Red Wolves added 36 players from 15 different states to its 2023 recruiting class, which was ranked first in the Sun Belt Conference by 247Sports, Rivals, and On3.

## **Men's Golf**

- Devyn Pappas was named the SBC Men's Golfer of the Week after helping the Red Wolves win the Bubba Barnett Intercollegiate, their annual home tournament, for the seventh consecutive season.
- Currently ranked No. 79 by *Golfweek*, the Red Wolves closed out the fall portion of its schedule strongly at the White Sands Bahamas Invitational, finishing third with victories over ranked teams, including No. 44 Southern Mississippi, No. 67 Nebraska, and No. 69 ULM.

## **Women's Golf**

- Senior Olivia Schmidt was selected as one of 66 participants in the prestigious Patriot All-America Invitational Golf Tournament.

## **Soccer**

- Six student-athletes were awarded College Sports Communicators Academic All-District honors.
- Midfielder Abigail Miller was named to the United Soccer Coaches All-Region Team.

## **Track and Field**

- Both the men's and women's teams won the Sun Belt Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships for the fourth consecutive year, becoming the first program in the SBC to accomplish the feat since Middle Tennessee from 2001-04.

## **Tennis**

- German Dalmagro was named A-State's seventh all-time Women's Tennis Head Coach.

## **Volleyball**

- The Red Wolves made their first appearance in the Sun Belt Conference Championships quarterfinals since 2019, claiming two victories at the tournament for the first time since 2018.

# **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

## **University Communications**

- UC staff began capture and curation of a new series of "*Why A-State?*" videos for student recruitment, utilizing members of the Chancellor's Leadership Class.
- A new campaign was designed and launched to emphasize community and collaboration among all campus constituents, utilizing the Pact Pack.



- UC launched new “*Thank You to . . .*” videos as part of the Fall 2022 Commencement. Graduates were asked, as a part of the regalia pick-up event, to sit down and provide a video thank you to a faculty or staff member, or to their parents. The edited messages were played in the hour prior to the start of commencement, then shared widely on social media during the holiday break.

### **Digital Creative Services**

- We completed 52 video packages since the last Board report, along with livestreams of Campus Conversations videos.
- Digital Creative sent just over 1.3 million emails, as a part of 259 Digital Creative campaigns, since the last Board meeting (mid-November 2022 to present) with an open rate of emails of 47%.
- Assistant Chief Communications Officer Todd Clark will present on A-State’s internal messaging success at the upcoming CASE IV Regional Conference.

### **Creative Media Services**

- Since the last Board meeting, Creative Media has completed 135 jobs for on-campus clients, highlighted by special materials to support Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Day, Black History Month and the ongoing Campus Conversations series.

## **DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Access & Accommodation Services**

- The registration of new students at the start of the spring semester raised the number of students registered for services to almost 1,100. During the last two months, 430 tests were administered, and 19 requests were fulfilled for conversion of textbooks to accessible formats.
- A weekly Academic Success and Access Mentoring Program (ASAP) launched with 15 students working with volunteer mentors.
- The staff of A&AS attended four workshops for continuing education, administered the annual student satisfaction survey, and conducted dyslexia study-skills presentations.
- Staff completed the final Captioning Operating Procedure submission to the SGOC, seeking adoption of captioning across all instructional materials.

### **ADVANCE – Faculty Diversity**

- Faculty liaison, Dr. Lillie Fears, presented “The African American Experience at A-State: Yearbook Snapshots from 1956-2013” on February 7 at the A-State Museum.
- ADVANCE organized two workshops to support its mission of guidance and support for faculty from underrepresented groups as they move toward tenure and promotion.

### **AmeriCorps – A-State Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program (NRWCEP)**

- NRWCEP completed the 2023–2024 Engage Arkansas AmeriCorps Operational Grant Application. Program members also participated in an A-State-sponsored recruitment fair, and program members walked in the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day campus march.

### **Community Engagement**

- The division supported the Strong-Turner Alumni Chapter (STAC) Holiday Dinner, the annual African American Ministers Luncheon, and STAC's 16<sup>th</sup>-annual Soul Food Dinner.
- A two-year commitment for sponsorship of "Latino USA" on KASU to support diversity programming was completed.
- The division provided leadership and key support for the annual NEA Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day Parade and Program, featuring Dr. Don Arnette, Senior Medical Director, AbbVie Pharmaceuticals. Additional MLK Day events included a presentation by Alexander Heffner, host of The Open Mind on PBS, and a lecture by Dr. Charles Barber, DEI Director for the National Science Foundation.

### **Diversifying Our Curing Community (DOCC)**

- The DOCC program received notice of funding for the second year of the program in December. The Blue and You Foundation for a Healthier Arkansas funded the program at \$136,250, which will assist with the \$1,500 per-semester stipends and the intensive advising and mentoring by science faculty members.
- As a part of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day annual program, participants met the keynote speaker, Dr. Don Arnette, and received autographed copies of his book, "I Belong Here."

### **Multicultural Center (MC)**

- Fall "MC Graduation" was held on December 5 with certificates and graduation stoles bestowed upon 30 students in front of 80 guests.
- Hermana & Hermana hosted four events from December–February, including a Vision Board workshop on January 25.
- The Gay Straight Alliance hosted a "June in January" event with 45 students in attendance on January 25.
- Black History Month featured more than 20 programs for February 2023. The Multicultural Center's student groups participated in the MLK Day Parade and Program at Fowler Center on January 16.

## **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

### **New Student Enrollment**

- A-State's overall spring enrollment was flat. While the number of on-campus, returning students declined, on-campus international enrollment continued to grow. Online enrollment continued its steady growth.

- The number of admitted students in the domestic freshman class for the fall semester of 2023 is up 653, compared to last year at this time, which is a 35% increase. However, there is still a lot of work to do to secure another 600-700 students and continue our yield efforts.
- Progress on opening a Camp Robinson office is moving forward, and is projected to open by end of spring semester.

### **Online Programs**

- B.S. in Public Health was approved by ADHE to be offered online and on campus starting this fall.
- Concentrations in artificial intelligence, software design and development, cloud computing, and cybersecurity were added to the B.S. in Digital Technology and Design.
- B.S. in Agriculture Studies was approved by ADHE to be offered online.
- A certificate in Name, Image, and Likeness was approved by ADHE to be offered on campus and online.
- New online programs slated for launch by May 2023 include the following:
  - B.S. in Occupational Environmental and Health Safety
  - M.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics
  - M.B.A. in Human Resource Management
  - M.B.A. in Hospitality & Event Tourism Management
  - M.B.A. in Management
  - M.S. in Applied Digital Technology, with four tracks
  - B.S. in Digital Technology & Design, Digital Animation
  - Graduate Certificate in Adult Geriatric Care
  - Master of Social Work, Standard and Advanced Standing

### **Outreach**

- A-State's Continuing Education will launch December 1, 2022. This is a partnership among Ed2Go, Academic Partnerships, and A-State.

### **Study Abroad**

- Two faculty-led, three-week programs are scheduled for A-State's Scotland hub for Summer 2023.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **Delta Center for Economic Development**

- The Delta Center held a high school innovation competition, called "Thrown to the Wolves," on November 19, 2022. Winners received scholarships to A-State, cash, and access to A-State Innovate and other University assets and expertise to further their innovative products. More than \$15,000 was raised by sponsors to cover the cost of the prizes. First Place went to Cross

County High School, with Buffalo Island Central coming in Second, Jonesboro High School coming in third, and Hoxie High School receiving Honorable Mention.

- The Center partnered with the Northeast Arkansas Economic Development Coalition, East Arkansas Planning and Development District, and White River Planning and Development District to host ELECTED: Economic Development for Stronger Communities on February 28. The Federal Co-Chair of the Delta Regional Authority was the keynote speaker. Arkansas Secretary of Commerce Hugh McDonald, and AEDC Executive Director Clint O'Neal also spoke.
- Former Governor Asa Hutchinson awarded the Delta Center \$200,000 to establish an Arkansas Delta Women's Leadership Academy. The Delta Center will be partnering with the A-State Women's Leadership Center on this project to maximize all resources.
- The Arkansas Department of Economic Development has retained the services of the Delta Center to build two databases: a community and economic development resource guide and a small business guide. The Delta Center is collecting all of the data and working with the Planning and Development Districts across Arkansas for feedback on the database setup and content.

### **Enterprise Risk Management**

- The unit evaluated and processed vehicle accidents for damages and is collecting documentation for injuries on campus, including assistance with the initial insurance notification for the winter break flooding event.
- The unit implemented a vehicle-safety program for Henderson State University within our Banner System and gathered historical data for document-imaging preservation. They continued to input documentation and assist employees with questions.

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

- Among the training highlights since the last Board report, EHS completed cold-weather reporting training, updated the campus laser-safety awareness program, and completed in-person fork lift and aerial lift training.
- Staff conducted a campus safety walk with members of the Student Government Association.

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

- **Record Freeze Event Mitigation**
  - The University experienced a "once-in-a-generation" freeze event during the holiday break, as the record-setting, low temperatures led to burst pipes in many areas across campus. The drying-and demo-portion of the restoration process is complete. Our FM team worked with an environmental consultant to ensure that all repairs are made to prevent the growth of mold. The scopes of work are complete and contracting or bidding is underway. Construction management is working with State of Arkansas insurance personnel to ensure their claim requirements are followed. Construction is expected to start in the first half of February.
- **Ventilation Air HVAC Upgrades**

- University funds have been designated for multiple campus projects to upgrade the ventilation, air, and HVAC systems to improve indoor air quality. The Griffin Business Building VAU replacement has begun, with expected completion in the first quarter of 2023. Phase One of air-handling-unit replacement at FNB Arena is 85% complete and is expected to be finished in the third quarter of 2023. University Hall fan coil replacement first phase design is ready to bid, but due to master planning and equipment delivery delays, the expected project start date has been shifted to May 2024.
- **Judd Hill Farmers' Market Expansion**
  - Construction is progressing on schedule for completion in the third quarter of 2023.
- **Campus Planning Update**
  - The University has contracted with the Smith Group to develop an update to the Campus Master Plan, with the initial campus meetings with constituent groups held February 13-15, 2023. The University Club Sports Plan is now underway with Convergence Design.
- **Windgate Hall Architectural Firm**
  - The University began design discussions with WER Architects, which has partnered on the project with Environments for Health Architecture. The firms have visited campus and met with various user groups. The programming portion of the design process is nearing an end and the schematic portion of the process was expected to begin in February.
- **Capital Projects and Capital Renewal Projects**
  - Notable projects that are in the planning, bidding, execution, or close-out phase include the following:
    - Phase III Multi-use Trail's design is complete, with bidding expected during the fourth quarter of 2022.;
    - Library tower elevator modernization is in process, with expected completion in the second quarter of 2023;
    - Demolition and remediation plans have expected completion dates of Summer 2023 and 2024;
    - Keys and University Hall parking lot lighting improvements were completed;
    - Dean Street lighting and restriping are expected to be completed during the second and third quarters of 2023;
    - Reng Student Union's partial reroof completion is expected during second and third quarters of 2023.

### **First National Bank Arena**

- Upcoming events include:
  - Eastern District FFA – March 8
  - Bert Kreischer – April 2
  - Jonesboro Chamber Expo – April 4-5
  - Harlem Globetrotters – April 6
  - World's Largest Yard Sale – April 15

- King and Country – April 27
- Generational Pro Rodeo – April 29

### **Fiscal Operations**

- In November, Legislative Audit held the FY 22 exit conference, and Arkansas State had no audit findings.
- Annual federal forms, 1098-T statements, and 1099 forms were completed by the Accounts Payable Office.
- The Procurement Vendor Expo will return on April 4, 2023, in Centennial Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

### **Human Resources**

- The Human Resources staff completed the annual Open Enrollment for all employees for 2023 and hosted a Fall Employee Benefits Fair.

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

- ITS improved security and safety monitoring across the Arkansas State University campus by implementing 150+ security cameras and adding several emergency phones. Also, ITS implemented cloud-based, security camera video storage, and will open up the option for all ASU System campuses to use.
- The replacement of switch and wireless access points in all academic buildings was completed, with switch replacement for all residence halls underway.
- The upgrade to Banner Self Service 9 is underway, bringing A-State up to par with other campuses.
- A security training and support program, which all campuses can join, was created for A-State, and includes a consistent, full-coverage GLBA (Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act) compliance check sheet. ITS conducted on-site staff/faculty IT security training at ASUTR and will be rolling it out to other campuses.

### **Payroll Services (PS)**

- Payroll completed year-end processing in preparation for W2 and 1095 reporting, along with processing back-to-back payrolls, in preparation for holiday break.
- PS worked with ITS to prepare Open Enrollment file upload for 2023 benefits.

### **Procurement**

- Konica Minolta began delivering and installing new copiers on campus. Delivery and installation were completed by December 2022.

### **Red Wolf Wellness**

- The employee wellness program continued its holistic program, “8 Weeks to a Healthier Life,” and its campus-wide Faculty and Staff Team Step Challenge.

- We established a vendor agreement with the Uptivo heart-rate-monitoring company to deliver heart-rate-monitoring training programs to faculty and staff.

### **Title IX and Institutional Equity**

- Since the last Board report, the office received 77 incident reports, including 59 various Title IX prohibited offenses, 13 bias complaints, and five pregnancy reports.
- Along with completing 11 Title IX trainings across campus, the office met with groups to forge purposeful partnerships, which include the Student Government Association and the First-Year Experience Program.

### **Training & Development**

- The office hosted 43 new staff members for orientation during the months of October, November, and December, and scheduled four in-person training sessions for the colleges of Science & Mathematics, Agriculture, and Education & Behavioral Science.
- Five new courses were added to the Learn Center as a part of planning to relaunch the Leadership Development Program.

### **University Police Department (UPD)**

- UPD is one of 113 police agencies statewide to receive grant funds from Act 786. The UPD will use the \$100,000 received to purchase a virtual simulation training program, called VIRTRA, which allows an officer-training program in an immersive simulation environment.
- Sgt. Stephen Montgomery and Sgt. Daniel Bradway have been selected to attend the Criminal Justice Institute's "School of Law Enforcement Supervision" in Little Rock.
- UPD was audited by the Federal Bureau of Investigation's Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) Division on March 1. The audit focused on the data security of the information and technology infrastructure used by the agency. The FBI conducts annual CJIS audits of police agencies in Arkansas on a random sampling basis. This is the first time our UPD has been selected.

### **University Safety and Emergency Management**

- To support the winter-break flooding event, USEM managed water lines and conducted building walk-throughs across campus.
- Cold Stress training was conducted for the Facilities Management employees.
- Installation and promotion of NARCAN boxes for campus safety were completed in mid-February.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### **Campus Recreation**

- New Assistant Director of Intramurals Jordan Miller redesigned the campus recreation program, and helped plan Greek and Open Leagues for basketball, volleyball, and flag football. Participation

and spectator numbers have been high for each league. Winners for each bracket now receive a championship ring as an incentive to participate.

- Trey Hicks was promoted to Associate Director of Campus Recreation after the retirement of long-time employee, Carol Cummings. Hicks will focus on internal operations and overall management of the Club Sports program.

### **Career Services**

- Career Services launched new walk-in hours Monday through Wednesday, from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m., for students to receive services during the spring semester.
- The Spring Career Fairs (Education/Nursing/Health Professions and All Majors) were held on February 28 and March 1 in the Reng Student Union. To better accommodate students and employers, the fairs were held on back-to-back dates this semester.

### **Leadership Center**

- The Student Activities Board (SAB) welcomed students back to campus from winter break with a “Jam-Packed January” month of events, including Silent Disco, Donuts with the Deans, the Join in January organization fair and more. During February, SAB hosted “The Cookout”, in conjunction with A-State’s Black History Month events, as well as Howl on the Hardwood, in partnership with A-State Athletics.
- The Student Government Association (SGA) began meeting for the spring semester on January 17, and hosted its final Action Fund hearings of the 2022-23 year on February 8. The committee dispersed more than \$17,000 to student organizations for programs and events.
- Volunteer A-State students and community members served at KLEK 102.5 in Jonesboro in honor of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on January 16. KLEK is the first Black-owned radio station in Northeast Arkansas.
- The A-State Food Pantry selected a new group of weekly volunteers and opened its doors on January 18, following the winter break. The Pantry served more than 160 individuals during the second half of the month.
- Volunteer A-State hosted “I Heart the Food Pantry” Week from February 13-17, with activities promoting the Pantry and its resources for the student body. Events included an opportunity for students to write Valentine notes, a bake sale fundraiser, a food-drive partnership with SAB, and more. The week also included the bi-annual campus-wide American Red Cross Blood Drive.
- Red Wolves for St. Jude continued its fundraising initiatives with a plethora of benefit nights and fundraising rallies. The team also hosted a “Cancer Cell” in January that raised more than \$8,000, and a No More Cancer Rally at the Chancellor’s Residence, which raised more than \$1,200. The campaign concluded on March 9 with the annual Scarlet Formal, at which students planned to reveal meeting their goal of raising at least \$60,000 for the kids of St. Jude.

### **Student Conduct**

- The top three policy violations were alcohol, drugs, and failure to comply.



### **University Housing**

- Eight residential facilities were impacted during the winter storm in December 2022, with a total of 34 residences and 10 common spaces being offline in their respective buildings. Facilities Management is leading the effort to restore the locations for Fall 2023.
- A total of 2,379 residents are in room during the spring 2023 semester, and the campaign for claiming space for fall 2023 is underway.

### **Wilson Counseling Center**

- Formerly known simply as the Counseling Center, the newly named Wilson Counseling Center has completed its relocation into a new facility on Caraway Road. The renovated space, in the old location of the Wilson Advising Center, offers space for group sessions, individual counseling, online self-help through TAO, and workshops. The Advising Center moved late in 2022 to the Dean B. Ellis Library.
- The Wilson Counseling Center received notification of renewed accreditation with IACS. The next review will be conducted in 2026.
- In addition to individual and group sessions, there are counselor-conducted outreach workshops on topics including coping strategies, anxiety, stress management, eating disorders, and other relevant topics for student organizations and classes.

## **UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

### **Advancement Services**

- For the second quarter of the fiscal year, October 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, the University recorded a total of 5,553 gifts and commitments from 1,918 individual donors, for a total of \$8,078,063.28. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges.
- Highlights in the total include a \$1,000,000 commitment from The Loyd Foundation to benefit the Women's Leadership Center, as well as a \$4,300,000 bequest from the Reeves Family Trust to establish a scholarship fund in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

### **Alumni Relations**

- Torchbearers, the faculty and staff giving program, had collected more than \$79,000 by the end of the second quarter. This includes payroll deduction numbers. Currently, we have a 47 percent giving rate with 705 faculty, staff, emeriti, and retired faculty/staff donating.
- At close of FY22, the alumni giving rate was at 7.5 percent, and overall Alumni Association membership numbers were up two percent.
- The University's third annual Day of Giving will be April 11, 2023. All alumni, friends, students, staff, and faculty will be asked to show their support by giving on this day.

- Applications for the 2023 entering freshman License to HOWL scholarships were collected and went to the selection committee after the February 1 submission deadline. Eight incoming freshmen will be selected to receive \$5,000 annual awards with an option to renew in successive years if they continue to meet the criteria. For Fall 2023, there will be a total of 30 students receiving the L2H scholarship for the year. As of January 1, 2023, there have been 5,281 license plates sold.
- Alumni events scheduled for early 2023 include:
  - March 4, 2023 – Alumni Day at the Races at Oaklawn, Hot Springs
  - March 14, 2023 – Bark at the Park at Tomlinson Stadium
  - April 4, 2023 – A-State vs. UAF Baseball pre-game at JJ's Grill, Fayetteville
  - April 11, 2023 – Third Annual Day of Giving
  - May 4, 2023 – Red Wolves on the Rooftop, held at the ASU System Office, Little Rock
  - June 29, 2023 – St. Louis Cardinals pregame gathering at Live! by Loews, St. Louis

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**Chancellor's Report  
Arkansas State University-Beebe**

**2023 Agriculture Day**

The Arkansas State University-Beebe Agriculture Department celebrated "Ag Day" on February 22, with approximately 1,450 students in attendance. Students and advisors, coming to our campus from across the state, represented high school chapters of Future Farmers of America (FFA), a national student agricultural organization. Since 1956, high school agriculture students have traveled from all parts of Arkansas to attend Ag Day at ASUB. This year's event was held in the Centennial Bank Gymnasium and resembled a career-fair. Prior to the Ag Day events, students had the opportunity to preview many of the areas of study offered at ASUB. Competitions were held across campus in agricultural areas, which included ag communications, agronomy, dairy foods, electricity, farm business management, floriculture, land, equine, poultry, livestock, mechanics, and veterinary science.

**Gymnasium Restoration Donations Announced and Fundraising Campaign Launched**

More than 100 employees, students, alumni, and community members attended a ceremony held at the Owen Center gymnasium on February 9, where ASUB was pleased to share exciting news about a 100% donor-funded restoration project for the gym. Centennial Bank Division President Corey Williams presented a \$100,000 donation toward the gymnasium project. Dr. Methvin shared that the ASU System Board of Trustees met in January and approved a resolution renaming the gym *Centennial Bank Gymnasium* for the next seven years. During the ceremony, Dr. Methvin also announced a campaign to name the new basketball court the *Jeannie Myers Lindsey Basketball Court*, honoring Lindsey, who began her 37-year career at ASUB as a basketball coach, retiring in 2002 as Chair of the Physical Education and Social Sciences departments. The Coach Lindsey Court campaign will focus on 100 donations, of \$1,000 each, to reach the \$100,000 goal needed to officially name the court. Coach Lindsey is credited with creating and expanding the curriculum for both men's and women's physical education programs at ASUB. Corporate sponsorships, with signage, round out the fundraising campaign. Donors who announced corporate sponsorships included ARcare, Eoff & Associates Realty, Inc., and the family of John and Robin Hayes. As of now, \$158,200 has been donated for the project. There are still sponsorships available.

The \$250,000 restoration of the gymnasium will include completely replacing the outdated gym floor with a new maple wood sports surface by Gym Masters Basketball Courts of Searcy. Also included in the restoration process will be new paint on walls and ceiling, new pads, scoreboard, and benches. The gymnasium was originally added to the Owen Center in 1982, and today, an estimated 10,000 people pass through the gym in a year. Over time, the gym has been used for community and recreational events, as well as for ASUB events, including high school and college fairs, intramural sports, concerts,

and graduations. Restoration work will begin as early as March and will continue past spring graduation in May. To learn more about the project or to donate, visit <https://www.giveasub.com/gym>.

### **SGA President and Chancellor Sign Joint MLK Day Proclamation**

On January 17, ASUB Student Government Association (SGA) President Zayd Kelley, and Chancellor Dr. Jennifer Methvin, signed a joint proclamation recognizing Tuesday, January 17, 2023, as Martin Luther King Jr. Day at ASUB. The proclamation encourages the Vanguard community to honor the holiday through various acts of service, as “not a day off but a day on.” Kelley said, “By signing the proclamation, ASUB commits to allow students to engage with their communities and do what Dr. King envisioned as a better America.”

In remembrance of the work and legacy of Dr. King, the ASUB SGA partnered with the City of Beebe to coordinate a community-cleanup event on January 16. Collectively, volunteers picked up 26 bags of trash along Dewitt Henry Drive, Apple Street, Rhode Island Street, and Main Street/Hwy 31 in Beebe. In addition, ASUB Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society coordinated a virtual celebration of Dr. King’s legacy.

### **ASUB Students and Faculty Artwork Included in Exhibition at UAM**

December 2022 through January 2023, ASUB students and faculty had their artwork included in an exhibit, "Louisiana Purchase Plein Air", at the University of Arkansas at Monticello (UAM). Participating artists from ASUB were Aidan Cockrell, Jordyn Keown, Emma Wilborn, and Instructor of Art Lisa Floryshak. The exhibition of paintings, drawings, and photographs were created by ASUB and UAM students during a visit to the Louisiana Purchase State Park in October 2022.

### **ASUB Academic Program Notifications**

At the January 27, 2023, meeting of the Arkansas Coordinating Board of Higher Education, the following letters of notification were reviewed:

- CIP Change for Associate of Fine Arts in Fine Arts
- Curriculum Revisions:
  - Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology – Management
  - Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology – Computer Applications Concentration
  - Associate of Applied Science in Computer Systems and Networking Technology
  - Associate of Science in Computer Information
  - Technical Certificate in Computer Information Systems
  - Associate of Applied Science in Computer Aided Drafting & Design

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**Arkansas Division of Workforce Services**

The offices of the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services (ADWS) will be moving to the ASUMH Technical Center this spring. The addition of this service at the Technical Center will bring the clients of ADWS into direct contact with the ASUMH training staff, thus facilitating their recruitment into one of our programs.

**Blazer Bus**

A forty-passenger bus has been purchased through a generous donation to the ASU System Foundation by a local couple, Dr. Mike and Katie Risk. This bus will be used to support our sports teams and student field trips.

**Arkansas Community Colleges Student Leadership Academy**

A group of Arkansas State University–Mountain Home students recently attended a two-day leadership workshop in Little Rock, sponsored by the Arkansas Community Colleges. This event focused on enhancing leadership skills, and connecting our students to leaders in the state of Arkansas.

**Mountain Home Charity Golf Classic**

The twenty-second annual Mountain Home Charity Golf Classic will be held on June 10 and 11 this year. This tournament attracts 150 participants from across Arkansas, with all the proceeds directed to support the Arkansas State University–Mountain Home Technical Center.

**TrailBlazer Auction**

An online auction is occurring from March 6 through March 10, with proceeds supporting the ASUMH Athletic programs. This is the first of what is expected to be an annual event for raising funds to supplement our athletic budgets.

**Night to Shine**

ASUMH was the location for the first Mountain Home "Night to Shine" event. Tim Tebow's world-wide prom-night experience for young people with special needs, ages 14 and older, drew more than 300 volunteers and 70 prom attendees to our campus. The event was free and was sponsored by Eastside Baptist Church.

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**Chancellor's Report  
Arkansas State University-Newport**

**Strategic Priority 1: Student Success**

- Arkansas State University-Newport is proud to announce that its Fall 2022 Traditional Registered Nursing graduates achieved a 90.4% pass rate on the NCLEX, a national licensing examination for nurses in the United States, Canada, and Australia. Similarly, 98.9% of Commercial Driver Training students tested in 2022 successfully passed their licensing exam. Students in the Automotive Service Technology program achieved a 100% pass rate on their ASE Entry Level Certifications for the Fall 2022 semester. ASUN cosmetology students also achieved a 100% pass rate on their state board theory and practical exams. These high pass rates are a testament to the quality of ASUN's programs and the dedication of its faculty and staff.
- More than 380 ASUN students were named to the Chancellor's or Vice-Chancellor's lists for the Fall 2022 semester. To be named to the Chancellor's List, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 grade point average (GPA). To be named to the Vice-Chancellor's List, a student must complete at least 12 credit hours and earn a GPA of 3.5 or greater.
- ASUN education students showcased their skills at the Educators Rising Regional Conference and brought home several awards:
  - Annalee Qualls and Klaire Womack, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Project Visualize;
  - Gracie Washington, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Educators Rising Moment;
  - Heather Robertson, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Creative Lecture;
  - Alexis Roberson, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Impromptu Speaking;
  - Megan Hall and Emily Wigginton, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Teacher-Created Resources;
  - Julie Richmond and Olivia Pate, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Inside Our Schools; and
  - Matti Eldridge and Georgia Spinks, 1<sup>st</sup> place, Interactive Bulletin Board.
- ASUN-Jonesboro, in partnership with Ozarc Gas, hosted the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Weldathon. Fourteen area high schools and 42 students participated. Teams of three were provided blueprints, necessary materials, and three hours to build a metal work table. In the High School Division, Riverside won first place; Valley View won second place; and Paragould won third place. In the Vocational Division, the Northeast Arkansas Career and Technical Center (NEACTC) won first place, and the ASUN I.G.N.I.T.E. Academy won second place. Thanks to industry partners and sponsors, more than \$20,000 in prizes was awarded. Winning students received scholarships to attend ASU-Newport.
- ASUN-Marked Tree hosted its annual Energy Control Technology Wiring Competition. Eighteen students from six area high schools visited the campus to test their skills. The following tests were included: tool identification, schematic drawing, safety, hard wiring, and a written test. The purpose of the contest is to provide students the opportunity to demonstrate their knowledge

and skill in safety-oriented procedures and both theoretical and practical application. Kade Johnson, from Piggott High School, won first place. James Mata, from NEACTC, won second place. William Grimes, from NEACTC, won third place. All three students won scholarships to ASU-Newport. In addition, participants received door prizes, thanks to Mapco.

### **Strategic Priority 2: Employee Success**

- In observance of Black History Month, the ASUN Department of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) hosted acclaimed author, Clifton Taulbert, for a series of events on campus. Mr. Taulbert is a former cotton field worker, who went on to become an award-winning author, a TIME Magazine-recognized entrepreneur, an educator, and the CEO of two companies. Members of the DE&I committee participated in a private dinner with Mr. Taulbert, where they engaged in critical discussions aimed at defining the ideal teaching and learning community. The following day, all ASUN employees were invited to join Mr. Taulbert for a Lunch-n'-Learn, where he discussed lessons learned as a teenager, while employed by his great-uncle at the only ice house in their small, segregated town. Mr. Taulbert's speech focused on the entrepreneurial mindset and the power of gumption, and he encouraged employees to be bold in their efforts to impact the lives of students.

### **Strategic Priority 3: Institutional Excellence**

- ASUN has undergone a reorganization to reduce administrative costs and shift resources towards creation of One-Stop Student Service Centers on each campus. ASUN has eliminated the position of Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Student Services. ASUN plans to eliminate the position of Vice Chancellor for Economic and Workforce Development at the conclusion of FY2023. Enrollment Management will become part of the Division of Finance and Administration. Student Services and Workforce will become part of the Division of Academic Affairs. Adult Education and Career Pathways will become part of the Division of Leadership and Community Engagement. With the elimination of two Vice Chancellor positions, and with salary savings from several positions being unfilled for a portion of FY2023, ASUN will add positions to better address student and managerial needs.
- ASUN is the newest member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA). While providing scholarships and educational access to student-athletes, ASUN's athletics program will cultivate a stronger campus community and enhance the overall student experience. We have begun the hiring and recruiting process, with plans to start a men's basketball team and a women's softball team in the fall of 2023. ASUN will compete in NJCAA Region 2, Division II, against teams in Arkansas and Oklahoma.
- The ASUN Call Center has gone live. Callers now have the option to speak to a live operator, transfer directly to their department of choice, or dial an extension. The Call Center will allow ASUN to provide better customer service by more efficiently connecting callers with their area of need. The Call Center will also allow ASUN to monitor call activity and response time, thus enabling the college to better allocate resources to areas of need.

- ASUN received a \$103,000 grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation's Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to build a walking trail at ASUN-Marked Tree.

#### **Strategic Priority 4: Community Engagement**

- At the culmination of Clifton Taulbert's visit to campus, ASUN invited members of the community to a free event, where he discussed his journey to success, the transformative power of community, and our collective responsibility in creating communal change. A portion of Mr. Taulbert's speech was previously heard by former United States Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, and earned him an invitation to address members of the U.S. Supreme Court.
- ASUN showed its holiday spirit more than ever this past winter, participating in parades in Newport, Jonesboro, and Marked Tree, and hosting holiday parties for each campus community. More than 250 employees, industry partners, and community members attended the parties and parades. In addition, ASUN entered two trees in the Newport Area Chamber of Commerce Festival of Trees competition. The tree decorated by Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) students won the prize for best overall tree. The DE&I committee also delivered an inspiring message with their tree, featuring words of affirmation associated with DE&I.
- The "Be Pro Be Proud" tour bus visited all three ASUN campuses. "Be Pro Be Proud" is an initiative led by the Associated Industries of Arkansas Foundation. Its purpose is to bring a new generation of pride, progress, and professionals to America's skilled workforce by introducing high school students to potential careers. Students from the eight high schools participating in ASUN's Career Coach program came to campus for tours and interactive career exploration.
- ASUN hosted its quarterly Board of Visitors meeting. Board members utilized virtual-reality equipment to experience firsthand how ASUN utilizes technology to recruit students to postsecondary education and train them in the classroom.

#### **ASUN Academic Program Notifications**

ASUN is adding three off-site locations: Newport High School, Valley View High School, and the Northeast Arkansas Career and Technical Education Center.

ASUN is adding Criminal Justice to its I.G.N.I.T.E. Academy offerings at ASU-Newport.



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**Chancellor's Report  
Arkansas State University Mid-South**

**IPEDS Graduation Rate Survey**

ASU Mid-South recently submitted its 2022 IPEDS (Integrated Postsecondary Education Data Systems) Graduation Rate Survey to the U.S. Department of Education. This survey measures the completion rates of first-time entering, full-time students at 150% of the normal time to degree. Thus, for community college students in two-year associate degree programs, it is a three-year completion measure. For the 2022 report (2019 first-time, full-time cohort), ASU Mid-South's IPEDS graduation rate was 43 percent, up from 34 percent the previous year; the transfer rate was 16 percent, up from 15 percent the previous year. Finally, six percent of the 2019 cohort remained enrolled, resulting in an overall success rate (graduation, transfer, and retention) of 65% for the college's 2019 cohort.

**Complete College America**

The Director of ASU Mid-South's Predominantly Black Institution (PBI) Grant, Gerar Pope, was recently selected by Complete College America (CCA) as a member of the inaugural class of their PBCC/HBCC (Predominantly Black Community Colleges/Historically Black Community Colleges) Mid-Manager Leadership Institute. Vice Chancellor for Student Services, Jeremy Reece, was selected as a member of its inaugural PBCC/HBCC Executive Leadership Institute. These selections come after Mid-South was asked by CCA to conduct a nationwide Zoom presentation on our degree checklists, which were designed as a visual aid to help students stay on track as they progress towards degree completion.

**Men of Color Conference**

ASU Mid-South's 5th Annual Men of Color Conference is scheduled for April 14. Since its inception, this conference has provided Black male students the opportunity to network with other students like themselves, while hearing from professionals and other stakeholders, who work with them on topics of special interest. The theme for this year's conference is "Entrepreneurship". Students will hear inspirational messages from Mayor Marco McClendon of West Memphis and newly-elected Mayor Jaylen Smith of Earle, who is a former ASU Mid-South student and the youngest mayor in the country!. There will be breakout sessions on entrepreneurship, with follow-up discussions facilitated by former Phi Theta Kappa International Officer and recent Harvard Kennedy School graduate, Deeneaus Polk. The keynote address will be given by award-winning television and film actor, writer, and filmmaker, Ellis Fowler, whose credits include Tyler Perry's "Sistas", "Grownish", and "All American: Homecoming", and "#Anniversary". Finally, there will be a question-and-answer session with Trey Chaney, best known for his role as "Poot" on the HBO Original hit series, "The Wire." Invitations have been extended to all colleges and high schools in the Mid-South region.

### **ACTM Regional Math Contest**

On March 4, ASU Mid-South will welcome the best and brightest high school students in the region, as it hosts one of the ten 2023 ACTM (Arkansas Council of Teachers of Mathematics) regional math contests. Students from area high schools will compete in one of six subject areas: Algebra I, Geometry, Algebra II, Pre-Calculus/Trigonometry, Statistics, and Calculus. Top students from the regional competitions will go on to represent their regions in the ACTM State Math Contest, to be held on the campus of the University of Central Arkansas on April 29.

### **TedxHickory**

ASU Mid-South's Dean of Liberal Arts and Teacher Education, Dr. Tracy Giovanetti, has been chosen to present a "TED Talk" in Hickory, North Carolina, on April 22. Her talk will be on the importance of education for the incarcerated. Part of the impetus for this presentation is Dr. Giovanetti's recent experience of teaching residents of the Arkansas Community Corrections facility in West Memphis. Skills covered in those classes included the following: ways to effectively communicate in a parole hearing; how to appropriately and professionally deal with a required "confrontation" meeting (which occurs when one resident writes a "ticket" on another); and how to be successful in an extemporaneous speech delivered in front of 100 or more people. Residents of the local facility are required to demonstrate competence in the last two areas to be considered for parole.

### **Athletics**

- **Basketball** - On February 18, the Greyhound Men's basketball team beat North Arkansas Community College to clinch at least a share of the Region 2 Championship and a first-round bye in the NJCAA Region 2 Tournament. Should the Greyhounds win their last conference game against National Park, they would clinch the Region Championship outright, along with the number-one seed in the regional tournament. Regardless, they will host a semifinal game on Saturday, March 4, at 3:00 p.m. in the Dog House.
- **Softball** - ASU Mid-South is excited to announce that Jimmy Hendrix has been named the first coach for Lady Greyhound Softball. Hendrix comes to Mid-South after a short stint as Assistant Coach at East Tennessee State University. Prior to that, he served nine seasons as Associate Head Coach at Chipola College in Marianna, Florida, where he helped lead his teams to eight NJCAA national tournament appearances, three national titles, two national runner-up finishes, with an overall 90 percent graduation rate for his student-athletes. Hendrix was also named NJCAA Coach of the Year in 2007, 2015, and 2019.

### **Wild Game Dinner**

The Tommy Goldsby Wild Game Dinner and Auction set new records this year, with its highest number of sponsors, totaling more than \$220,000 in sponsorships, and a sell-out crowd within the first four minutes of tickets going on-sale on February 13. This annual fundraiser is the signature event of the ASU Mid-South Foundation. In its seven-year history, it has raised more than \$1.3 million to support the Goldsby Concurrent Scholarship program for eligible high school students attending ASU Mid-South.

### **Academic Program Notifications**

ASU Mid-South's AAS in Medical Assisting will be moved to inactive status, effective July 1, 2023.

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**Chancellor's Report  
Arkansas State University Three Rivers**

**Career Center**

Students from the Career Center have been actively taking part in numerous community events. At the Arkansas State University Three Rivers “trunk or treat” event, the Career Center featured two booths. The competition to decorate Christmas doors was won by Toni Dyer’s CNA class. A food drive in November resulted in the collection of more than 400 items. Along with decorating a float, Mrs. Dyer’s class took part in the Malvern Christmas Parade. The MLK Day parade float that won first place included components from the Career Center, as well. The Center is still using virtual reality headsets for training. These were purchased with grant money from the Arkansas Office of Skills Development. Based on our involvement and the students' proficiency with the assignments, we have been acknowledged as a leader in the state for our usage of virtual reality as a teaching tool.

**Workforce Development**

For the next three years, West Fraser, Inc. has pledged to provide \$150,000 to ASU Three Rivers. The college plans to use the funds to renovate the El Parian building. It will become the new home for our Adult Education program, and will incorporate more workforce development training space into the new renovation.

The FY 2022–23 training plan for the West Fraser Qualified Millwright and Electrician programs totals 3,488 hours. Currently, we are running the ASUTR Professional Development Academy for the West Fraser Leola; Huttig; Joyce, Louisiana; and Henderson, Texas, mills (and shortly, Angelia Lumber in Lufkin, Texas); Kohler; Xpress Boats and Veranda Luxury Pontoons; the Clark County Workforce Training Group (Siplast, South Central Electric Coop/South Central Connect, Drumco, Samantha's Café and Bakery, Arkadelphia Alliance); Jasper Lumber Co., Akerman, MS (one class); and the ASUTR Academic Affairs team.

**Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Retention**

College representatives participated in all MLK Day events this year, including a prayer breakfast on January 7; the City-Wide Prayer Service on January 11; the MLK Gospel Fest on January 15; the MLK parade, for which we won first place; and the Memorial Service on January 16.

**Arkansas State University Three Rivers Foundation/Development**

During the 2023 spring semester, ten employees received Employee Educational Opportunity Grants—four at \$250 each and six at \$500 each. On December 8, the Arkansas State University Three Rivers Foundation Board convened, and Foundation scholarship applications for eleven students were approved. The Foundation has also received a three-year pledge of \$150,000 (\$50,000 in December) from West Fraser, and \$10,000 to Workforce Development from Siplast.

The Dr. Barry Ballard Memorial Scholarship Endowment will be created by Linda Beene Ballard with a donation of \$25,000; \$12,500 will be donated by Kara and Byron Hyatt to fully fund the Parker Family Endowment; and Malvern National Bank has donated \$15,748.

### **Information Technology**

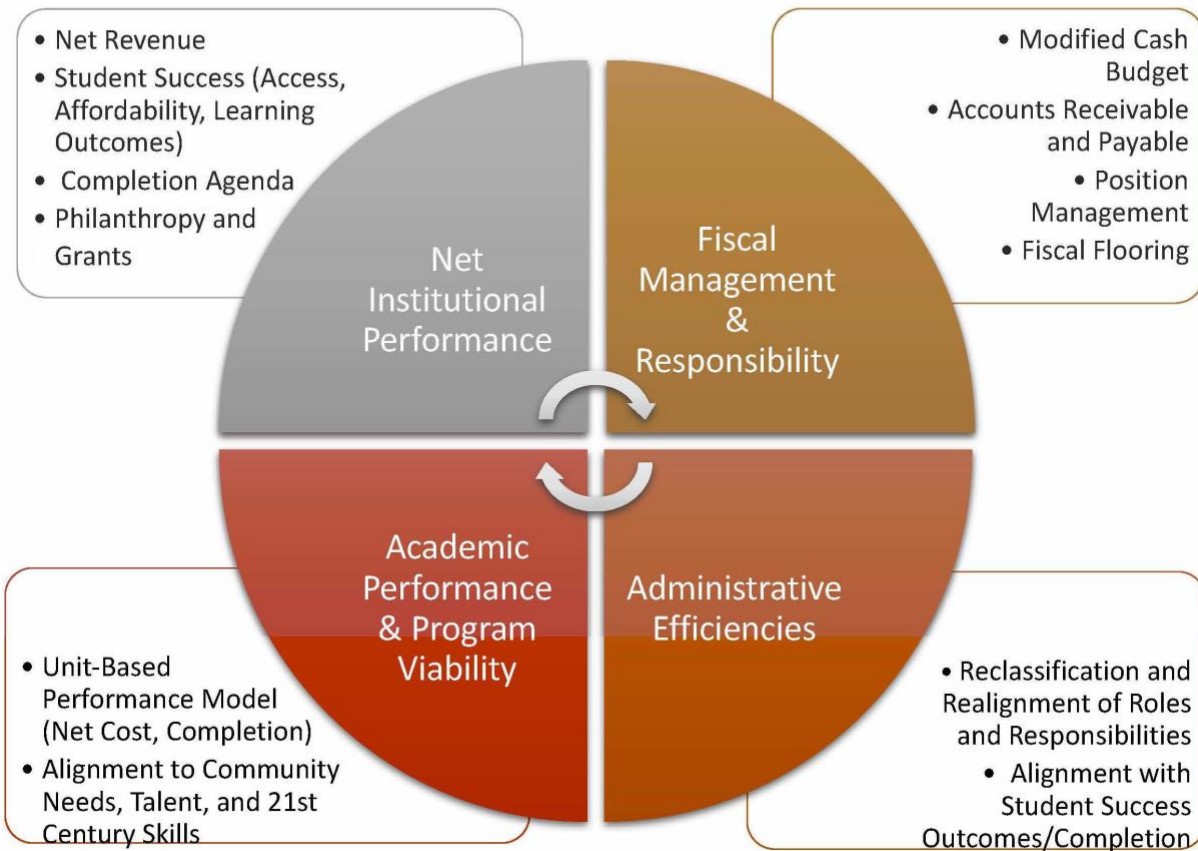
Staff at ASUTR were able to begin and finish the fall semester successfully, thanks to the assistance of technology service provider, Ferrilli. There were numerous hiccups along the way, but because we corrected many mistakes and learned so much, subsequent semesters will go more smoothly. For the beginning of the spring semester, we will continue to work with Ferrilli, and we plan to use them for year-end activities, including graduation.

Arkansas State University System  
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Chancellor's Report  
Henderson State University

Work continues in support of the four components of Henderson's Strategic Resource Allocation Model—Fiscal Management and Responsibility, Academic Performance and Program Viability, Administrative Efficiencies, and Net Institutional Performance.

**Henderson's Strategic Resource Allocation Model**



**Fiscal Management and Responsibility**

Based on FY22 audited financial statements, Henderson has made significant progress in restoring financial integrity and sustainable operations.

- Henderson received no audit findings from Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Audit in FY22.
- The combined efforts of Henderson’s modified cash budget and financial exigency helped decrease accounts payable from \$6,926,687 to \$1,383,746, for an improvement of \$5,542,941.
- Overall net position improved from \$21,013,662 in FY21 to \$31,946,526 in FY22.
- HSU improved from seven days of cash on hand in 2019 to 50 days of cash on hand in 2022.

### **Academic Performance and Program Viability**

The financial exigency process resulted in the elimination of 25 academic programs based on net cost basis of delivery and overall net revenue production, unit-based cost of instruction defined at the seat level, student success rates with weighted priority for degree completion, and alignment to community-based needs and 21st century durable skills.

- Twenty-five academic programs were eliminated through financial exigency.
- Personnel services and benefits expenses decreased from \$30,768,950 to \$23,498,322, for a reduction of \$7,270,628, or 23.4 percent.
- Academic administrative restructuring included a change from 25 chairs to four program directors and from four deans to one dean of the faculty for annualized savings of \$130,403 in FY22 and \$619,684 in FY23.
- Henderson created four academic learning communities—Business, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship; Applied Professional Science and Technology; Health, Education, and Social Sustainability; and Arts and Humanities.
- Approximately 268 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at Henderson’s winter commencement ceremonies on December 9, 2022.

### **Administrative Efficiencies and Net Institutional Performance**

Student success is the heart of Henderson’s educational mission. On March 3, a cross-functional team of students, faculty, and staff began a process to map the Henderson student experience. This work has four objectives:

- Identify the core values that define the Henderson experience;
- Map the functionalities and overall workflow/process needed to support the student experience;
- Align staffing and resources to support the student experience and improve completion outcomes;
- Develop and utilize new data visualization tools, in cooperation with the Education Advisory Board, and technical assistance and coaching, in partnership with Complete College America, to better engage students and allocate resources aligned to the academic portfolio.

Additional updates will be available as the mapping process continues in the coming months.