

ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.

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For the period ending September 30, 2022 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$1,025,145.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$789,842
ASU-Mountain Home	158,500
ASU-Beebe	39,711
ASU-Newport	23,562
ASU-Three Rivers	13,480
ASU System Foundation	50

The Foundation reported net assets of \$103,696,322, representing a decrease of -4.24% for the period ending on September 30, 2022.

The market value of the ASU System Foundation Endowment Pool for the period ending September 30, 2022, was \$95,021,830.

The net rate of return for the period ending September 30, 2022, was -4.91%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$80,852,664
Mountain Home	4,917,800
Beebe	1,922,566
Newport	2,431,345
Three Rivers	671,807
Red Wolves Foundation	1,714,517
System Foundation	2,511,132
Total	<u>\$95,021,830</u>

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Capital Projects Report
December 9, 2022

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

ASU-JONESBORO

PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS AVAILABLE	STATUS
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
Football Practice Field	\$157,400	Substantially Complete
Caraway Rd. Closure Improvements/Parking Deck Ent.	\$1,600,000	Design Phase
Loop Trail Phase III	\$128,000	Design Phase
Library Elevators Modernization	\$500,376	Construction Phase
Beck Center for Veterans	\$497,532	Substantially Complete
Campus Lighting Phase III	\$544,381	Construction Phase
Farmers' Market	\$3,463,532	Construction Phase
Lab Science West 3 Labs Renovation	\$588,115	Substantially Complete
Lab Science West Fire Alarm Replacement	\$328,590	Construction Phase
Wilson Advising Center - New Counseling Center	\$602,516	Construction Phase
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	Construction Phase
Misc. Bldg. Site Demolition	\$4,008,109	Design Phase
Arkansas Biosciences Institute 1 st 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	Design Phase-Lounge
Equine Ctr. Parking Lot and Cameras	\$345,645	Construction Phase
Student Union Reroof	\$267,410	Design Phase

1. Fine Arts ADA

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

Status: The Fine Arts ADA project scope is to provide ADA access from the south lower portion of the Fine Arts building to the north upper portion of the building. In Phase I, there will be a wheelchair lift installed inside the existing building. Phase 2 of the project is to provide ADA access from the lower portion of the building to the upper portion, while performing maintenance repairs to the exterior flat work and exterior planters. Phase I interior work is complete. The Phase 2 exterior work is currently in the design phase.

2. Nursing Elevator

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

Status:

The existing elevator in the 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 substantially complete.

3. 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.

4. University Hall Fan Coils

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers
Contractor: RGB Mechanical / Other
Expected Completion: Summer 2023 & 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, with Phase 1 completion anticipated in 2023 and Phase 2 completion in 2024.

5. 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 will be a multi-year phased project.

6. Football Practice Field

Architect/Engineer: Pickering Firm, Inc.
Contractor: In-house
Expected Completion: Winter 2022
Funding: Arkansas State University Foundation/University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to construct a new practice field, north of the current SAC facility. This project is currently in the construction phase and is substantially complete.

7. Caraway Road Closure Improvements/New Parking Deck Entrance

Architect/Engineer: Crafton-Tull
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: TBD
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This multi-stage 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. A new entrance to the parking deck will be added south of the closed portion of Caraway Road.

8. Loop Trail Phase III

Architect/Engineer: Pickering
Contractor: Asphalt Producers
Expected Completion: TBD
Funding: ARDOT Grant

Status: Phase III is planned to extend the existing campus trail system into the northeast quadrant of the campus and will connect the Fowler Center, baseball facility, and residence halls to the campus core. It will encompass approximately one mile of twelve-foot-wide paved trail surface that will offer pedestrians and cyclists a transportation and recreational path separate from vehicular facilities. The design for Phase III is approximately 90% complete, and construction is anticipated to begin this summer.

9. Library Elevators Modernization

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: Kone Inc.
Expected Completion: 2ndQ 2023
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The library tower has two traction elevators to access floors one through eight. 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 elevator controls. The scope of this project is to completely replace the controls for both elevators.

10. Beck Center for Veterans

Architect/Engineer: Morris AE
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: December 2022
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project is to renovate several rooms in the Turner Military Science Building for the Beck Pride program. The scope of work includes interior finishes, HVAC, electrical, plumbing, and IT upgrades. This project is substantially complete.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. Lab Science West Renovate Three Biology Labs

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: December 2022
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope is to renovate Rooms 343, 441, and 442 at Lab Science West into new laboratories for the Biology Department. This project is substantially complete.

14. 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.

15. Wilson Advising Center - New Counseling Center

Architect/Engineer: AMR
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: December 2022
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.

16. Student Learning Commons

Architect/Engineer: AMR
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: December 2022
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.

17. 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 and replace it with one new AHU that has dehumidification capabilities and to refurbish one existing AHU.

18. 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.

19. Student Union Controls Upgrades

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: RGB
Expected Completion: December 2022
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to remove the outdated existing controls system and replace with a new Computrol's system.

20. Misc. Building Site Demolition

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

Status:

Fine Arts Annex

- Demolish the 7,000+ square-foot, two-story art annex building.
- Repair/alter the existing mechanical room upon demolition of the annex.

Fine Arts Foundry

- Demolish the 1,106+ square-foot, one-story masonry foundry building.

HPESS Natatorium

- Demolish the 14,000 square-foot Natatorium and 2,300 square-foot connecting link to HPESS building.
- Create a new west entrance to the HPESS building upon removal of the connecting link.

Academic Circle Houses

- Demolish six houses, asphalt and concrete paving, curb, and gutters.

21. 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.

22. National Pan Hellenic Council Lounge

Architect/Engineer: AMR Architects
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: December 2022
Funding: University Reserves

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

23. 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.

24. 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.

25. 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.

26. 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 and cameras on Dean Street.

27. 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.

28. 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 currently in the design phase.

29. 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.

30. Student Union-Reroof Phase 1

Architect/Engineer: Morris AE, Inc.
Contractor: Jonesboro Roofing
Expected Completion: September 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of phase I is to re-roof approximately 10,952 square feet of roof on the south portion of the Student Union.

ASU-BEEBE

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Student One-Stop Shop	\$517,976	Planning

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 Walking/Biking Trail	\$772,598	Construction
ASUMH Amphitheatre	\$650,000	Planning
ASUMH Tech Center Expansion	\$1,385,000	Planning
ASUMH Digital Sign	\$250,000	Planning

1. ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
Contractor: Marion County Paving
Expected Completion: January 2023
Funding: Grant, Auxiliary, University Reserves

Status: ASUMH received notice in December 2018 of a grant award of \$76,000 from the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the creation of a walking/biking trail on the main campus. This trail was originally conceived in the 1999 Master Plan for the campus. The trail is anticipated to be approximately 1.7 miles in length. It will be a ten-foot wide, asphalt surface, except for the creek area, which will be made of concrete, with a biking-lane stripe. The Architect/Engineer selected was Polk, Stanley, Wilcox. Marion County Paving has been awarded the construction contract. The total cost for design and construction is approximately \$772,598. Deductive bid alternatives will allow design elements to be eliminated or deferred for future construction, based on funds available. Phase 1 funding reflects a \$76,000 Arkansas Department of Transportation grant, Auxiliary funds of \$200,000 and \$300,000 from Plant and Loan, and \$200,000 from the Pattee Trust. A pending, planned gift will provide repayment of funds to Auxiliary and University Reserves in the future. Construction is substantially complete with a completion date expected by January 2023.

2. 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 with construction to begin Spring 2023.

3. ASUMH Technical Center Expansion

Architect/Engineer: Architecture Plus
 Contractor: TBD
 Expected Completion: December 2023
 Funding: Grants

Status: A Regional Workforce Development grant, with \$700,000 included for construction, as well as a grant from the Arkansas Office of Skills Development with \$685,000 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. Design is underway with construction to begin in Spring 2023.

4. ASUMH Digital Signage

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
 Contractor: TBD
 Expected Completion: Summer 2023
 Funding: Private Donations and University Reserves

Status: The project is managed by the on-call architect. An anticipated completion date is Summer 2023.

ASU-NEWPORT

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails	\$234,000	Construction
ASUN Canopy for Outdoor Learning and Activity Space	\$435,000	Complete
ASUN Entrance Signage	\$108,000	Complete
Wayfinding Signage	\$240,686	Installation
Commercial Driver Training Driving Range Repaving	\$550,000	Design

1. ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates
 Contractor: TBD
 Expected Completion: Spring 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. ASUN Canopy for Outdoor Learning and Activity Space

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates
 Contractor: Bailey Contractors
 Expected Completion: Complete
 Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project is to construct an outdoor, covered activity and learning space. This canopy will cover the outdoor area within the courtyard and provide an expansion of the student space on the campus.

3. ASUN Entry Signage

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates
 Contractor: Bailey Contractors
 Expected Completion: Complete
 Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project is to reconstruct brick entrance signs for the ASUN Newport campus. The new signs, constructed from brick and stone, will replace the current signage, which is structurally deficient and must be demolished.

4. Wayfinding Signage

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates
 Contractor: Gibson Signs
 Expected Completion: Fall 2022/Spring 2023
 Funding: University Reserves

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

5. Driving Range Repaving

Architect/Engineer: Brackett- Krennerich
 Contractor: TBD
 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.

ASU MID-SOUTH

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

1. ASUMS 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 project is funded by a Predominately Black Institution (PBI) grant from the Department of Education

(\$594,000), and institutional reserve funds (\$1,377,000). The bid opening was conducted recently, and final pricing is being negotiated with the contractor.

2. Truck Driving Range

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
 Contractor: TBD
 Expected Completion: May 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. This project is currently in the design phase and will be ready to bid in late November. It is scheduled for completion in Spring 2023.

3. Reynolds Center/University Center Chilled Water System Replacement

Architect/Engineer: TBD
 Expected Completion: Summer 2023
 Funding: Endowment Funds, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project is to combine and upgrade the chilled water system for the Reynolds Center and University Center. We will issue a Request for Qualifications upon Board approval.

ASU THREE RIVERS

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase III	\$861,277	Design Phase
Nursing Building Expansion – Design Phase	\$294,000	Design Phase

1. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase II

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

Status: The ANCRC grant, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, will fund Phase II renovations, which include installing new electrical and plumbing systems and replacing mechanical room structure. This project is substantially complete.

2. Nursing Building Expansion – Design Phase

Architect/Engineer: Lewis Architects Engineers
 Expected Completion: December 2022
 Funding: Institution Reserves

Status: ASUTR has selected Lewis Architects Engineers for the design phase, which is expected to be completed by December 2022.

HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Caddo Center	\$1,190,861	Design Phase

1. Caddo Center

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Bell Construction
Expected Completion: Winter 2022
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) Fiscal Year 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 Winter 2022.

2. Caddo Center (Phase II)

Architect/Engineer: TBD
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: December 2023
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) Fiscal Year 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 architect selection and will be ready for design and bid by May 2023.

**Arkansas State University System
Board of Trustees
December 9, 2022**

**Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH

Academic Affairs and Research:

- Two significant National Science Foundation awards have recently been received by Arkansas State:
 - A \$586,231 award for the acquisition of a nanoindenter for Materials Science and Biomaterials Research was received by Dr. Drew Fleming.
 - An award for \$174,864 was awarded to Dr. Josh Park for studying heat transfer enhancement of cold plates using vortex generators. The work for both of these awards was led by faculty in Mechanical Engineering.
- The Office of Accreditation & Assessment, along with established HLC Committees, are in the process of addressing two new policy requirements, found in the 2023 Federal Compliance document. These requirements are related to credit hours and code of conduct for personnel interfacing with potential student for pre-matriculation programs.
- The General Education Committee, the Division of Communications and Marketing, and other faculty developed and implemented courses for the general education thematic-course pilot, including development of learning rubrics, assessments, and promotional materials.

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions

The following were approved by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB):

- AHECB for A-State at the October 28, 2022, meeting:
 - **ESTABLISHMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT**
 - Institute for Rural Initiatives (IRI)
 - **LETTER OF INTENT – NEW DEGREE PROGRAM**
 - B.S., Public Health
- The following will be submitted to the 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

ATHLETICS

Athletics Administration

- The Lettermen's Club inducted the following four new members into the A-State Athletics Hall of Honor: Cleo Lemon, football; Corey Leonard, football; Marissa Martinek, bowling; and Corey Williams, football.
- Associate Professor of Finance and Faculty Athletics Representative Dr. David Kern was announced as a 2022 Sun Belt Conference Faculty of the Year finalist.
- A-State Athletics entered into a new partnership with Greenway Equipment, making them the presenting sponsor of the weekly "Live with the Red Wolves" radio coaches' show for football and basketball.
- Brad Bobo was named Associate Athletics Director for Marketing and Fan Engagement.
- The Red Wolves Foundation hosted its annual "Lit'l Bita Christmas" arts and crafts show at First National Bank Arena.
- Members of the Athletics Department staff and administration participated in a Paragould Regional Chamber of Commerce "Business After Hours" event.

Football

- The Red Wolves are wearing an "LL" decal on their helmets to honor Larry Lacewell, former Director of Athletics and the winningest football coach in Arkansas State history.
- The Athletics Department awarded six \$1,000 grants to area teachers, in conjunction with the "Extra Yard for Teachers" initiative.
- Senior running back Johnnie Lang was named to the Midseason All-America Team by *CBS Sports*.
- True freshman Dominic Zvada was named a semifinalist for the Lou Groza Award, issued annually to the nation's top placekicker.

Baseball

- Tommy Raffo is set to enter Mississippi State University's Ron Polk Ring of Honor, as part of the Class of 2023.

Men's Basketball

- Junior guard Caleb Fields was named preseason Third Team All-Sun Belt Conference.
- The Red Wolves hosted their annual "Boots and Ballers" event at FNB Arena on October 20.

Women's Basketball

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

Bowling

- The Red Wolves ranked sixth in the 2022-23 National Tenpin Coaches' Association Preseason Poll.
- Freshman Karli VanDuinen earned her first career All-Tournament selection after helping lead the Red Wolves to a third-place finish at Stephen F. Austin's Ladyjack Classic.

Cross Country

- The men's team won the Sun Belt Conference Championship for the second straight season, and the women's squad finished as conference runner-up.
- Jesse Duvall was named the SBC Coach of the Year, Nati Enright the league's Freshman of the Year, and Rylan Brown the conference's Newcomer of the Year after helping lead the men's team to the SBC title.
- Jaybe Shufelberger finished sixth overall at the women's NCAA South Central Regional Championships and advanced to the NCAA Cross Country Championships on Nov. 19.

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

- Finishing with the lowest three-round score in program history, A-State won the USA Intercollegiate.
- A-State completed the fall schedule with a 293.3 stroke average – currently the best in program history.

Soccer

- With A-State's victory over Central Arkansas, Brian Dooley won his 250th career game as a head coach.

- The Red Wolves completed the year with a 9-6-3 record, marking their sixth straight season with eight or more victories; accomplished just three times in program history prior, to the 2017 season.

Tennis

- Scott Kidd, a nine-time national champion and seven-time Coach of the Year, was named the sixth head coach in school history.

Volleyball

- Senior Macey Putt was named to the Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference Team.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

University Communications

- University Communications (UC) launched a new video communication series for the Chancellor, entitled “Take Five,” in order to highlight University personnel. The first two of the series featured the work of researcher Dr. Argelia Lorence and the student programs fostered by the Griffin Dean of the Griffin College of Business Jim Washam.
- In November, UC managed high-profile, campus-wide meetings to communicate messages from the Chancellor related to the University Planning Committee and relaunching the Pack Pact. Both will become on-going email and in-person communication events.
- The division achieved renewal for Arkansas State as a Bicycle Friendly University until 2026 from the League of American Bicyclists (LAB). A-State is one of only 211 universities designated by LAB, and among only 61 at the Silver level.

Digital Creative Services

- Completed 39 video packages to highlight on-campus events, and repurposed them into more than 50 short-format “reels” for social media to support student recruitment.
- Completed a “get-to-know” video featuring new Chancellor Todd Shields, and launched the video in August on AState.edu and social channels.
- Sent more than 1.2 million emails as a part of 217 Digital Creative campaigns since the last Board meeting (September to mid-November 2022) with an open rate of emails of 45%.

Creative Media Services

- The Go.AState campaign was boosted with in a month-long, statewide, outdoor advertising campaign to support visibility for fall recruiting efforts.
- Since the last Board meeting, Creative Media has completed 152 jobs for on-campus clients, notably strategic plans for several colleges, as well as an update of the Institutional Profile used for executive searches.

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Access & Accommodation Services

- The staff of Access & Accommodation Services (A&AS) took the leadership role in promoting a Shared Governance and Oversight Committee proposal to provide captioning for all on-campus classroom materials. Staff members spoke at various constituency group meetings as the proposal moved forward in the SGOC.
- In direct services to students, A&AS proctored 508 exams for the fall semester ahead of final exams, and facilitated more than 500 pick-ups and drop-offs of students through the “golf cart” program.
- The staff worked with the 1,023 registered students for the fall, including 62 new students for this fall.

ADVANCE – Faculty Diversity

- The ADVANCE program for faculty from underrepresented groups, which provides guidance, support, and resources to direct or assist them on their path to tenure and promotion, coordinated four workshops during Fall 2022 under the direction of faculty liaison, Dr. Lille Fears.

AmeriCorps – A-State Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program

- A-State’s Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program (NRWCEP) partnered with the Beck Center, American Red Cross, Jonesboro Fire Department, and Paragould Fire Department to install more than 20 smoke detectors in homes of veterans and senior citizens.
- NRWCEP successfully completed its 2022-23 Engage Arkansas AmeriCorps Operational Grant and received \$128,000 in federal funds.

Community Engagement

- The “Welcome Back/Meet and Greet” reception for faculty and staff from underrepresented populations was hosted on August 24.
- The annual “Homecoming Scholarship Brunch,” for the Strong-Turner Alumni Chapter, was sponsored by this department.
- The director attended the Arkansas Council for Women in Higher Education’s virtual workshop, held in October, along with attending workshops presented by ADVANCE.
- On December 12, the annual meeting with pastors and ministers of the local African-American churches will be held in order to present them to the Chancellor, new faculty, and African Americans in campus leadership roles.

Multicultural Center

- The Multicultural Center staff partnered with Career Services to host a “Diversity Meet Up” event, which targeted A-State juniors and seniors with a focus on preparing for their careers after college. Attendees were able to network with minority leaders in healthcare, real estate, business, education, and computer science, and were entered into drawings for gift cards donated from local businesses.

- The first Multicultural Leadership Council (MLC) meeting was hosted in the Center. The meeting consisted of more than 15 multicultural organizations and discussed a variety of resources available to them.
- Diversity training was provided by the staff to more than 40 First-Year Experience classes and to other departments, reaching more than 1,200 students in Fall 2022. The MC staff and student organizations within the MC reached more than 1,100 participants.
- In the first two months of the semester, the MC engaged more than 700 students in visits.
- Leadership of the MC participated in Diversity Equity Inclusion and Belonging (DEIB) curriculum development for upcoming First-Year Experience courses, and participated in the diversity planning meeting for the College of Education and Behavioral Science's Diversity Committee.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

New Student Enrollment

- Compared to this time last year, domestic freshmen admissions are up 932 for Fall 2023.
- To support on-campus recruiting, a second recruiter was hired for Northeast Arkansas. A-State now has nine recruiters focused on traditional first-year, on-campus recruiting. The territories they cover are Northeast Arkansas (two recruiters assigned), Central Arkansas (also two assigned), South Arkansas, Northwest Arkansas and Oklahoma, Missouri, Tennessee and Mississippi, and Dallas and East Texas.
- An additional military recruiter was hired to help with on-campus and online recruitment.
- The digital enrollment management campaign with Academic Partnership has been launched. The initial top area for inquires to A-State were from Texas, followed by Arkansas.

Online Programs and Enrollment

- Total Fall 2022 online enrollment was 6,582.
- New online programs slated for launch in Spring 2023 are the following:
 - M.B.A., Business Analytics
 - B.S., Health Studies (Professional and Non-professional Tracks)
 - B.S., Construction Management

Outreach

- A-State's continuing education will launch December 1, 2022. This is a partnership among Ed2Go, Academic Partnership, and A-State.

Study Abroad

- In Summer 2023, the Study Abroad program returns at A-State, with hubs set up in Tokyo and Scotland.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Delta Center for Economic Development

- Staff traveled to Sioux Falls, South Dakota, with Jonesboro Unlimited to learn more about the successful startup program, Sioux Falls, in hopes of implementing some of the best practices in a program for the greater Jonesboro area. Staff members worked with faculty to provide mentorship to high school students competing in Thrown to the Wolves, secured sponsorships for prizes, and confirmed judges.
- We provided communications and leadership training to employees of Kennett, Missouri's City Water and Light Company. This is an on-going project with more classes scheduled. Additionally, the Delta Center held a grant writing and administration class.
- Oversight was provided for three Certified Education Unit programs and one Certified Professional Education program.
- Socio-economic data spreadsheets and graphic maps were developed for all eight Planning and Development Districts (PDD), and assistance was provided with the PDD's recovery and resiliency plans to incorporate into the comprehensive economic development strategies.
- Staff administered the Delta Leadership Network's continuing education experience at the Harvard Kennedy School.
- The 2002 Delta Leadership Institute Class graduated.
- Among area meetings hosted during Fall 2022 were the Governor's Commission on the Status of Women, Jonesboro Emerging Leaders' class, and the Leadership Randolph County class.

Enterprise Risk Management

- Repair of fencing at Red Wolf and Aggie Road intersection was completed by Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department.
- Our staff implemented Henderson State University's Vehicle Safety Program within our Banner System and gathered historical data for document imaging preservation.

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS)

- Among training highlights, EHS completed indoor air quality inspections in all residence halls.
- The EHS staff completed in-person training for hazard communication and universal waste for all Facilities Management employees.

Facilities Management

- **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; design is complete with bidding expected during the fourth quarter of 2022.

- Library tower elevator modernization; it is in process, with expected completion in the second quarter of 2023.
 - Demolition and remediation plans, expected completion is Summer 2023 and 2024.
 - Kays 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.
- **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 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 50% 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, with completion expected in the third quarter of 2023. The second phase of the project is projected for third quarter 2024. Fresh-air addition projects are in the design phase for University and Arkansas Halls, and both are expected to bid in the second quarter of 2023.
- **Judd Hill Farmers' Market Expansion**
 - Construction has started and the building is nearly enclosed. Completion is staying on schedule for the third quarter of 2023.
- **Campus Planning Update**
 - A-State has engaged design professionals to update and create a University Master Plan (Smith Group), University Club Sports Plan (Convergence Design), and the University Crosswalk Survey (Pickering Engineering).
- **Windgate Hall Architectural Firm**
 - Design discussions with WER Architects are underway. WER has partnered with Environments for Health Architecture. The firms have visited campus and met with various user groups. Additional visits are planned, including design charettes, which will include student, faculty, and staff participation.

First National Bank Arena

- Upcoming events include:
 - Women's and Men's Basketball season started the month of November.
- Tickets are currently on sale for the following:
 - Nate Bergatze – January 13, 2023
 - Bert Kreischer – April 2, 2023
 - King and Country – April 27, 2023

Fiscal Operations

- Spring registration has already begun, and staff in the Student Accounts area are working to assist students with account balances, so that they can be cleared to register for classes.
- Arkansas State received an exemption on ordering copy paper from the state contract supplier, which will save up to 38 percent on paper purchases. After a three-year break, the Annual Procurement Services Vendor Show will resume on April 4, 2023.
- The 2024-2025 Biennial Legislative funding requests were submitted, and budget hearings occurred on October 25.
- Campus CFO, Dr. Russ Hannah, and Chief Budget Officer, Donna McMillin, met with the Chancellor's Cabinet in October to discuss our current year budget status and begin discussions regarding the development of the FY 2024 operating budgets.

Human Resources

- Human Resources staff processed all new hires for Fall 2022 for both Arkansas State University, as well as Henderson State University, under our shared services agreement. This consisted of faculty, full-time staff, part-time staff, graduate assistants, and student workers.

Information and Technology

- All modules for the ERP are implemented and are in use at all seven campuses. Negotiation and scoping for a long-term agreement with Ferrilli is underway.
- A-State campus projects are focused on Safety Council priorities, including lighting across campus and security cameras and support systems.
- Network switch upgrades across all facilities are at 99% complete for the fall semester. Classroom renovations, including audiovisual, Wi-Fi access points, podium computers, and many of the technologies used across campus have been updated, upgraded, or replaced.

Payroll Services

- Along with the regular preparations for year-end processes, staff continued to assist other campuses within the ASU System on use of Banner with payroll.
- Payroll worked toward transitioning Henderson State University personnel to TimeClock Plus and Electronic Personnel Action Forms processes, along with stabilizing Shared Services Payroll with Henderson.

Procurement

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

Red Wolf Wellness

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

Title IX and Institutional Equity

- Along with standard investigation work, the office staff completed six Title IX trainings for other campus units.

Training & Development

- Training staff hosted 97 new staff members for orientation during the months of July, August, and September.
- Presentations by staff were made at both New Faculty Orientation and New Graduate Student Orientation, along with hosting an Administrative Staff Refresher Workshop.
- One new safety training course was added, Arkansas State employee’s Learn Center, and we began working on a Learn Center for Henderson State employees.

University Police Department

- In October, Sergeant Stephen Montgomery and Patrolman Jeremy Oswalt completed a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Team training course. This course provides officers with the skills needed to respond, evaluate, and resolve responses to those experiencing a mental health crisis. The agency has a total of five officers, who have completed this training.
- The department deployed new portable and mobile AWINS-compliant radios for all members of the agency. The equipment replaced end-of-life radios in use since 2006.

University Safety and Emergency Management

- We worked with Jonesboro Fire Department on annual fraternity inspections and conducted fire safety training for required events.
- Staff installed 180 battery-operated smoke detectors to rooms in North Park Quad.
- In additional fire safety work, quarterly fire-pump testing, and flushing of institution-owned fire hydrants were completed.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Campus Recreation

- With the return to a full-on-campus schedule, foot traffic in the Red W.O.L.F. Center rose significantly, with more than 23,000 card swipes by students participating in activities through mid-November. There was a corresponding increase in intermural sports through the first seven fall championships sponsored by the Center.
- Club Sports had a productive fall, with softball competitions in both conference and non-conference games. Ultimate Frisbee placed two and twelve in two of their three tournaments. The men’s soccer club played in the KMSL Conference for the first time.

The cricket team will compete at regionals in November. Bass fishing also held three tournaments this fall.

Career Services

- During the fall semester, Career Services set a record for employer activity on campus. The department hosted 32 separate events (excluding career fairs) for regional employers to visit campus and meet with students. The events included on-campus interviewing, networking opportunities, classroom and organization presentations, and various information sessions. More than 420 students were engaged as a result of these events.
- The annual career fairs showed strong turnouts, with the STEM & Agriculture Career Fair drawing 315 students and 67 employers, and the All Majors Career Fair was attended by 354 students and 80 employers.
- Career Services is partnering with the Griffin College of Business to launch a pilot program on focused mentoring and professional development.

Counseling Center

- The Center interacted with 349 active mental-health clients, resulting in 607 enrolled in TAO (Therapist Online Assisted) services. In addition, 443 mental-health screenings were conducted and 198 career counseling log-ins.
- Outreach activities by the Center included 51 in-person events and 32 virtual events, reaching more than 1,400 participants.
- The Counseling Center also hosted a campus-wide Mental Health Matters event, a Self-Care Fair, and a Depression Awareness Week to the campus community.

Leadership Center

- The Student Government Association (SGA) hosted its annual “Meet the Deans” event, in which academic deans from each college are invited to a discussion with senators from their respective colleges. Chancellor Todd Shields and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Martha Spack were also in attendance and took questions. The SGA partnered with Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., to host “Social Action After Dark.” It also hosted its annual Diversity Roundtable. SGA President Carlie Bird participated as one of the six panelists for a Pack Pact campus wide discussion related to diversity, inclusion, and belonging in November.
- In Greek Life, through recruitment week and open bidding, the Interfraternity Conference (IFC) welcomed roughly 130 new members into their community. The National Pan-Hellenic Conference (NPHC) hosted NPHC Week, which consisted of volunteering and events that gather students together, including the annual Best Steppers on the Yard Step Show.
- The Student Activities Board (SAB) hosted a wide range of traditional and new events for fall 2022, starting with its 25th-annual Order of the Pack pep rally. “Feeling ‘22” was the theme for this year’s Homecoming festivities. Colten Sedman and Sydney Stauffer were crowned the 2022 Homecoming King and Queen prior to the football game.

- The SAB also celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by partnering with HOLA (Hispanic Outreach & Latina Appreciation) for “Despues de la Playa,” a Latin Dance Party. The fourth annual on-campus haunted house, the “Tower of Terror” in Kays Hall, was a success. The SAB also coordinated a Fall Fest, simultaneously including pumpkin painting, a food truck, and more.
- The A-State Food Pantry received a \$2,956 grant from the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance to further its missions of fighting hunger on campus. Pantry staff will distribute holiday bags in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday and the holiday winter break.
- Red Wolves for St. Jude hosted its annual Masked Singer event on October 20. The group has raised more than \$30,000 this semester.
- Volunteer A-State President Madeleine Volner and Advisor Bekah Hickman coordinated the annual statewide Virtual Service Leaders’ Summit on October 25. Volunteer A-State also hosted a bone marrow drive, a blood drive with the American Red Cross, and its annual Volunteer Fair.
- The Leadership Center worked in conjunction with the Chancellor’s Office to host the annual Family Weekend on October 7-8. A family tailgate highlighted the weekend of activities. The Stotts’ family of Little Rock was honored as the 2022 Family of the Year. Jeff, Karen, and their daughters, Haley and Amy, are all A-State alumni, while the youngest daughter, Darby, is currently an A-State student and member of women’s soccer team.

Student Conduct

- From September until November 1, 2022, Conduct hearings were held for 169 potential policy violations, a decrease of seven cases from this time last year. The top three policy violations were failure to comply, alcohol, and pet possession.

University Housing

- University Housing is collaborating with StarRez, a residency and occupancy-management system, to overhaul and update the application process for our housing residents.
- University Housing assisted the Office of Admissions with tours, information sessions, and other requests to assist prospective students with details about campus life at A-State.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Advancement Services

- For the first quarter of the fiscal year, July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022, Advancement recorded a total of 5,698 gifts and commitments from 2,225 individual donors, for a total of \$1,977,251.72. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges. Included is a \$200,000 commitment from Randall E. McNeil and Poinsett Rice & Grain, Inc., to benefit the College of Agriculture strategic planning process.

Alumni Relations

- Alumni Association membership numbers continue to increase. Our first quarter report showed a 20 percent increase from the previous year.
- Applications for the 2023 entering freshmen License to HOWL scholarships are now being accepted. Eight recipients will be selected to receive \$5,000 annual awards with an option to renew in successive years if they continue to meet the criteria. These scholarships are funded by the sale of official Red Wolves license plates offered by the Department of Motor Vehicles in Arkansas. We currently have 29 students receiving this annual scholarship (seven seniors, seven juniors, seven sophomores, and eight freshmen).
- The annual Pancakes and PJ's with Santa and Howl event is scheduled for December 3, along with the Howlidays on the Rooftop alumni event in Little Rock that evening at the ASU System Office.
- The Alumni Association Board of Directors is gearing up discussion plans to celebrate the Alumni Association turning 100 years old in 2024.
- Many fun and exciting events are planned for the new year.
 - January 21, 2023 – Bubbles & Bingo rugby fundraiser – CAC
 - March 2023 – Alumni Day at the Races – Oaklawn, Hot Springs
 - March 14, 2023 – Bark at the Park – Tomlinson Stadium
 - April 4, 2023 – A-State vs. U of A baseball pre-game events – Fayetteville
 - April 11, 2023 – Third- annual Day of Giving – Virtual and on-campus
 - May 4, 2023 – Red Wolves on the Rooftop – ASU System Office, Little Rock
 - June 29, 2023 – St. Louis Cardinals vs. Houston Astros – St. Louis, Mo.
 - June 30, 2023 – EWC Tour or Six Flags or Zoo – St. Louis, Mo.

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

Title III Grant

On September 19, 2022, ASU-Beebe was notified that the U.S. Department of Education had funded its 2020 Title III grant proposal, *Connected from the Start*. Specifically, the project supports three ASUB Enrollment Strategies: 1) expanding course delivery options by adding 36 additional master course shells, hiring an additional instructional designer, and providing training for faculty and staff; 2) improving overall retention rates by implementing a new early-alert system; and 3) ensuring holistic support of all ASUB students through the creation of a Student One-Stop on the Beebe campus and a Virtual Student One-Stop online. In addition, the grant funds will provide resources for additional work-study opportunities for students. The grant provides \$2,248,161 over five years. A large team of employees designed the project, and many employees and students came to the table to have a hand in our vision for the project.

Institutional Advancement Team Wins Multiple Awards

Arkansas State University-Beebe's Institutional Advancement team has returned from the District 4 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) Conference, held in October, in Houston, Texas, with renewed energy and six new awards. Members of District 4 include community colleges located in Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wyoming. Hannah Keller Flanery, former director of marketing and public relations for ASU-Beebe, submitted works produced by the ASU-Beebe Marketing Department for the 2022 Medallion Awards and nominated Chancellor Jennifer Methvin for the Pacesetter Award. The NCMPR Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in design and communication at community and technical colleges in each of NCMPR's seven districts. ASU-Beebe collected five Medallion Awards, placing gold in the Quick-Turn Video and Novelty categories, silver in the Magazine and Video Shorts (series) categories, and bronze in the Digital Advertisement (single or series) category. Dr. Methvin was also awarded the District 4 Pacesetter Award, which recognizes individuals from the top management level of community colleges, who have demonstrated special leadership and support in college communications and marketing. District recipients automatically qualify to compete for the national award.

ASU-Beebe Expands K12 Partnerships through the Career Coach Program

The Searcy School District and Riverview School District will now be served by an ASU-Beebe Career Coach, thanks to additional grants being awarded to ASU-Beebe for the expansion of the program. The career coach position provides early outreach to low-income, high school students and their parents, with information about the importance of postsecondary education, as well as accurate information on how to prepare, apply, and pay for it. The program is funded by grant funds through the Arkansas Department of Education's Division of Career and Technical Education; in addition, partner school districts make an

investment for half the salary and benefits of their coach. Cody McMichael, campus operations manager for the ASU-Beebe Heber Springs campus, manages the grant and coordinates the program for the campuses of ASU-Beebe. Career coaches guide students in developing individual career plans and portfolios, as well as assisting students with enrolling in education or training programs.

Phi Theta Kappa Sponsors Butterfly Garden

Several gathered at the butterfly garden on the Arkansas State University-Beebe campus on October 17, 2022, for a dedication ceremony honoring donors John and Robin Hayes and Cathy Eoff. Each of the donors then received a hand-painted rock in appreciation of their support. The monarch butterfly garden, which is sponsored by the ASU-Beebe Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, was among many initiatives funded through a mini-grant program made possible by Cathy Eoff. The goals of the butterfly garden are to protect, conserve, and increase habitat for the monarch butterfly and other native insect pollinators, as well as to provide a space for relaxation and enjoyment of the outdoors. Plans are being made to add a butterfly garden on the Heber Springs and Searcy campuses.

Theatre Department Presents "Big Fish: The Musical"

ASU-Beebe's Theatre Department hosted a three-day running of four performances of Andrew Lippa's "Big Fish: The Musical" on November 3 – 5, 2022. More than 500 patrons enjoyed the play. Based on the celebrated novel by Daniel Wallace and the acclaimed film directed by Tim Burton, "Big Fish" tells the story of a complicated relationship between a father and his son. Attendees marveled at both the excellent set and the talented cast. ASU-Beebe currently has forty students majoring in theatre.

Evening of Hospitality at Heber Springs Enhances Endowment

November 10 marked the return of a Heber Springs Campus Development Council tradition, the Evening of Hospitality fundraiser dinner. This year's event was held in memory of Steve Storm, the first instructor of math and science at ASU-Beebe Heber Springs. The proceeds, more than \$7,000, were added to the Steve Storm Memorial Endowment Scholarship. In addition, former Heber Springs faculty member, Merrellyn Stark, gifted an additional \$5,000 to the Storm fund. Established in 2011, this scholarship is available to a high school student who has graduated from Heber Springs High School with a 3.25 GPA, and who will major in math or science.

Lecture-Concert Series Presents Harry Thomason

The 2022-2023 Lecture-Concert Series presented a lecture by Harry Thomason, Arkansas native and American film and television producer and director, on November 15, 2022, in the Owen Center Theatre on the Beebe campus. The lecture was free, open to the public, and well-attended. Thomason is best known for two TV series: "Designing Women" and "Evening Shade." Thomason talked about his escapades in Arkansas, his journey to Hollywood, his career in film and television, and the many people he met along the way. He made clear that, at every turn in his lifetime, it has been an Arkansan who has assisted or enabled him to solve problems and complete projects. Copies of his latest book, *Brother Dog: Southern Tales and Hollywood Adventures*, were available for sale. Following the lecture, Mr. Thomason signed autographs and graciously answered individual questions from the appreciative attendees.

ASUB Academic Program Notifications

None

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**Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University-Mountain Home**

Recreational Trail Grant

Arkansas State University – Mountain Home (ASUMH) has received a grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation to install additional lighting and landscape planting to the James and Sally Moore Recreational Trail. The grant amount of \$323,000 requires a 20% match (\$80,750) from ASUMH. Plans include installing 45 pedestrian (solar) lights, an emergency phone, and planting 85 trees along the trail.

Coulter Celebration of Lights

The second year of the Coulter Celebration of Lights is underway at ASUMH. This year's festival began with a lighting ceremony on November 20. A 5-K run along the lighted trail was held following the lighting ceremony. The celebration continues each night through December 28 with a drive through light display show. On 13 of the nights, there will be a festival on Keller Green including music, activities, and concessions. A portion of the proceeds from donations and festival activities will be used to support scholarships at ASUMH.

Technical Center Expansion Project

The design phase of the ASUMH Technical Center expansion project has been completed, and there are plans to open construction bids in December. The expansion will include approximately 8,500 square feet of teaching space for boat manufacturing, extrusion technologies, plastic injection molding, and welding. This project is supported by a grant from the Delta Regional Authority and a Regional Workforce grant from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. The plan is to complete the expansion in late 2023.

ASUMH Amphitheater Project

The ASUMH Amphitheater design phase has been completed and plans to begin construction are set for early 2023. The Amphitheater will include a 72' x 36' covered stage. It will be situated in a location on campus which forms a natural bowl for seating. The Amphitheater will accommodate approximately 10,000 people for concerts and events. The project is privately funded through gifts made to the ASU System Foundation for the benefit of ASUMH.

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

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Cecil Shelton, a student in ASU-Newport's Culinary Arts Program, was one of 207 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) members awarded a 2022 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship. More than 1,300 PTK students applied for the \$1,000 scholarship, which is awarded to members who exemplify scholastic achievement, community service, and leadership potential. To participate in PTK, a student must maintain a 3.5 GPA and complete at least 12 credit hours each semester.
- Jameria Campbell, a student in ASUN's Welding Program, received the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce 2022 Tech Talent Scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship was developed by the Chamber's Workforce Development Committee to support students pursuing technical education in advanced manufacturing, industrial maintenance, or welding.
- ASUN has been working hard to grow its partnership with the Newport School District. ASUN is actively participating in the Booster Club, including sponsorship of football games and pre-game tailgates. ASUN also participated in Homecoming Day celebrations – giving out prizes while talking to students about postsecondary educational opportunities. Faculty and staff have also been conducting weekly career exploration as part of the Afterschool Enrichment Program.
- ASUN hosted two Manufacturing Day events to introduce high school students to careers in the technical trades. More than 90 students from five area high schools participated in hands-on activities in welding, advanced manufacturing, and industrial maintenance. Students also participated in local industry tours to see 21st-century technical careers in action.

Strategic Priority 2: Employee Success

- ASUN hosted its first Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Lunch-and-Learn series. The first session, entitled "I Am Here," focused on the power of connection and provided practical tools for building relationships. The second session, entitled "I Belong Here," outlined keys for personal success and creating an authentic sense of belonging. The final session, entitled "I Matter Here," examined critical components for cultivating an environment conducive to personal expression and diversity of perspectives.
- Anna Westman, ASUN's Dean for Academic Success, graduated from the Arkansas Community Colleges Leadership Institute (ACCLI). Michael Nowlin, ASUN's Dean for Applied Sciences, will participate in the ACCLI Class of 2022-2023. The ACCLI provides leadership, higher education administration, advocacy training, and networking opportunities for emerging community college leaders through bimonthly training sessions hosted at community colleges and affiliated organizations across the state of Arkansas.

Strategic Priority 3: Institutional Excellence

- ASUN received the Elijah and Emma Agnew Advancing Equity in Higher Education Award from the Craighead County Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). The award recognizes an institution that is working to bring fairness in education to all students, faculty, and staff. ASUN established a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Committee in 2017, with the purpose of transforming institutional culture, so that every member of the campus community would feel accepted, included, and empowered. ASUN officially formed a Department of DE&I in 2021, and hired Amber Grady to serve as Dean of DE&I in 2022. Dean Grady served as the keynote speaker at the event and accepted the award on behalf of ASUN. ASUN was one of four institutions nominated for the award.
- Food service is now available at ASUN-Jonesboro, thanks to Chef Lisa Godsey of ASUN's Culinary Arts Program. Employees and students were invited to participate in a contest to name the dining area, and the winning name will be announced during Spring 2023 Convocation.
- ASUN hosted Advisory Board meetings on each of its three campuses. Employees, students, and local businesses/industry partners were invited to discuss program content, curriculum, training quality, and industry needs. ASUN's annual Advisory Board meetings are essential to maintenance of strong partnerships and building the pipeline necessary to serve business and industry needs.
- The National Council for Marketing & Public Relations' Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement, design, and communication at community and technical colleges. ASUN won gold in the "Print Wildcard" category for the ASUN Flight Plan, ASUN's 2022-2027 strategic plan.

Strategic Priority 4: Community Engagement

- ASUN hosted a community Fall Festival, featuring live music, bounce houses, carnival games, food, a petting zoo, and other activities for adults and children. The event was entirely free to the public. More than 350 people attended, and more than 40 employees and students volunteered.
- ASUN hosted the Third Annual Finish Sydney's Run 5K. Nearly 200 runners participated in the race, which benefited the Sydney Claire Sutherland Foundation. The Foundation supports many charitable causes, including the ASUN Sydney Sutherland Memorial Scholarship.
- ASUN sponsored its final Family Movie Nights of the season, featuring *Clifford the Big Red Dog* and *Elf*, in downtown Newport.
- ASUN also held its quarterly Board of Visitors meeting. Dr. Typhanie Myers discussed ASUN's recent partnership with Newport High School. Dr. Moore also gave the Board an update on ASUN's plans for adding athletics to improve student life and retention.

Academic Program Notifications

ASUN is changing the name of its "Certificate of Proficiency in Aesthetics" to a "Certificate of Proficiency in Esthetics."

ASUN will discontinue its Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology Program at the end of the 2022-2023 Academic Calendar Year. Students currently enrolled will be able to complete the program and earn their certificates.

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WORC (Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities) Grant – Advancing Delta Talent

ASU Mid-South, along with its consortium partners CAEL (Council for Adult and Experiential Learning) and Coahoma Community College in Clarksdale, Mississippi, was recently awarded \$1,395,534 by the Delta Regional Authority (DRA), in partnership with the U.S Department of Labor (DOL) and the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC). Administered by the DOL's Employment and Training Administration, these grants were awarded to 13 consortiums throughout the Appalachian and Delta Regions to fund projects supporting education, training, and career support services for historically marginalized communities. Recipients will align community-led economic and workforce development strategies and provide services to the following: dislocated workers; new entrants to the workforce, including students or the long-term unemployed; incumbent workers looking to improve their career prospects; and individuals affected by persistent poverty. ASU Mid-South will use its portion of this funding (\$490,000) to support development and implementation of two high-wage, high-demand programs in the region: a Technical Certificate in Paramedic Science and a Certificate of Proficiency in CDL (Commercial Truck Driving).

Logistics Apprenticeship

ASU Mid-South, in partnership with the Arkansas Center for Data Sciences (ACDS), recently launched a Logistics Apprenticeship for Latrobe, LLC, an industrial manufacturing services company based in Marion, Arkansas. ASU Mid-South is providing ACT WorkKeys/National Career Readiness Certification, OSHA 10 for General Industry Certification, CPR/First Aid/Stop the Bleed Certifications, and the Manufacturing Skill Standards Council (MSSC) Certified Logistics Associate and Certified Logistics Technician training and certifications, while the ACDS is providing training in Microsoft Power BI. The program consists of a minimum of 144 hours of technical classroom instruction, along with 2,000 hours of on-the-job training. It also provides a model for the establishment of future apprenticeships for companies in the region.

Connect With Us Event

On October 14, ASU Mid-South hosted a *Connect With Us* lunch and learn event for employers in Ground Transportation and Advanced Manufacturing. This event provided opportunities for employers to tour college facilities, meet faculty and students, and learn more about the exciting changes underway at ASU Mid-South, including the addition of the automotive component to our Diesel Technology Program, the planned addition of Commercial Truck Driving (CDL) in the fall of 2023, the upcoming expansion in Aviation Maintenance Technology, and the fact that ASU Mid-South is now an Authorized MSSC (Manufacturing Skills Standards Council) Assessment Center. The attendees also heard from other employer partners, including Latanyua Robinson, President and Chief Operating Office of Latrobe, LLC, and Gareth Jolly, Senior Vice President and Plant Manager for Hino Motors. They each spoke about their company's relationship with ASU Mid-South and the various ways the college has provided support and assistance to their companies in developing their workforce.

Complete College America (CCA)

On October 24 and 25, representatives from ASU Mid-South attended Complete College America's (CCA) Annual Convening of Predominantly and Historically Black Community Colleges (PBCCs and HBCCs) in Atlanta. Participating colleges were asked to attend a pre-conference session to highlight one best practice that had made a significant impact on student success on their campuses. Jeremy Reece, Vice Chancellor for Student Services, Dr. Michael Lejman, Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research and Effectiveness, and Gerar Pope, PBI Director, presented ASU Mid-South's Academic Maps, developed to visually lead students to momentum and credential points, resulting in increased persistence along the pathway to degree completion. A CCA coach stated that "everyone at the pre-conference meeting was blown away" by ASU Mid-South's presentation, and indicated that, of all the great work shared, ASU Mid-South's academic maps were at the top of her list. In fact, CCA has now requested that ASU Mid-South provide a presentation about the map's development and implementation at an upcoming CCA Solutions Group Meeting.

Academic Program Notifications

ASU Mid-South has no academic program status changes (inactive or deleted) to report this quarter.

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Health Sciences

The college continues to meet with architects for the new addition to the nursing building.

Saline County Career Technical Campus

The Saline County Career Technical Campus (SCCTC) enrollment for Fall 2022 is up from 403 last year to 627 currently. The SCCTC was named National Coalition of Certification Centers (NC3) "School on the Rise" for the month of October. It was selected from 1,300 certification centers around the country.

Career Center

Career Center enrollment increased by 25-50% in Health Sciences, Construction, and Welding, with a slight decrease in Automotive. The total enrollment is 176 through our five programs. Career Center students recently participated in a SkillsUSA fundraising drive, selling an assortment of meats and desserts. The fundraiser grossed more than \$30,000, and raised over \$10,000 to support our student activities.

Adult Education

Adult Education currently has 70 students actively pursuing their GED and/or WAGE certificate. Our current rate of success in efficiency and effectiveness is 40, while the state goal is 49.

Workforce Development

West Fraser has added seven more weeks of training for the West Fraser Qualified Millwright training program. This increases the total to 66 weeks and 2,048 hours of millwright training, as well as 28 weeks and 896 hours of training for the West Fraser Qualified Electrician training program, for a grand total of 2,944 hours with a potential revenue of \$368,000 for 2022. We are currently conducting the ASUTR Professional Development Academy for the following: West Fraser, Inc., Leola, AR; West Fraser Sawmill, Huttig, AR; West Fraser Mills, Joyce, LA; West Fraser Lumber, Henderson, TX; 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); and the ASUTR Academic Affairs team. The Fall 2022 Workforce CNA Class is scheduled for August 23 - November 17, on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 5:00-8:00 p.m. We currently have five students enrolled.

Accreditation

The Higher Learning Commission has assigned Susan Underwood, Professor of Student Affairs Administration at Arkansas Tech University, as our reviewer to complete the additional location application for the Saline County Career Technical Campus.

Recruitment, Admissions, and Advising

ASUTR hosted the largest Freshman New Student Orientation since 2015. Also, we hosted the joint Chancellor's Malvern Ministers Group and Community Advisory Committee meeting, along with a COVID Vaccine Clinic in connection with the Arkansas Rural Health Partnership, the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and the Arkansas Department of Health. TRiO held its 25-year celebration of the inception of the first TRiO grant awarded at the college. The Eagle Outreach Pantry received a capacity building grant from the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance for \$1,140 to purchase another chest freezer, a scale for weighing freight, and shopping accessories for the Pantry. The Pantry served 77 households during the month of July, 100 households during the month of August, and 73 households during the month of September.

Career Pathways

Our Career Pathways program is proud of its graduate/employment update for Fiscal Year 2022 students. In the Practical Nurse (PN) program, there were 18 graduates, with 15 passing the NCLEX, and 13 being employed as PNs. Others are continuing their education or are looking forward to pending NCLEX test dates. In the Registered Nurse (RN) program, there were 13 graduates, with 13 passing the NCLEX, and 13 who are employed as RNs. One student, in the Medical Office Administration program, graduated and is employed in administrative roles in the health care industry. Another graduate, from the field of Cosmetology, has passed their State Boards, and has begun a career as a cosmetologist.