

**ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION**

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For the period ending June 30, 2019 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$11,975,926.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$10,820,619
ASU-Mountain Home	446,243
ASU-Beebe	293,375
ASU-Newport	326,015
ASU System Foundation	89,674

The Foundation reported net assets of \$95,477,780, representing an increase of 12.27% for the period ending June 30, 2019.

The market value of the ASU System Endowment Pool for the period ending June 30, 2019, was \$84,430,331.

The net rate of return for the period ending June 30, 2019, was 5.40%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$75,000,664
Mountain Home	4,625,050
Beebe	1,862,030
Newport	2,063,764
System Foundation	878,823
Total	<u>\$84,430,331</u>

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
**Capital Projects Report**  
**September 20, 2019**

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

**ASU-JONESBORO**

<b>PROJECT TITLE</b>	<b>FUNDS AVAILABLE</b>	<b>STATUS</b>
Marion Berry Parkway - Phase III	\$1,868,754	Substantially Complete
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project	\$750,000	Design Phase
Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II	\$620,000	Construction Phase
Campus Site Lighting - Phase I	\$538,555	Construction Phase
North End Zone/Football Operations Building	Red Wolves Foundation	Substantially Complete
Armory Roof	\$1,000,000	Substantially Complete
Fowler Center Fire Alarms	\$100,000	Substantially Complete
Fine Arts 3-D Studio	\$7,000,000	Bid Review Phase
Kays Hall Chiller	\$772,852	Substantially Complete
Kays Hall Showers	\$119,070	Substantially Complete
Student Union Acansa Dining Room	Food Service Contract	Substantially Complete
Acansa Dishwasher	\$660,437	Construction Phase
Imboden Open Pavilion	\$144,000	Construction Phase
Dyess Research Center	\$512,000	Design Phase

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

Architect/Engineer: Jacobs Engineering  
Contractor: Asphalt Producers  
Expected Completion: December 2019  
Funding: Design - University Reserves  
Construction - University Reserves

Status: Phase III work provides for the extension of University Loop West under the north bridge to connect with West Aggie Road. The roadway project was substantially complete in August 2017. The Multi-Use Trail is substantially complete. Final close out with the Arkansas Department of Highway and Transportation will be completed by December 2019.

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

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell Architects - DCI Engineering  
Contractor: In-house - Village Interior/Exterior Repairs Phase I  
Baldwin & Shell Construction - Village Interior ADA Modifications Phase II  
Bailey Construction - Village Interior ADA Modifications Phase III  
Construction Network - Village Exterior ADA Modifications  
Expected Completion: Village Exterior Repairs – November 2022  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope addresses the following three distinct areas: the Village Apartments’ interior ADA modifications (Phase I); the Village Apartments’ exterior ADA modifications (Phase II); and the Village Apartments’ exterior repairs. Phases I and II are complete. Exterior building repairs to the Village began in June 2014 with an ASU projects crew. This work will be phased over multiple years, but the projected completion date is planned for November 2022.

**3. Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project**

Architect/Engineer: Crafton Tull  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: Summer 2020  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Caraway Road is a north/south street that originally bisected the campus core. The street was closed pre-2010 to accommodate the high volume of pedestrians crossing the street at multiple locations. The completion of the Campus Welcome Center, along with the high volume of visitors accessing campus from the Red Wolf Boulevard entrance, warrants the need for convenient vehicular access to the North Parking Garage. The scope of work will address an improved and safe pedestrian and bicyclist crossing and reopening of vehicular access to the parking garage from Aggie Road. Conceptual designs are under review with potential parking garage entrance and circulation modifications.

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

Architect/Engineer: Morris and Associates  
Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
Expected Completion: December 2019  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The Phase II project funding will address exterior restorations to the brick, windows, and joint sealants on the lower three floors. Phase II will commence in the summer of 2019 with completion planned for December 2019.

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

Architect/Engineer: Pettit and Pettit  
Contractor: RGB Contractors  
Expected Completion: March 2020  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The Phase I project funding will address exterior lighting improvements on campus. Pettit and Pettit Engineers has provided a preliminary plan. The final design is complete. ASU in-house projects crews, along with JOC contractors, will begin work in the summer of 2019 with completion by December 2019.

**6. North End Zone/Football Operations Building**

Architect/Engineer: AECOM  
Contractor: Ramsons  
Expected Completion: August 2019  
Funding: Red Wolves Foundation Funds

Status: The project will provide a 64,777-square-foot, football-operations facility in Centennial Bank Stadium. The new football operations building will house a locker room; strength, conditioning, and sports medicine centers; a players' lounge; equipment room; coaching and administrative offices; team meeting rooms; a history and heritage showroom; and a team film room. The new North End Zone will house loge seating, outdoor restrooms, and food and beverage venues. The North End Zone was substantially completed in September 2018 with the football operations building substantially completed in August 2019.

**7. Armory Roof**

Architect/Engineer: Morris and Associates  
Contractor: Wallace Construction  
Expected Completion: July 2019  
Funding: Arkansas Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund

Status: This project scope is to remove and replace the lower flat roofs on the Armory and add a standing seam metal roof to the existing barrel roof. This project was substantially completed in July 2019.

**8. Fowler Center Fire Alarms**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit and Pettit  
Contractor: Advanced Cabling  
Expected Completion: August 2019  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project scope is to remove and replace the fire alarm system at the Fowler Center. This project was substantially completed in August 2019.

**9. Fine Arts 3-D Studio**

Architect/Engineer: WER  
Contractor: Clark Contractors  
Expected Completion: November 2020  
Funding: Arkansas State University Foundation

Status: The new three-dimensional arts facility is a pre-engineered building that will house the 3-D Arts Program at A-State. The building will accommodate studios for ceramics, wood shop, sculpture, and metal fabrication; faculty offices; student studios; an indoor art gallery; and outdoor service yard. Total heated/cooled square footage is anticipated to be 17,500 square feet with a partially covered, outdoor service

yard encompassing 8,500 square-feet. Clark contractors completed sub-contractor bidding and provided a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in late May 2019. Clark Contractors are rebidding the site package due to owner-requested changes. Pending GMP acceptance, construction is anticipated to begin in November 2019.

**10. Kays Hall Chiller**

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell  
Contractor: RGB  
Expected Completion: August 2019  
Funding: Capital Renewal Fund

Status: The project scope is to remove the existing water-cooled chiller and replace it with two, new, air-cooled chillers outside the building with provisions to connect the district chilled-water loop to Kays Hall. The project was substantially complete in July 2019.

**11. Kays Hall Showers**

Architect/Engineer: NA  
Contractor: All Surface Resurfacing  
Expected Completion: August 2019  
Funding: Capital Renewal Fund

Status: The project scope is to clean, repair, and coat 123 showers in Kays Hall. The project was substantially complete in July 2019.

**12. Student Union Acansa Dining Room Renovation**

Architect/Engineer: Xcelerated Concepts  
Contractor: Clark Contractors  
Expected Completion: August 2019  
Funding: Food Service Contract

Status: The project scope is to provide complete renovation of the Student Union Acansa dining area, which services all meal-plan students, non-meal-plan students, and A-State faculty and staff. The project scope is funded and managed by the A-State food service provider, Sodexo. Work started immediately following Spring 2019 semester and was substantially complete by August 2019.

**13. Acansa Dishwasher**

Architect/Engineer: Brackett-Krennerich  
Contractor: Baldwin and Shell  
Expected Completion: January 2020  
Funding: Student Union Maintenance/Internal Loan

Status: The project scope is to replace the existing dishwasher and associated equipment, along with making repairs to the sewer lines, ceiling, and floor tile. The dishwasher was substantially complete by August 2019.

**14. Imboden Open Pavilion**

Architect/Engineer: Brackett-Krennerich  
Contractor: Baldwin and Shell  
Expected Completion: October 2019  
Funding: Grant-funded

Status: The project scope is to build an open pavilion, road, and parking lot to be used for swift-water training at the site. Substantial completion is planned for October 2019.

**15. Dyess Research Center**

Architect/Engineer: CahoonSteiling  
Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
Expected Completion: July 2020  
Funding: Grant-funded

Status: This project will renovate an existing home to provide a 2,000-square-foot Research Center with archive storage, an archive reading area, and temporary living area for researchers. It is currently being designed and is scheduled to be complete in July of 2020.

**ASU-BEEBE**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUB-Searcy Welding Ventilation Project	\$410,000	Substantially Complete

**1. ASUB-Searcy Welding Ventilation Project**

Architect/Engineer: WER Architects/Planners/EECI  
Contractor: BCW Builders  
Expected Completion: August, 2019  
Funding: Design – University Reserves  
Construction – University Reserves

Status: The inadequate ventilation system in the facilities that house the welding program on the campus of ASUB-Searcy has been replaced with an integrated system that includes exhaust at each welding station and general exhaust for the welding lab. The project will also address HVAC concerns throughout the space. In addition, the current welding lab has been completely reconfigured to accommodate a total of 36 welding spaces. Final close out on this project should occur in September 2019.

**ASU-MOUNTAIN HOME**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail	\$375,000	Design Phase
ASUMH Amphitheatre	\$300,000	Planning

**1. ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail**

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox  
 Contractor: TBD  
 Expected Completion: Spring 2020  
 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 one mile in length. It will be a ten-foot-wide asphalt surface with a biking lane stripe. Architect/engineering selection is underway. The total cost for design and construction is anticipated to be under \$375,000. The balance of the funding necessary to complete the project will come from the auxiliary fund (\$100,000) and the plant and loan fund (\$200,000). A pending planned gift will provide repayment of funds to auxiliary and University Reserves in the future. Project completion is expected in early 2020.

**2. ASUMH Amphitheatre**

Architect/Engineer: TBD  
 Contractor: TBD  
 Expected Completion: Summer 2020  
 Funding: Private Donations

Status: A \$200,000 private gift has been received with an anticipated additional \$100,000 donation to construct an amphitheater. Two sites are being considered. If funds are adequate to proceed, anticipated completion date is Summer 2020.

**ASU-NEWPORT**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Student Community Center Renovation	\$945,000	Substantially Complete

**1. Student Community Center Renovation**

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell & Associates  
 Contractor: Bailey Contractors, Inc.  
 Expected Completion: June 2019  
 Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope is to renovate existing square footage to create a student one-stop area that provides enhanced student services including admissions, registrar, financial-aid, student accounts, advising, and tutoring. It will also address growth by providing eight new office spaces, including the location of the Chancellor’s Suite and a Vice Chancellor’s Suite to house administration in closer proximity to students. This project is substantially complete.

**ASU MID-SOUTH**

**PROJECT TITLE**

None at this time

**FUNDS AVAILABLE**

**STATUS**



**Arkansas State University-Jonesboro  
Chancellor's Report  
September 20, 2019**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH**

**Academic Affairs and Research:**

- Dean Timothy Burcham resigned from his position in the College of Agriculture effective July 31, 2019; however, he will retain an office on campus for research collaboration after accepting a position with the University of Arkansas as the Director of Northeast Arkansas Rice Research and Extension Center.
- Dean searches are currently underway for both the Neil Griffin College of Business and the College of Agriculture.

**New Faculty:**

- Thirty-two faculty completed New Faculty Orientation August 13, 2019. Training included an overview of University policies and procedures, the teaching and learning experience, faculty development opportunities, and other applicable topics. Additional training will be provided during the fall semester addressing the Promotion, Retention and Tenure process (PRT), use of Faculty180, assessment, and other relevant information for new faculty.

**Fall Faculty Conference:**

- Both new and returning faculty convened August 14, 2019, for the annual faculty conference. Provost Utter provided opening remarks followed by presentations from System President Chuck Welch, Chancellor Kelly Damphousse, Vice Chancellor Len Frey, and Faculty Senate President Loretta McGregor. An Active Shooter Training Workshop specifically designed for faculty was conducted by the University Police Department in the afternoon. College and departmental faculty meetings were conducted August 15-16.

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

- A-State's Class of 2023 was addressed at the First Year Convocation held August 18, 2019, in the First National Bank Arena. The event was well attended by the new first-year students and their parents. Student speaker, Mateo Galicia (sophomore), provided insight into how to succeed at A-State and become a member of the Pack.

**Research & Technology Transfer:**

- **Sponsored Highlights:**
  - FY19 Sponsored Submissions: \$21 Million, 60+ faculty and staff proposals
  - FY19 Sponsored Awards: \$20.8 Million, 50+ faculty and staff awards and agreements
  - FY19 Sponsored Expenditures: \$21 Million

- **Grant Award Highlights:**
  - Jason Zhou, College of Sciences & Mathematics, Department of Biology - NIH R15 award of \$419,190, *Phosphor-Regulation of CAP1 Functions in Cell Adhesion and Migration*.
  - Jonathan Merten, College of Sciences & Mathematics, Department of Chemistry & Physics - NSF award of \$239,000, *RUI: Elucidation of Matrix Effects in Laser Ablation Elemental Analysis through Absolute Quantification of Ablated Mass*.
  - Shivan Haran, College of Engineering & Computer Science - DENSO Foundation award of \$50,000.
  - Ashraf Elsayed, College of Engineering & Computer Science - AR Department of Transportation award of \$100,787, *Spatial Analysis of Benefits of Site Specific Ground Motion Response Analysis*.
  - Andrea Allen, Delta Center for Economic Development - US EDA University Center award of \$564,240.
  
- **A-State Patent Activity:**
  - *Filed:*
    - 7/22/2019 – PCT Patent Application– 3,4-THIAZOLO-STERIODS AND METHODS OF MAKING AND USING THE SAME; 1<sup>st</sup> Inventor: Dr. Mohammad Abrar Alam
  - *Issued:*
    - Patent No. US 10,144,913 B1; METHOD TO INCREASE THE YIELD OF PRODUCTS IN PLANT MATERIAL; 1<sup>st</sup> Inventor: Dr. Fabricio Medina Bolivar
    - Patent No. US 10,318,672 B1; SYSTEM FOR CONTROLLING AND DIRECTING THE FLOW OF A CHARGED PARTICLE THROUGH A DEVICE; 1<sup>st</sup> Inventor: Dr. Hideya Koizumi
    - Patent No. US 102,79,366 B2; METHOD AND DEVICE TO DETECT CLOGGED NOZZLES; 1<sup>st</sup> Inventor: Dr. Peter Larbi
  
- **Create @ State Program:**
  - Create@StAte: Making Connections That Count Podcast:  
First episode aired 9/15/2018  
Episodes released every Thursday  
50<sup>th</sup> episode released August 22, 2019  
3,000+ Podcast users

**Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions:**

The following were approved by AHECB for A-State at the July 26, 2019, meeting:

- **NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**
  - Undergraduate Certificate, Health Communication
  - Undergraduate Certificate, Health Coaching
  - Undergraduate Certificate, Marketing Analytics
  - Undergraduate Certificate, Public Relations and Advertising
  - Undergraduate Certificate, Debate and Forensics

- **EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED BY DISTANCE TECHNOLOGY**
  - DNP, Doctor of Nursing Practice
- **RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW DEGREE**
  - BS, Psychology, reconfigured to create BA, Psychology (online only)
- **PROGRAM DELETION/INACTIVATION OR REACTIVATION**
  - Deleting Graduate Certificate, Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
  - Deleting Graduate Certificate, Healthcare Emergency Management
  - Inactivating BSEngr, Engineering
- **REVISION OF EXISTING EDUCATION PROGRAM**
  - BSE, Elementary Education

The following will be submitted to the AHECB for A-State at the October 25, 2019, meeting:

- **EXISTING DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED BY DISTANCE TECHNOLOGY**
  - DNP, Nurse Anesthesia (less than 50% online)
- **PROGRAM DELETION/INACTIVATION OR REACTIVATION**
  - Deleting AAS, Crime Scene Investigation
  - Deleting AAS, Law Enforcement Administration
  - Deleting CP, Crime Scene Investigation
  - Deleting CP, Law Enforcement Administration
  - Deleting TC, Crime Scene Investigation
  - Deleting TC, Law Enforcement Administration

### **Institutional Accreditation, Programmatic Accreditation, and Program Reviews:**

- **Institutional Accreditation:**
  - No Higher Learning Commission visits or reports were due in 2018-19, and there are no interim or monitoring reports required for 2019-20.
- **Specialized Accreditation**—Site Teams from the following accrediting agencies will be on campus in 2019-2020:
  - Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology
  - Council on Social Work Education
  - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing
  - Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education
- **ADHE Program Reviews**—Program and discipline experts from the following universities will be on campus to review our Ph.D. programs (and related M.S. and M.A. programs) in 2019-20:
  - Ph.D. Environmental Sciences - Mississippi State University and Tennessee Tech University
  - Ph.D. Molecular Biological Sciences - University of Nevada-Reno and University of Kansas
  - Ph.D. Heritage Studies - Middle Tennessee State University and Goucher College

## GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

### Online:

- Summer Enrollment – 4,391(1,951 in-state; 2,425 out-of-state; 15 international)
- Summer Graduation - 799
- New part-time transfer coaches were hired to help students transfer from College of the Ouachitas, Newport, East Arkansas Community College, and Southern Arkansas University. We already had transfer coaches at Beebe, Mountain Home, Mid-South, and Batesville.
- We continue working on marketing to and recruiting active military personnel in Arkansas and the surrounding states, as well as nationally to our online degree programs.
- We are working on a collaborative partnership with DENSO, Hytrol, and Big River Steel to offer scholarships to their employees to enroll in A-State online and on-campus degree programs.

### International Programs:

- International Programs formed an oversight council to vet potential international university partnerships. The 15-person council consists of eight faculty members, of whom seven are faculty senators. The remainder of the council is comprised of two chairs, two deans, the CIO of A-State, and a student. The vetting process was created in collaboration with and input from faculty members, chairs, and deans. It was approved by the Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs and is now in place. This group is responsible for vetting each potential partner university and making recommendations on whether A-State should move forward with the partnership.
- Global Youth Program – In June of 2019, International Programs welcomed 48 high school students from Peru and Vietnam to participate in a three-week program. During this three-week program, the students had the opportunity to experience American culture in a university setting and attended classes to improve their English speaking ability. The students were also able to participate in one of two tracks of study of either Global Business, led by Dr. Phillip Tew, or Multimedia, led by Larz Roberts.

### Study Abroad:

- There were several Study Abroad programs in the summer of 2019:
  - International Sport Venues in Spain; led by Dr. David LaVetter with 25 participants
  - Honors Cold War in Germany, Czech Republic, Poland, Hungary, and Austria; led by Rebecca Oliver and Chad Whatley with 48 participants
  - Global Student Leader Program in Italy, Spain, and France; led by the Leadership Center with 18 participants
  - Saarbarg Music Festival and School in Germany with one participant
  - Spanish Immersion Program in Costa Rica; led by Dr. Gabriel Horowitz with 10 participants
  - Fine Arts Visual - Prehistoric to the Present in Japan, led Dr. Temma Balducci with 13 participants
  - Nursing and Health Professions in Ireland, led by Dr. Brinda McKinney with 11 participants

## **DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **Speaking Engagements/Meetings:**

- Attended the inaugural Sunbelt Diversity Summit
- Visited two nationally ranked veterans' centers
- Spoke at the annual Jonesboro Juneteenth Celebration
- Provided a workshop on diversity for Student Support Services

### **Strategic Diversity Initiatives:**

- Hosted 41 students from around the region at the third annual ACT Prep Bootcamp
- Hosted 60 diverse students at the second Annual A-State INSPIRE program

### **Community Engagement:**

- Provided sponsorship for the Jonesboro Black Professional Network Back-to-School Bash
- Provided resources for the High School Summer College Tour Experience

### **Multicultural Affairs:**

- Hosted the annual Lavender Graduation for members of the Gender and Sexuality Alliance
- Provided workshops on diversity and inclusion at New Student Registration
- Hosted the inaugural meeting of the Women and Gender Initiatives Advisory Council
- Developed a strategic plan for the new Military and Student Veteran Success initiative

### **Access and Accommodation Services (formerly Disability Services):**

- Hired a consultant to conduct a formal review of the policies and procedures of the office
- Developed a survey that focused on student experiences
- Enrolled 14 students with disabilities in the Academic Success and Access Program (ASAP), which focuses on mentoring and life skills
- Established a partnership with the A-State bookstore to offer note-takers a 15% discount on textbooks
- Accommodations provided - ten students requested textbooks in an alternative format for the summer semester

### **Counseling Center:**

- Activities for this time period included the following:
  - More than 50 outreach activities, including New Student Orientation; Residential Advisor training (suicide prevention, sexual assault awareness, conflict resolution, etc.); and Peer Mentoring training
  - Provided ongoing clinical services to 151 clients in-person and via Telemental Health (June 7 through August 15)
  - Orientation session for 120 incoming NYIT D.O. students
  - Sponsored Suicide Prevention Week, September 9-12, with daily educational offerings to students
  - Organized and sponsored Fresh Check Day on September 18. Fresh Check Day, the signature program of the Jordan Porco Foundation, is an uplifting mental-health promotion and suicide-

prevention event that includes interactive expo booths, peer-to-peer messaging, support of multiple campus departments and groups, free food, entertainment, and exciting prizes and giveaways. Fresh Check Day aims to create an approachable and hopeful atmosphere where students are encouraged to engage in dialogue about mental health and helps to build a bridge between students and the mental-health resources available on campus, in the community, and nationally. The Center enlisted collaboration from 19 campus departments, registered student organizations, and community stakeholders.

- Two ACES first-offense, alcohol-education classes held during August and September
- Worry Management course offering this semester, a one-hour credit course offered through Undergraduate Studies
- Walk-ins during the first week of class were up 20% over the same time last year
- Counseling Center staff members completed the following continuing education courses:
  - Boundaries in Psychotherapy and Counseling
  - Mindfulness and Meditation in Psychotherapeutic Practice
  - Anxiety Disorders: Beyond Behavioral and Medication Treatments
  - Motivational Interviewing: Introduction and Application
  - Couples Therapy: Counterintuitive Approaches to Working More Effectively
- Staff members individually completed the following:
  - Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) Skill Building: Creating Safety, Distress Tolerance, and Relapse Prevention
  - Attachment Theory and the Therapeutic Alliance
  - Post-Traumatic Growth: Advanced Clinical Applications
  - Certified Clinical Trauma Professional Training (CCTP): Working with the Neurobiological Legacy of Trauma
  - Bipolar Depression across the Life Span: Enhancing Diagnosis and Management from Youth to Older Age
  - Advancing the Integration of Digital Therapeutics into Addiction Management Strategies: Engaging Multidisciplinary Stakeholders for Optimal Application in Practice

### **Student Health Center:**

- The Director and Assistant Director earned the American College Health Association (ACHA) College Health and Wellness Professional (CHWP) certification over the summer. This endorsement authenticates the Center's commitment to providing quality healthcare and supports ADHE's mission to successfully transform the lives of students.
- The Student Health Center provided full access to students during both summer terms. More than 40% of patients treated during that time reported having no medical insurance.
- Provided more than 100 screenings for Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). The CDC estimates that youth, ages 15-24, account for half of the 20 million new sexually transmitted infections that occur in the United States each year, making testing essential in reducing transmission rates.
- Provided Family Planning services for 50 students.

- Completed 200 various vaccinations and immunization titers for Summer I and Summer II students to verify adequate immunity from communicable diseases.
- Provided Hepatitis A vaccines for newly hired Sodexo employees to promote the availability of vaccine and prevent disease transmission on campus.
- Completed TB skin tests to date for healthcare majors screening for tuberculosis (TB). This is a key strategy for controlling and preventing infection on university campuses.
- Performed pre-participation physical exams (90) to verify the health statuses of nursing students prior to clinical curriculum participation.
- Provided educational sessions for student groups, including a Physical Therapy Workshop: How to Examine the Breasts for Healthcare Professionals; Protect the Skin You're In; Sun-safe Summer, and a student athlete recruitment event.
- Student Health Center staff completed various continuing education hours required to maintain designated licensures, including basic life support (BLS), advanced cardiac life support (ACLS), APN primary care conference, and numerous disease-specific credits. This allows staff to keep up-to-date with advancements and new research, thus improving their skills and knowledge about patient care.
- Provided mass health screening for new incoming international students to ensure adequate health status and documentation.

## **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

### **Admissions:**

- Technolutions Slate, the customer relations management (CRM) platform for undergraduate admissions, launched August 1. Procedures are being developed to promote consistent processing of applications and multimedia communication. Applications are in progress for graduate and international student populations.
- Fall 2019 application processing continues to be done in a timely manner, allowing students to move promptly to the next step in the onboarding process. Staff participated in July advising events to assist with enrollment.
- Key positions have been filled to advance the division's enrollment initiatives, including a new senior director of admissions and transfer-student services director.
- Office realignment has already expanded our capacity to reach students. Processing staff have assisted counselors with school visits this month. Transfer student services held transfer days at four two-year sites over the summer, and participated in two community events.
- Additional new staff include part-time transfer coordinators across the state at four two-year sites. Degree centers at Beebe, Mid-South, and Mountain Home will not assist with recruitment. Vacancies will be filled for a processor and counselor.
- Campus visits have been revamped and integrated with Slate for better functionality and ease of use.
- Upcoming recruitment events include the following: Jonesboro Rivalry Football Game (8/26), Salt Bowl (8/30), and ASU-Beebe Transfer Tailgate (9/4).

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

- Financial Aid & Scholarships disbursed more than \$10,000,000 in financial aid for the 2019 summer terms.
- Scholarship processing and award offers continue for the Fall 2019 new freshman class. Federal and state financial-aid award processing for current and returning students for the 2019-2020 academic is underway.
- Department staff participated in various campus and community outreach events:
  - All New Student Orientation Session for FY20
  - Division of Diversity and Community Engagement ACT Prep Program
  - Transition Studies Program Open House
  - Centennial Bank Recruitment Event in July
  - Summer Bridge Academy

### **Enrollment Management Communications:**

- Slate CRM update:
  - Built and launched the undergraduate application. More than 900 undergraduate applications have been received through Slate.
  - Launched the A-State inquiry form for the entire University (undergraduate, graduate, international, and online).
  - Launched the Pack Preview registration form.
- Communications Plan
  - Created the monthly communications plan for Admissions Counselors, along with writing each email, text, letter, etc., to be sent as part of the plan
  - Outlined communications strategy for fall semester 2019
- Publications
  - Mailed 1,000 transfer postcards; 5,000 Campus Visit/Pack Preview save-the-date cards; 18,000 (three sets of 6,000) senior summer postcard series
  - Created and printed 6,000 viewbooks (in-depth publication for high school seniors)
  - Created and currently printing 6,000 welcome guides (in-depth publication for students visiting campus)
  - Created and currently printing 14,000 road pieces (small publication for high school seniors and juniors)
  - Other pieces either already printed or are currently being printed include the following: social media "Follow Us" cards, 10,000; tuition and fees matrix, 15,000; campus contacts flyers, 4,000; degrees and majors flyers, 4,000; Red Wolf Heads Brag Facts, 15,000; Red Wolf Ready Pennant mailer, 5,000; visit poster, 250; Pack Preview poster, 1,500; scholarship deadline flyer, 1,500; sticker sheet/visit piece, 6,000; 2x15x3 red bags, 5,000; A-State logo stickers, 5,000; Chancellor letter for admit packets, 1,200; standing Howl cutouts, 8; A-State logo table cloths, 8; mini table top banners, 8; and teardrop banners, 8



## **DEAN OF STUDENTS**

### **Residence Life:**

- Residence Life hosted an External Review Team on campus to provide expert feedback on the department operations/long-term strategy for improvement. The three-person team, including a professional with tenure in the field of Residence Life, met with administrators, department staff, students, and campus partners, and focused on the following items:
  - Better utilization of resources (budget, staff, campus partners) to improve brand, student retention, and overall student experience
  - Options for long-term facility allocation and usage
  - Strategies to maximize efficiency of StarRez occupancy management system
  - Programming model to create an engaged campus community
- Residence hall summer renovations/updates include: refurbished showers for Kays Hall; updated lobby (paint, flooring, furnishings) for Kays Hall; balcony restoration for Kays Hall; new beds for female residents in Kays Hall; hallway carpet removal in University Hall; and closure of Collegiate Park pool.
- Residence Life hosted various special population move-in dates and the annual Operation Move-In during the month of August. A total of 3,179 assignment reservations were made for Fall 2019. Residence Life staff confirmed housing assignments by the 11<sup>th</sup> class day.
- The department collaborated with the Leadership Center to host the annual Back-to-School Luau in August. The event is designed to provide an opportunity for students to socialize and tour campus prior to the first day of classes.
- The department collaborated with International Programs to host a Fall Welcome Party for campus residents in August.

### **Leadership Center:**

- Transitioned New Student Registration to a comprehensive New Student Orientation program. The college-specific, full-day program provides incoming students and parents a more in-depth opportunity to interact with faculty/staff, to learn about campus resources, and to create a fall course schedule. The new platform offers an occasion to welcome new students to the A-State community and demonstrate our commitment to student success. Sessions began in April and continued through June.
- Greek Life hosted the fraternity and sorority recruitment in August. A total of 247 women were extended membership bids at the conclusion of sorority recruitment. A total of 145 men participated in fraternity recruitment, and fraternities continue to extend open bids to interested students.
- Welcome Week was hosted the first week of classes. Events included Water Wars, the annual Community and Organization Fair, Silent Disco, a downtown block party in partnership with Downtown Jonesboro, and Aux Wars.
- Order of Pack was held on August 29. The annual event highlights spirit traditions and prepares students for the home football games.
- Volunteer A-State hosted a blood drive in September to support the local blood bank and continues to serve the campus community with the Food Pantry.

### **Campus Recreation:**

- Fall club sports include the following: rugby, spirit squads, softball, shooting sports, swimming, bass fishing, archery, and eSports.
- Fall fitness classes include the following: spin, body fit, Zumba, yoga, abs, and cardio mashup. Classes are offered five days a week for students.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **First National Bank Arena (FNBA):**

- Maintenance and repair for Parking Lots A, B, and C are completed
- Tickets are on sale now for Zack Williams on Thursday, October 24.

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

- Hotel & Conference Center: The record 2018-2019 precipitation has delayed the hotel completion date to November 1, 2019.

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

- The FY20-approved ASUJ and ASU-System operating budgets were successfully loaded into Banner to facilitate the seamless workflow for departmental constituents.
- Budget office staff rolled budget and payroll records within the Banner system to provide a seamless transition for employee payroll payments on the July 15, 2019, payroll. In addition, multiple audits of the data occurred to insure that the Student Affairs organizational restructuring was incorporated correctly into the Banner systems.

### **Human Resources:**

- Office of Title IX & Institutional Equity:
  - Title IX team members attended the Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA) Sexual Harassment Case Processing & Resolution: Civil Rights Investigator Level Three Certification Course (May 2019) and Title IX Compliance and Athletics Certification Course (August 2019).

### **Employee Training & Development:**

- Hosted 120 new staff members for Part 1 and Part 2 of Orientation from May to August
- Delivered 36 (and counting) new faculty welcome boxes and presented at New Faculty Orientation
- Coordinated an active shooter training for all faculty members in conjunction with Fall Faculty Conference

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

- Significant items this quarter include the following: discussion with Associate Vice Chancellor of research about additional animal research space, completion of the application for renewal of the University radioactive materials license, and completion of the permit renewal for the University municipal separate storm sewer system program.

### **Payroll Services:**

- Time Clock Plus (TCP) Integration with go-live set for September 2, 2019. TCP pilot testing is continuing, as Payroll and IT work together to resolve issues with leave appearance on check stubs for employees. IT is currently working on the COMP extract that is required for a go-live.

### **Red Wolf Wellness:**

- Developed a new wellness education program for faculty and staff. Multiple departments on campus, Blue Cross Blue Shield, and St. Bernards will be assisting with these educational offerings. Offerings will include various health and wellness topics in the form of presentations, lunch and learns, workshops, etc., and are designed to educate, motivate, and encourage employees to make improvements and seek assistance through the Red Wolf Wellness program.
- Submitted the application for the A-State Archery Club to become a club sport. We were accepted by club sports and will be building a collegiate archery team this fall.
- Created a new wellness screening offering for campus. We have purchased new screening equipment and now are offering satellite wellness screenings at multiple locations on campus.

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

- Coordinated Lock Out/Tag Out training for Facilities Management electricians
- Conducted driving-safety training for Facilities Management
- Installed AEDs and bleeding control kits in Military Science, SAC, Eugene Smith, Animal Science, Equine Center, Centennial Bank Stadium, Educational Leadership, ABI, Administration, and Delta Center
- Conducted fire extinguisher and evacuation training for Residence Life

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

- Uniform ERP for System Campuses – Jonesboro’s transition to the cloud to create a multi-entity ERP environment is underway and making good progress. Jonesboro’s transition will require 12 months. The five campus cohort that includes all two-year schools will begin directly after Jonesboro’s completion, and they will embark on an 18-month trek to transition to the uniform ERP for all campuses. The total six-campus project timeline is scheduled for 30 months.
- Campus Projects – For the fiscal year to date, 36 classroom audio/visual upgrades and remodels were completed, eight major construction projects requiring full detailed IT integration and installation were completed, and various campus-safety door locks and cameras were installed across campus.
- ASUJ CIO - Continues to host weekly meetings with the other System campus IT leaders. The group continues to create opportunities to leverage investments between campuses and to better contain costs.
- IT Security – Please continue to be diligent and on the lookout for suspicious emails and malicious websites. If in doubt, don’t click.

### **Fiscal Operations:**

- **Controller's Office:** TCard and Department Card transactions are now live in the Concur Travel System and will be reconciled and approved in Concur. The PCard implementation in Concur will begin soon and is expected to go live in October.
- **Treasurer's Office:** In coordination with the Controller's Office, the 2019 fiscal year was closed successfully. Efforts continue to assist students in enrolling for the fall semester, including assisting with payment strategies for past balances and financial counseling for upcoming charges.
- **Business Services and Risk Management:** The office completed a review of the University's policy and procedure process, resulting in a recommendation of centralized administration and an updated online platform to enhance communication. In addition, the University's property was reappraised by the Arkansas Division of State Risk Management for the 2019-20 property insurance renewal.
- **Procurement/Contract Administration and Strategic Sourcing:** Procurement Services sponsored the annual Supplier Trade Show on May 8, with 41 vendors and more than 400 employees attending.

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

- The Delta Center was selected by the Delta Regional Authority to continue as one of the University partners administering the Delta Leadership Institute and Delta Leadership Network, a Delta Regional Authority leadership program in eight states.

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

- University Police Officers delivered approximately 1,400 welcome packets in each room of the freshmen residence halls. The welcome packets include information about how to contact UPD, upcoming events during Campus Safety Week, downloading the campus safety app *Quiktip*, registering for the emergency alert system, and general information about the department and services it offers.
- The agency successfully completed the annual accreditation review by the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) in August. The review found the agency in full compliance with all applicable professional standards.

### **Auxiliary Services Unit Report:**

- The Acansa Dining Hall underwent an extensive renovation this summer, adding two new concepts, a To-Go area and Simple Serving, which offers allergen- and gluten-free fare, fully funded by Sodexo Investment monies.

## **UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

### **Advancement Services:**

- For the fiscal year, July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, the University recorded a total of 29,260 gifts and commitments from 8,740 individual donors for a total of \$16,373,277.85. The overall giving total includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges. This makes for the fourth-best giving year in our history.

### **Alumni Relations:**

- Alumni Association memberships have remained at more than 5,000 for the second year in a row. Since fiscal year-end 2018, our 1924 Sustaining Life Memberships have increased by 44.
- The alumni giving rate at fiscal year-end 2019 was 9.3 percent. That is an increase of 1.08 percent from fiscal year-end 2018.
- The faculty and staff giving rate for A-State is at 56 percent, which is a one percent increase from fiscal year-end 2018.
- The number of official A-State license plates continues to grow, with revenues in excess of \$134,000. As of June 30, 2019, we had sold 5,006 license plates.
- The Cooper Alumni Center continues to increase its usage for events. Comparing the 2017-2018 year to 2018-2019, more events were booked, and a record number of attendees visited the facility once again. We are cautiously looking at the future when setting goals for the building due to Embassy Suites opening at the end of this calendar year. The close proximity of that facility will impact our rental revenues.
- The 2019 Distinguished Alumni have been selected. The three individuals to be honored this year are Dalton "Alec" Farmer of Jonesboro, Thomas Fowler of Jonesboro, and Donald Harmon of Jonesboro. They will be honored at a breakfast to be held October 26 at the Cooper Alumni Center.
- A new award, the Emerging Young Alumni (EYA) award, was developed between the Alumni Association and the Student Philanthropy Council. The 2019 EYA recipients are Cale Block of Little Rock, Catherine Rasberry of Atlanta, GA, Katrina Scoggin of Cordova, TN, Jamie Scott of North Little Rock, and Sydney "Ali" Sugg of Heber Springs. These outstanding alumni will be honored at a reception held on September 20 at the Cooper Alumni Center.
- Alumni outreach events are in the works for the upcoming year. Two of these alumni gatherings were held in Las Vegas during the A-State vs. UNLV football game the weekend of September 6 and 7. An Alumni & Friends Homecoming Tailgate Party will take place at the Cooper Alumni Center before the football game against Texas State on October 26. Pancakes & PJs will be held December 7 at the Cooper Alumni Center.

### **Career Services:**

- Career Services reviewed 1,091 resumes, cover letters, and graduate application letters; conducted 252 mock interviews; and hosted 17 employer interviews for 160 students during the 2018-19 academic year. Student participation with campus interviews increased by 31 percent.
- Approximately 4,721 student contacts were made through classroom presentations, after-hours workshops, career fairs, and special events during the 2018-19 academic year.
- Approximately 458 employers and 1,667 students participated in six careers fairs. This shows that student participation increased by 12 percent, and employer participation increased by three percent.
- Career Services increased *Employer Sponsorship* funds by 45 percent.

### **Marketing and Communications:**

- Marketing and Communications provided support to the NEA Race for the Cure, involving special testimonial packages that featured A-State campus survivor, Sandra Combs. In addition to promotion

and videos, on-campus banners were created to promote the event, the largest 5K in the region. The introduction of a new provost, Alan Utter, was also managed live for our own media and other traditional media. The delivery of diplomas to two A-State graduates in Mississippi, through our online master's program, was one of the top individual online traffic features.

- Digital Creative Media generated special packages concerning study-abroad programs, including the first of a series of videos shot overseas with study-abroad students in Eastern Europe. Digital Creative Media also began providing direct assistance to Enrollment Management's communication front end on the Slate software system. Overall, Digital Creative Media generated 46 video packages for distribution.
- Social Media registered another record day with the livestreaming of the Spring 2019 commencement exercises from First National Bank Arena. Facebook remains the primary platform for video viewing, particularly streaming content. Facebook also changed its metrics. According to its new measures, our video engagement was up 248 percent, compared to the first quarter, with 126,600 minutes viewed, and with just over 35,000 minutes during commencement. In overall social media, our audience remained steady in Facebook at 113,397 followers. In other channels, A-State's main page broke past 40,000 on Twitter and captured almost 13,000 (12,900) on Instagram.
- Creative Services logged 292 jobs, but the most significant was the completion of an all-new campus viewbook in support of Enrollment Management. Also, special retirement items were created for departing provost, Lynita Cooksey, and Arkansas Heritage Sites director, Ruth Hawkins.

## ATHLETICS

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

- A school-record four students were named All-Sun Belt, including Zan Luka Stirn, Julien Sale, Luka Naglic and Joel Wendin. Naglic was also tabbed the league's Freshman of the Year.
- The Red Wolves were named a Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA) All-Academic Team for the 2018-19 season. Joel Wendin and Matthew Cole were named Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars.

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

- The Red Wolves placed five student-athletes on the Women's Golf Coaches Association's (WGCA) prestigious All-American Scholars list. A-State posted the fifth-best team GPA in the nation, making it one of 25 teams in the country to earn a WGCA All-Scholar Team GPA award.

### **Track & Field:**

- Senior Michael Carr was named a First Team All-American after collecting a fifth-place finish in the pole vault at the NCAA Outdoor Championships.
- Sophomore Carter Shell finished 14th in the long jump to earn Second Team All-American recognition.
- Senior sprinter Caitland Smith also earned Second Team All-American honors in both the 100-meter and 200-meter dash events.

- The women’s team was recognized as a US Track & Field & Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCCA) All-Academic Team after posting a 3.38 GPA for the 2018-19 academic year.

**Baseball:**

- Senior first baseman Kyle MacDonald was selected with the 825th pick in the 27th round by the New York Yankees in the 2019 Major League Baseball Draft.

**Football:**

- Hosted by the Red Wolves Foundation, the eighth annual “Helmets and Heels” program, featuring members of the A-State football team, was held July 30 at Centennial Bank Stadium.
- The Red Wolves have placed nine players on 10 different preseason watch lists.
- The Red Wolves had a league-high of 11 different players named as 2019 Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference.
- A-State signed a one-game contract to play at Ohio State on September 10, 2022.

**Athletics:**

- The A-State Lettermen’s Club will induct five new members into the A-State Hall of Honor, including former football players Alex Carrington, Greg Lee, and Jimmy Lisko; former women’s soccer player Shawna Sparks; and the late Rachel Stewart of the women’s golf team.
- Five current and four former A-State student-athletes, including Super Bowl champion Bryan Hall, earned either their bachelor’s or master’s degree at A-State’s Summer Commencement ceremony in August.

**ASU CAMPUS QUERETARO**

**Admissions:**

Created a streamlined admission process that aligns with ways in which domestic and international students are admitted to ASU-Jonesboro. Students will be admitted in three categories just as they are on the ASUJ campus: unconditionally, conditionally, or ESL. If they are admitted unconditionally, they will be required to take transitional studies courses.

**Fall Enrollment:**

	<u>Fall 2018</u>	<u>Fall 2019</u>
Freshmen Admitted	187	335
Freshmen Registered	176	241
Transfer Admitted	11	26
Transfer Registered	10	12
Returning Students	<u>163</u>	<u>280</u>
Total	349	533

### **Recruitment Centers in Mexico:**

1. Campus Queretaro: Responsible mainly for Bajío area and international students.
2. Centro Office: Mexico City and metropolitan areas including Estado de México, Hidalgo y Morelos.
3. North Office: The northern part of Mexico with two offices - Torreón and Monterrey.
4. Northwest Office: A new office will be launched next September and will be responsible for Baja and Sonora.
5. West Area: This is a new launch as well, in charge of Jalisco, Aguascalientes, Colima, Nayarit. This office is located in Jalisco.
6. South Office: All states in the southern part of the country; will be located in Puebla.

### **Advanced Engineering and Collaborative Design Laboratory:**

ASU Campus Queretaro held the opening ceremony of the ASUCQ Advanced Engineering and Collaborative Design Laboratory on August 21, 2019. The main campus was represented by the Provost Utter, Dean Bhattacharyya, and Dr. Sivakumaran. This exciting project is a joint effort of ASUCQ, General Motors, and Siemens, and represents a significant step in building relationships with education and industry. It is Phase 2 of ASUCQ's strong relationship with GM Mexico. The ceremony was attended by the CEO of General Motors Mexico, Ernesto Hernandez, and the Vice-President and General Country Manager for Mexico and Central America of Siemens, Alejandro Canela. The laboratory hosts state-of-the-art software for automotive design and will be used not only to train industry professionals but ASUCQ students as well.

There are other exciting developments with respect to the collaboration between the College of Engineering and Computer Science on the main campus and their colleagues in Queretaro. These are listed below:

- Five juniors, four in electrical engineering and one in mechanical engineering, are visiting the main campus from Queretaro. Dr. Paul Mixon is acting as their college faculty mentor. In order to enhance their learning experience, student visits to local industries are planned as well as student internships.
- The Mechanical Engineering Program Director from ASUCQ, Dr. Shivan Haran, is working to develop a tribology minor. Tribology is the science of friction, lubrication and wear. The tribology minor will help the mechanical engineering program at ASUCQ initiate an education and research program with financial support from and in collaboration with [CSWI](#), a global leader in the manufacturer of specialty chemicals, including high performance lubricants.
- Other activities that are being planned are "virtual" engineering faculty gatherings between both campuses, presentation of research talks via "zoom," and visits by one or more ASUCQ engineering faculty members to Jonesboro during the summer of 2020.

### **Faculty at ASUCQ:**

45 faculty members - 30 full-time and 15 part-time.

- 30 full-time - 18 have PhDs and 12 have master's degrees
- 15 part-time - 7 have PhDs and 8 have master's degrees



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

**New Program Partnership**

During a ceremony on July 17, Arkansas State University-Beebe and Yamaha Motor Corporation, U.S.A. formally signed a partnership agreement to establish a training program for outboard marine motor technicians at ASU-Beebe's Searcy campus. The Yamaha-specific outboard training will be incorporated into ASU-Beebe's current Power Sports program, in which students learn to repair and maintain a variety of outdoor sports vehicles and engines. This two-year program is the first of its kind in the state, open to both high-school and college-level students. High-school students from area schools participate in this and other technical training programs through the Regional Career Center at the ASU-Beebe Searcy campus. No changes to the current curriculum are required. Most importantly, this partnership and enhanced training program represent a generous commitment by Yamaha Motor Corporation USA in the form of advisement, endorsement, training aids, instructional materials, and equipment. It is a model industry investment in higher education, providing both expertise and resources to support high-tech training.

**Student Leadership Scholars Field Experience**

Student Leadership Scholars at ASU-Beebe recently participated in a Student Leadership Experience field trip to Washington, D.C. The field study experience provides ASU-Beebe leadership students the opportunity to engage with other leadership cohorts in practicing the Student Leadership program learning outcomes. Student leaders are able to experience co-curricular opportunities to study, engage, and collaborate with others in practicing the four main goals of the student leadership program: advocate for others, serve others, inspire others to join, and celebrate diversity.

**100% Licensure Pass Rate**

Administration and nursing faculty at ASU-Beebe's Practical Nursing program are celebrating the recently released statistics from the Nursing National Council on Licensure Examination results, which revealed that ASU-Beebe's classes achieved a 100 percent pass rate for 2019.

**Celebration of Giving**

A special "Celebration of Giving" thank-you event was held at the home of John and Robin Hayes in June to honor the 2018-2019 donors of ASU-Beebe. Dr. Methvin honored eight donors with special recognition in appreciation for their gifts and for the essential role they play in support of ASU-Beebe students. The *2018-2019 Community Report* was also unveiled at the event.

**Upward Bound**

Students participating in this summer's Upward Bound program at ASU-Beebe recently returned from an educational trip to Colorado. The program requires students to attend 16 Saturday classes during the academic year, participate in after-school tutoring programs, and a six-week summer program. The

summer program consists of the students living in the ASU-Beebe residence halls for five weeks during the months of June and July. The sixth week is spent going on an educational and cultural trip. In Colorado, the Upward Bound group visited the U.S. Air Force Academy Planetarium, the Garden of the Gods, the Manitu Cliff Dwellings, and local museums.

**Vanguard Discovery Camps**

The Vanguard Discovery Camps were held for two weeks each on the Heber Springs, Searcy, and Beebe campuses. The STEM-focused summer learning camps began June 3 and wrapped up July 19. Designed for students entering the fourth through eighth grades, Vanguard Discovery Camp offers a series of fun, hands-on, engaging, and challenging courses in the science, engineering, technology, and math (STEM) fields.

**Community Connections through Art**

ASU-Beebe Professor of Art, Thomas Fernandez, and his wife Irina, with the help of lots of students and community members, spent many hot summer evenings painting a mural depicting the history of Beebe in downtown Beebe. The mural was designed to commemorate the city's 144th birthday. Part of the mural portrays ASU-Beebe's State Hall Building, which was dedicated in 1938 and is a Beebe landmark as the second oldest building on the ASU-Beebe campus. In August, Dr. Methvin hosted a "Meet Me at the Mural" painting party, where many employees and community members enjoyed lending their hands to the project.

**Welding Shop Remodel**

After a careful review of the facilities related to the welding program on the Searcy Campus, the decision was made to move forward with a plan to increase the efficiency of the HVAC and exhaust system and make improvements to the space utilization. As classes were scheduled to resume in August, the time-line for construction completion was a very tight window. The proposed timeline for the project and actual completed dates were as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Target Date</u>	<u>Actual</u>
Shop Cleared and Prepped for Construction .....	May 3 .....	May 3
Construction Begins .....	May 6 .....	May 6
Substantial Completion .....	August 23 .....	August 19
Move and Set-Up .....	August 26 .....	August 26
Lab Class Resumes.....	September 2.....	September 2

**Expansion of Lecture/Concert Series**

The ASU-Beebe 2019-2020 Lecture/Concert Series will include expanded offerings. The U.S. Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus will perform at the Heber Springs Performing Arts Center on October 26, at 7:00 p.m. This will be the first Lecture/Concert Series event held in the Heber Springs community. The new season kicked off with a performance by the Arkansas Saxophone Quartet on September 16 in Owen Center Theater at the Beebe campus.

### **ASUBe Connected**

The ASU-Beebe Family has been fulfilling our strategic goal, "ASUBe Connected," since the last Board of Trustees meeting by participating in, attending, or hosting events including the following: the Poker Run motorcycle ride for ASU-Beebe, sponsored by Sunrise Honda; Movies Under the Stars at Berryhill Park in Searcy; the 33rd annual Heber Springs World Championship Cardboard Boat Races, where our boat, piloted by Nick Arnold, captured the first place trophy for the adult division, one- or two-man boats; White County Business Expo in Searcy; and Day of Caring in Searcy.

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

**1. Charity Classic Golf Tournament**

The Charity Classic Golf Tournament raised \$25,717.53 to be used for the Arkansas State University-Mountain Home Technical Center. The three-person scramble was held on June 8 and 9 at Big Creek Country Club.

**2. Suzanne Schmoker Sutherland Scholarship**

Suzanne Schmoker Sutherland, a former faculty member at ASUMH, recently made a donation of \$32,542 to establish the Suzanne Schmoker Sutherland Scholarship.

**3. Cynthia J. Aldrich Scholarships**

Cynthia J. (CJ) Aldrich recently named Arkansas State University-Mountain Home as a beneficiary of her trust. Two scholarships were established: the Cynthia J. Aldrich Women's Scholarship, and the Cynthia J. Aldrich Veteran's Scholarship. The CJ Aldrich Women's Scholarship will be an endowed amount of \$225,000. The CJ Aldrich Veteran's Scholarship will be established with an endowed amount of \$112,000.

**4. Beshears/Tinnon Endowed Scholarship**

A gift of Integrity First Bank stock was recently bestowed by Sanford Beshears. An endowed scholarship in the amount of \$51,205 from the sale of the stock was established in memory of Sanford's late wife, Cynthia Tinnon Beshears, and her parents, Thomas B. Tinnon and T. Adele Tinnon.

**5. ASUMH Amphitheatre**

A gift of approximately \$200,000 has been presented to ASUMH to build an Amphitheatre on campus. Two possible sites include the approximate location of the stage used for the Red, White and Blue Festival, or directly east of the First Security Amphitheatre at the Sheid. Architects and engineers will be consulted regarding these two locations.

**6. Walking/Biking Trail Update**

The design work is progressing on the Walking/Biking Trail. The initial drawing of the proposed trail is completed. The design work is approximately 30% complete, and final drawings and specifications for bidding should be completed by late winter. Construction is anticipated to begin in the spring of 2020.

**7. WalletHub Ranking**

WalletHub recently ranked ASUMH the #2 Community College in the nation based on analysis of 19 metrics including: 1) cost and financing, 2) education outcomes, and 3) career opportunities.

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

**Strategic Priority 1: Student Success**

- Several ASUN students competed in the National Skills USA conference in Louisville, KY. Kimberly Davison placed third in Cosmetology and Bianca Sebastian placed fourth in Aesthetics. Faculty member Kevin Gee judged a portion of the competition.
- Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) student Meghan Cantara won a \$500 Distinguished Business Leadership Scholarship and was recognized at the National Leadership Conference.
- ASUN received a \$401,000 Regional Workforce Continuation Grant to support its Northeast Arkansas Educating Agriculture Technology (EAT) program. ASUN plans to build an equipment facility/lab and purchase several pieces of equipment, including a pickup truck and hopper bottom trailer. ASUN is in the process of purchasing a greenhouse and raised plant beds, so that students can participate in the agricultural process regardless of the season and weather. The grant has also allowed ASUN to expand its program offerings to 10 partner high schools, so that students can earn dual-enrollment credit. In addition, partner high schools will have access to dedicated space in the greenhouse for their own growing activities, in order for students to be further introduced to agriculture technology even before they enroll at ASUN. Finally, ASUN will expand its scholarship opportunities for both secondary and post-secondary students.

**Strategic Priority 2: Institutional Excellence**

- ASUN purchased a 1.84 acre tract of land with a 1,267 square-foot building surrounded on three sides by ASUN property. ASUN purchased the property from the NEA Charitable Foundation at a substantial discount from the appraised price. ASUN will continue to lease the land to the Arkansas State Police for CDL testing to complement ASUN's Commercial Driver Training program.
- ASUN has completed several major improvements in Newport. The remodel of the Student Community Center is complete – creating a one-stop service area for student success. With the help of A-State, ASUN also has its 54-camera security system up and running. Finally, ASUN has completed a rekeying of its buildings and installation of an automated locking system with keycard access – providing a greater level of safety and security for faculty, staff, and students. ASUN plans to make similar improvements in both Jonesboro and Marked Tree.

**Strategic Priority 3: Community Engagement**

- ASUN, in connection with the Newport Downtown Entertainment Series, hosted "Movies in the Park" this summer. In May, families came out to watch "Incredibles 2." In June, the feature film was "Jumanji." The final installment in September was "Mary Poppins Returns." "Movies in the Park" is free to everyone and open to the public.

- Several employees and 23 nursing students helped the Cornerstone Transition Home prepare for a remodel at Rebecca's House of Hope. Volunteers organized donated clothes and household goods, and tore out drywall and cabinets. When completed, Rebecca's House will serve as a clothing storeroom and food pantry for those in need.
- The ASUN Board of Visitors held its quarterly meeting on August 15.
- ASUN hosted the TekStarz Camp in Newport for seventh through tenth graders interested in manufacturing. Fourteen students participated in the camp, which included industry tours, hands-on activities, and group projects introducing campers to the field of advanced manufacturing. The Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce also hosted a TekStarz Camp in which students toured ASUN-Jonesboro.
- Nineteen third through seventh graders participated in ASUN's Junior Culinary Camp. They learned kitchen basics, including food prep, following recipes, sanitation, and kitchen cleanup. They prepared their own lunch of pizza and salad, and made ice cream and cotton candy. Seven eighth through twelfth graders joined ASUN for Day 2 of Camp, where they learned skills ranging from table setting to torching crème brûlée.

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

ASUN has no new academic program notifications this quarter.

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

**New Chief Academic Officer**

ASU Mid-South is proud to welcome Dr. Debbie Thomas as its new Vice Chancellor for Learning and Instruction and Chief Academic Officer. Dr. Thomas brings with her more than 28 years of transformative higher education experience, having served in executive leadership positions in academic affairs at colleges in Kentucky, Connecticut, North Carolina, Indiana, Tennessee, Arkansas, and Florida. Dr. Thomas has consistently excelled in the areas of communication, collaboration, community outreach, and cultural diversity. We could not be more excited to have her perspective, experience, and leadership on our campus.

**CDL Class B Driver's Training**

Thanks to funding provided by a regional workforce grant from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and a partnership with County Judge Woody Wheelless, ASU Mid-South has begun offering non-credit CDL Class B driver's training to Crittenden County employees who are required to operate single vehicles with a gross combination weight rating of 26,001 or more pounds, or tow a vehicle not heavier than 10,000 pounds. County employees are receiving both the classroom and practical instruction that prepares them to sit for the CDL-B exam. In this partnership, ASU Mid-South provides the instructor, while the county provides the students and the vehicles necessary for the training. This training is the college's first step towards filling a growing need for Class B drivers in both city and county government, as well as in area school districts.

**Transitions for Life and Career**

This fall, Transitions for Life and Career (TLC), a division of Building Better Futures, LLC, will begin offering non-credit courses at ASU Mid-South. Building Better Futures is a nonprofit organization founded by former Arkansas State Representative Mary Broadaway. Its stated mission is to "implement the state legislation that was specifically designed to enable students with intellectual/developmental disabilities (ID/DD) to participate in post-secondary educational and vocational programs." The TLC division focuses specifically on training individuals with ID/DD to become Direct Care Professionals (personal-care aides for the elderly, disabled, or those suffering from illness). TLC provides the curriculum and instruction and contracts with ASU Mid-South for training space and supplies. A primary target for this training program will be students who currently receive Individualized Education Program services in our area high schools.

**Community of Champions**

On July 17, ASU Mid-South hosted the Community of Champions "Advocacy Takes Action Mock Vote." The Community of Champions is a nonprofit organization that works throughout the state to advocate on behalf of citizens with disabilities. The "Advocacy Takes Action" initiative helps to educate individuals

with disabilities and their families about the voting process. The free event, open to the public, included voter registration, an information station, guest speakers on disability-related issues, and – with the help of the Secretary of State’s office – hands-on experience with an accessible voting booth.

### **Arkansas Public Fleet Professionals Association Annual Conference**

ASU Mid-South will host the 2019 Arkansas Public Fleet Professionals Association (APFPA) Conference on September 18-20. APFPA’s membership includes educational and governmental agencies from across the state. This year’s conference boasts a diverse agenda, with team-building exercises, presentations, and panel discussions on a wide range of topics, including “Millennials in the Workplace,” “Designing an Effective Succession Plan,” “Pressing Fleet Issues,” and “Telematics.” Approximately 100 fleet superintendents and vendors are expected to be in attendance.

### **ASU Mid-South Greyhound Athletics**

Our men’s basketball season will get underway with the Greyhound Tip-Off Classic on November 1-2, followed by the Lady Greyhound Classic on November 8-9. The men’s team is led by Coach Chris Parker, who is in his tenth season. The women are led by Coach Mercedes Corona, in her second season as head coach. This year’s schedule features 18 home games, including 11 home double-headers. It should be an exciting year, as it will be the first year that four NJCAA teams from Arkansas will compete for the Region 2 title (North Arkansas College in Harrison, ASU Mid-South, National Park College in Hot Springs, and Southern Arkansas University Tech in Camden). Two other colleges – South Arkansas Community College in El Dorado and UA Cossatot in De Queen– also have teams, but have not yet met the requirements to be admitted into NJCAA Region 2.

### **Upcoming Events**

ASU Mid-South has several community events upcoming for the fall semester, including the following:

- **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Hometown Showdown**

September 27 is the date of the fourth annual Hometown Showdown, a community-wide tailgate party preceding the West Memphis vs. Marion High School football game. Last year’s event saw more than 4,000 people in attendance, while this year’s anticipated turnout is projected to be closer to 5,000. ASU Mid-South co-sponsors this event, which raises money each year to benefit the West Memphis and Marion Public Schools, as well as ASU Mid-South. This year, the event is also being used to raise money for St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital. ASU Mid-South is competing with both West Memphis and Marion High Schools to raise funds for St. Jude. To join Team ASU Mid-South, simply go to <http://fundraising.stjude.org/goto/ASUMidSouth> and click “Donate Now.”

- **Third Annual Halloween Bash**

From 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM on Halloween, ASU Mid-South faculty, staff, and students, will partner with the West Memphis Police Department, as well as several local businesses, to man the Reynold’s Center hallways, dress in costume, and dispense donated candy to area children (grades three and below). This event provides a safe trick-or-treating experience for kids, while



also allowing us to showcase our college and our programs to their parents, guardians, and chaperones. Last year, we welcomed more than 2,200 parents and children to campus for the event.

- **Left Bank Festival**

On October 5, ASU Mid-South will host its second annual Left Bank Festival at the Big River Crossing in West Memphis. The year's festival will still include all of the exciting elements from last year's event – iconic Crittenden County cuisine, a variety of local craft and food vendors, a catfish-cooking competition, and a 5K/10K race – but this year's festival will have a much stronger musical theme as it pays tribute to the legendary Willie Mitchell, architect of the "Memphis Sound." It will feature a performance by the original Hi Rhythm Section, with vocal accompaniment by the illustrious Don Bryant. Presenting sponsors for this event include the City of West Memphis and Southland Gaming and Racing. All proceeds will be used to support athletic scholarships for the ASU Mid-South Greyhounds and Lady Greyhounds.