

ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.

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For the period ending September 30, 2023 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$1,014,721.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$703,882
ASU-Mountain Home	178,225
ASU-Beebe	71,644
ASU-Newport	57,650
ASU-Three Rivers	3,046
ASU System Foundation	275

The Foundation reported net assets of \$115,696,778, representing a decrease of -1.76% for the period ending September 30, 2023.

The market value of the ASU System Foundation Endowment Pool for the period ending September 30, 2023, was \$111,553,656.

The net rate of return for the period ending September 30, 2023, was -2.55%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$95,756,433
Mountain Home	5,454,787
Beebe	2,140,342
Newport	2,717,031
Three Rivers	804,754
Red Wolves Foundation	1,868,063
System Foundation	2,812,247
Total	<u>\$111,553,656</u>

**Arkansas State University System
Capital Projects Report
December 08, 2023**

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
National Pan-Hellenic Council Lounge	\$427,237	Substantially Complete
Kays Hall Shower Valves	\$325,380	Substantially Complete
Dean St. Lighting and Cameras	\$463,131	Substantially Complete
Library Elevators Modernization	\$500,376	Substantially Complete
College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement	\$529,151	Substantially Complete
Arkansas Biosciences Institute 1 st Floor Exhaust Upgrades	\$901,297	Substantially Complete
Ed Comm-5 Classroom Reno-Lounge	\$350,000	Substantially Complete
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Collegiate Park HVAC	\$340,800	Construction Phase
Lab Science West Fire Alarm Replacement	\$328,590	Construction Phase
First National Bank Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement	\$830,953	Construction Phase
Quapaw Rd. Closure	\$298,870	Construction Phase
December 2022 Freeze Damage Remediation	\$3,243,164	Construction Phase
ABI Cage Washer	\$560,299	Construction Phase
Student Union Security Access	\$455,631	Construction Phase
Library Security Access	\$420,959	Construction Phase
Kays Hall Elevators	\$254,187	Construction Phase
Misc. Bldg. Site Demolition	\$4,008,109	Demolition Phase
Dyess Roof Replacement	\$250,000	Planning Phase
Loop Trail Phase III	\$875,000	Bidding Phase
Caraway Rd. Closure Improvements/Parking Deck Ent.	\$1,600,000	Design Phase
Arkansas Hall Fan Coils	\$286,000	Design Phase
University Hall Fan Coils	\$273,000	Design Phase
Tyronza Grain Bin Remodel	\$1,200,000	Design Phase
Windgate Art + Innovation	\$20,000,000	Design Phase

1. National Pan-Hellenic Council Lounge

Architect/Engineer:	AMR Architects
Contractor:	Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion:	Spring 2024
Funding:	University Reserves

Status: The current Counselling Area in the Student Union is being renovated into a space for the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). The project is substantially complete, pending the delivery of a few remaining pieces of furniture and close-out documents.

2. Kays Hall Shower Valves

Architect/Engineer:	N/A
Contractor:	RGB/Woods Masonry
Expected Completion:	Spring 2024
Funding:	University Reserves

Status: This maintenance project will replace 121 shower valves. Construction is complete and final close out documents are pending.

3. Dean Street Lighting and Cameras

Architect/Engineer:	Pettit & Pettit
Contractor:	RGB
Expected Completion:	Spring 2024
Funding:	Access and Security Fee

Status: The scope of this project is to provide lighting upgrades and cameras on Dean Street. New lighting has been installed and is working. Delivery delays have postponed the camera installation.

4. Library Elevators Modernization

Architect/Engineer:	N/A
Contractor:	KONE Elevator and Escalators U.S.
Expected Completion:	Spring 2024
Funding:	University Reserves

Status: The library tower has two traction elevators to access its floors. 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 the spring/early summer of 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. The project also includes mechanical upgrades and fire alarm upgrades. KONE has experienced material-delivery delays that have extended the project's completion date. Work is substantially complete and the inspections are underway.

5. College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement

Architect/Engineer:	Pettit & Pettit
Contractor:	RGB
Expected Completion:	Spring 2024
Funding:	University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to remove and replace the ventilation air unit with one that has dehumidification capabilities. The new equipment is currently installed and running. This project is substantially complete, pending project closeout.

6. Arkansas Biosciences Institute First Floor Exhaust Upgrades

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: RGB
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to provide a stand-alone exhaust system for the west wing of the first floor of the ABI building. The project is substantially complete.

7. Ed Comm-5 Classroom Reno-Lounge

Architect/Engineer: AMR Architects
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: College of Communications Departmental Funds

Status: The classroom portion of this project is complete. The lounge remodel is complete and awaiting closeout documents.

8. Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell Architects-DCI Engineering
Contractor: Nabholz Construction
Expected Completion: Fall 2024
Funding: University Reserves

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

9. Collegiate Park HVAC

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers
Contractor: RGB Mechanical
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope is to replace the remaining R-22 units with new 14 SEER R-410A units. This is be a multi-year phased project. The phasing plan was updated, to add Summer 2024, following the December 2023 freeze damage at Collegiate Park.

10. Lab Science West Fire Alarm Replacement

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: Johnson Controls Fire Protection
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: University Reserves

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

11. First National Bank Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: RGB Mechanical
Expected Completion: Fall 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to remove one existing Air Handler Unit (AHU) and replace it with one new AHU, which has dehumidification capabilities, and to refurbish one existing AHU. The original phase of this project is complete. A new phase, to refurbish the remaining air handlers, is in development to begin in 2024.

12. Quapaw Road Closure

Architect/Engineer: Pickering
Contractor: Meadows Construction
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to install an island that will permanently close Quapaw Road where it intersects with University Loop East. Construction is nearing completion.

13. December Freeze-Damage Remediation

Architect/Engineer: Morris AE, Inc.
Contractor: Burrows Construction, Baldwin and Shell, RGB Mechanical Contractors
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: University Reserves/Insurance Claim

Status: Construction has begun to restore freeze-and-water damage in the FNBA Arena, Collegiate Park Apartments, ROTC Living Learning, North Park Quads, Delta Center, Village Apartments, Kays Hall, ZTA Sorority House, Centennial Tower, and E. Smith Hall. Cabinet delivery has delayed completion at Collegiate Park Apartments. All other areas are substantially complete.

14. ABI Cage Washer

Architect/Engineer: Pettit and Pettit
Contractor: RGB Mechanical
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The original cage washer has reached its end of life. A new washer has been ordered and is expected to be delivered Winter 2023.

15. Student Union Security Access

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture
Contractor: Ditta Door, A State ITS
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: University Reserves/Access and Security Fee

Status: The project upgrades exterior entrances for lock down and electronic access, and adds additional cameras. Parts and materials have been ordered and construction is beginning.

16. Library Security Access

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture
Contractor: Ditta Door, A-State ITS
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: University Reserves/Access and Security Fee

Status: The project upgrades exterior entrances for lockdown and electronic access, as well as adding additional cameras. Parts and materials have been ordered. Construction has begun with considerable progress. Delivery of some parts is still pending.

17. Kays Hall Elevators

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: KONE
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project upgrades the building's original elevator controls and electronics, in order to meet current code requirements. Construction is complete. Closeout documents and final adjustments are pending.

18. Misc. Building Site Demolition

Architect/Engineer: WER
Contractor: Meadows Contractors
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Demolition of the Fine Arts Center annex is complete. The site restoration is substantially complete. The HPESS pool building demolition is complete. Asbestos abatement in the University Circle houses has begun.

19. Dyess Roof Replacement

Architect/Engineer: WER
Contractor: Baldwin and Shell
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: University Reserves/Insurance Claim

Status: The wood shingles have moved beyond their design life. This project replaces the existing shingles and addresses water damage inside the building from the leaking roof.

20. Loop Trail Phase III

Architect/Engineer: Pickering
Contractor: TBD
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 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. Bids for Phase III were higher than the project budget. The project is awaiting additional funding.

21. Caraway Road Closure Improvements/New Parking Deck Entrance

Architect/Engineer: Crafton-Tull
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Phase I expected to begin Summer 2024
Funding: University Reserves

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

22. Arkansas Hall Fan Coils

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

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

23. University Hall Fan Coils

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

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

24. Tyronza Grain Bin Remodel

Architect/Engineer: Revival Architecture
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: ANCRC Grant

Status: This project converts space in Tyronza into interpretive space and new accessible restrooms. Construction is underway on documents/design.

25. Windgate Art+Innovation

Architect/Engineer: WER
Contractor: Clark Contractors
Expected Completion: Summer 2026
Funding: Windgate Grant

Status: This project creates an Art + Innovation building to house functions for both Art and Engineering. The project is in the design phase.

ASU-MOUNTAIN HOME

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

1. ASUMH Technical Center Expansion

Architect/Engineer: Architecture Plus
Contractor: Gregory Construction
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: Grants

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

2. ASUMH Amphitheatre

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

Status: This project has been put on hold. The cost of the project exceeds the funding.

3. ASUMH Trail Lighting and Landscaping

Architect/Engineer: Halff Associates
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: ARDOT TAP Grant, Institutional Reserves

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

ASU-NEWPORT

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails NP Phase II	106,000	Bidding Phase
ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails MT Phase II	103,000	Design

1. **ASUN Walking/Biking Trails NP Phase II**

Architect/Engineer:	Brackett-Krennerich Architects
Contractor:	TBD
Expected Completion:	Summer 2024
Funding:	ARDOT Trails Grant, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project encompasses Phase II of the Memorial 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 Walking/Biking Trails MT Phase II**

Architect/Engineer:	Brackett-Krennerich Architects
Contractor:	TBD
Expected Completion:	Spring 2024
Funding:	ARDOT Trails Grant, Institutional Reserves

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

ASU MID-SOUTH

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
FedEx Aviation Maintenance Finish-out	\$1,971,000	Construction
Reynolds/University Center Chiller Replacement	2,138,000	Design

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

Architect/Engineer:	Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
Contractor:	Wagner General Contractors
Expected Completion:	January 2024
Funding:	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 construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of January 2024.

2. Reynolds Center/University Center Chiller Replacement

Architect/Engineer: WER Architects
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: Endowment Funds, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project is to combine and upgrade the chillers for the Reynolds Center and University Center. The architects and contractors are working through the final design phase, and construction documents are substantially complete. The first phase, which includes the Café Grill kitchen area, is scheduled to begin mid-November.

ASU THREE RIVERS

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Ritz Theatre Renovation–Phase III	\$861,277	Construction Phase
Ritz Theatre Renovation–Phase IV	1,261,977	Design Phase
New Nursing Building	8,000,000	Design Phase

1. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase III

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, is funding Phase III renovations, which include installing fire protection and alarm systems, continuing work on electrical and mechanical systems, lobby renovations, and purchase of a TV shop. Construction has been completed. Negotiation for the purchase of the TV shop is still ongoing.

2. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase IV

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, is funding Phase IV renovations, which include audio and visual systems, house and stage lighting, auditorium renovations, and seating.

3. New Nursing Building

Architect/Engineer: Lewis Architects Engineers
Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC
Expected Completion: Spring 2025
Funding: Federal Department of Health and Human Services Grant

Status: Lewis Architects' engineers have been meeting with Administration and Nursing faculty regarding design features of the Nursing Building. Clark Contractors, LLC, has been chosen as general contractors.

HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Caddo Center (Phase II)	\$1,400,000	Design Phase
Barkman House	850,000	Design Phase
Caddo Center (Phase III)	1,191,606	Construction Phase

1. **Caddo Center (Phase II)**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) FY2023-2024 Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant is funding adaptive preservation of the Caddo Center as a one-stop shop for students. These funds from the ANCRC, to adapt the shell of the Caddo Building, will allow continuation of the preservation of the historic Caddo Center, and provide space for Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, and Advising and Tutoring. This will improve the impression created upon entering the campus and will expand the number of persons viewing the artifacts and the associated information highlighting their importance to the history of Arkansas. This project is currently in the design phase and will be bid by November 2024.

2. **Barkman House**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Nabholz
Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) FY 2023-2024 Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant is funding adaptive preservation of the Barkman House. The grant will include new roofing, repairing all historic wood on the exterior of the building, adding insulation and duct repairs, painting, and structural repairs. This grant, awarded in May 2023, is in the design phase.

2. **Caddo Center (Phase III)**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Kinco Constructors
Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) FY 2023-2024 Grant

Status: Construction has begun and is expected to be completed by April 2024. The grant funding is to preserve the Caddo Center as a one-stop shop for students. This Phase III grant will allow space for Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and Housing.

Arkansas State University System

Board of Trustees

December 8, 2023

Chancellor's Report

Arkansas State University-Jonesboro

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH

Academic Affairs and Research

- Through the work of both the Office of Academic Affairs and Research and the Office of Institutional Research, faculty transcripts/credentials data have been transitioned from paper to digital format, making the data more easily retrieved from Banner for federal and state reporting.
- The Office of the Registrar has partnered with Parchment beginning fall 2023, allowing graduates to receive both a digital and printed version of their credentials. The digital version of a credential is certified and can be accessed from any device and location at any time, shared using all social-media platforms, and provided to potential employers. This is particularly beneficial for our international graduates and graduates seeking employment in other states. Students are already taking advantage of the digital credential, and we expect this to increase.
- A-State Online Services reports a record number of online students in fall 2023, with 7,700 online students in both terms combined.
- During the period from June 2023-October 2023, Research and Technology Transfer (RTT) had a 26% success rate in sponsored proposals awarded, with a total funding of \$756,834. Under the leadership of the new Vice Provost for Research, Innovation and Discovery, RTT has shown a 54% increase in funds requested from submitted proposals, compared to the same five-month period the year before.
- A-State Arkansas Biosciences Institute (ABI) is planning a 20th anniversary celebration for September 18, 2024. More information will be forthcoming.

- The Arkansas State University College of Agriculture Meat Market has partnered with Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry (AHFH) to produce and distribute shelf snack sticks for school children across the state in an effort to battle food insecurity.
- A vendor has been selected for developing the new Arkansas State University website, with development expected to commence in January.
- The Higher Learning Committee is set to visit A-State on January 6-7, 2024, to review the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine program, with hopes for an accreditation visit from the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges in the summer of 2024.

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions (AHECB)

- Nothing was submitted to the AHECB for A-State at the October 27, 2023, meeting.
- The following will be submitted to the AHECB for A-State at the January 26, 2024, meeting:

RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW DEGREE

- M.S.M.C., Journalism, and M.S.M.C., Radio-Television, reconfigured to create M.S.M.C., Mass Communications

NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM

- C.P., Fitness Administration
- P.M.C., Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

NAME OR CLASSIFICATION OF INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS (CIP)

CHANGE OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE, DEGREE, MAJOR, OPTION, OR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT

- C.P., Esports, to be renamed C.P., Esports Management

PROGRAM DELETION/INACTIVATION OR REACTIVATION

- Deletion, M.S.M.C., Journalism
- Deletion, M.S.M.C., Radio-Television

NEW OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION CENTER

- A-State Qatar, Doha, Qatar

ATHLETICS

Athletics Administration

- The Red Wolves partnered with Vet Tix and 1st Tix to provide donated event tickets for military members and first responders, respectively.

Football

- The A-State football team has won five of its last seven games and needs only one more victory in the last three games to reach bowl eligibility for the first time since 2019.
- Linebacker Javante Mackey was named one of 14 semifinalists for the sixth annual Shaun Alexander Freshman of the Year Award.

Cross Country

- The women's team collected its fourth Sun Belt Conference title over the last five seasons, while the men's squad claimed a runner-up finish at the league championships.
- The men's and women's squads swept the Rhodes Invitational team titles.

Track & Field

- Dr. Jim Patchell, Director of Track & Field and Cross Country and 20-time Sun Belt Conference Coach of the Year, received a five-year contract extension.

Men's Basketball

- A-State hosted UCA in a charity game, raising more than \$7,000 to benefit the Wynne Relief and Recovery effort.
- The Red Wolves held the sixth annual Boots & Ballers event at First National Bank Arena.

Women's Golf

- A-State won its annual home tournament, the Lady Red Wolves Classic, after posting the fourth lowest 54-hole score (868) in school history to top the 16-team field.

Men's Golf

- The Red Wolves won their annual home tournament, the Bubba Barnett Intercollegiate, for the eighth consecutive season.

- A-State claimed its 21st tournament championship under ninth-year head coach Mike Hagen, tying former head coach Neil Abel (1994-2006) for the most in school history.

Women's Bowling

- The Red Wolves were ranked second in the National Tenpin Coaches Association Preseason Poll.
- The Red Wolves defeated host Youngstown State 4-0 in a Baker best-of-seven championship match to win its season-opening tournament, the Penguin Classic.

MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

University Marketing

- Todd Clark was named Interim Chief Communications Officer on October 5, replacing Dr. Bill Smith.
- Current Billboard Campaigns:
 - A-State Promise Plus – Jonesboro, Monticello, Russellville, Pine Bluff, Fort Smith, Springdale
 - A-State Promise Plus (Spanish) – Springdale
 - Find Your Place in the Pack – Jonesboro, Little Rock, Rogers
 - A-State Cost Comparison – Memphis, Missouri, St. Louis
- Continue to run weekly social media campaigns on Facebook and Instagram. Audience targeting based on location, age, interest, and high school students in the household.

University Communications

- Launched a new initiative to directly provide high quality photography and video to media outlets. It is available at <https://RedWolv.es/MediaDownloads>.
- Migrated the Daily Digest email platform to a new setup that will allow external distribution to retirees, parents and trustees.
- Coordinated the following major events:
 - A-State Promise Plus Scholarship Announcement – September 27, 2023
 - Distinguished Alumni Dinner – October 20, 2023

- Campus Conversation on Growing the Pack – November 2, 2023
- Press Event for Arkansas Hunters Feeding the Hungry – November 8, 2023

Publications & Creative Services

- Continue to collaborate with Enrollment Management to produce high-impact collateral to distribute to prospective students.
- Currently wrapping up design and layout of Voices Magazine. This edition includes highlights of Homecoming 2023.
- Continue to serve as an internal advertising agency for campus departments and units.

Digital Creative Media

- Continue to create promotional and highlight packages from major campus events, including student events, athletics, major gifts, ribbon cuttings, theatre productions, and more.
- Produce high-quality photos from campus events, in studio and candid photography of everyday campus life.

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Access and Accommodations (AAS)

- The number of new students registered this September is currently 51, bringing total registration numbers to 947.
- The staff of AAS attended and/or conducted seven trainings and workshops combined, administered approximately 500 tests, filled two new requests for conversion of textbooks into alternative formats, and provided 430 van pickups and drop-offs to classes.

AmeriCorps

- A-State's Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program (NRWCEP) onboarded eight new AmeriCorps members as tutors and mentors in local elementary and high schools in Jonesboro.

- As a service project, NRWCEP students volunteered at an A-State childcare facility and served at a Learn, Explore and Grow community event, working with area youth.
- The director attended the annual Program Director Training, hosted by Engage Arkansas through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and the Program Set-Up for Directors and State Commission Staff training to help combat social inequities and strengthen local communities.

Community Engagement

- Activities sponsored or co-sponsored during this period included promotional spots on KLEK Radio, Kwanzaa Community Awards with KLEK Radio, a silver sponsorship to El Centro Hispano Hispanic Community Center for the annual Day of the Dead celebration, and the annual Homecoming Scholarship Brunch by the Strong-Turner Alumni Chapter of the A-State Alumni Association.

Diversifying Our Curing Community (DOCC)

- DOCC is a grant-funded program for students interested in a career as a medical doctor. Students who qualify receive several benefits, including a \$1,500 stipend per semester and intensive advising and mentoring by science faculty members.
- On October 4, 2023, Rebecca Patillo, the Executive Director of the Blue and You Foundation, conducted an on-site visit of the DOCC program. The meeting served as an opportunity to review the grant's management and speak to participants, while ensuring the grant's objectives were being met.
- DOCC participants have had one-on-one sessions with representatives from UAMS; participated in the Heart & Sole Marathon, hosted by the Community Health Education Foundation with proceeds from the event going toward purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AED); attended a suture clinic organized by the NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine, providing hands-on experience in suturing techniques; attended a CPR class and received certification; and attended the Student National Medical Association's Region III Conference, hosted by UAMS.

Multicultural Center (MC)

- The MC staff has conducted 28 cultural diversity workshops during this reporting period, reaching more than 700 students through classroom presentations.

- Activities sponsored or participated in by the staff during this reporting period include the following: recruiting students to participate in the Salvation Army Bell Ringing program; presenting at the High School Counselors Summit in September, hosted by Admissions; setting up a recruitment table at the Southern Heritage Classic in Memphis, co-sponsored the NEA Black Health Expo in September; and the director served as the chairman of the Alpha Phi Alpha Theta Upsilon Alumni Association Planning Committee that led to the endowment of a \$50,000 scholarship during Homecoming.

Student Diversity Recruitment

- Programs to recruit underrepresented students by their student peers included assisting the Admissions staff with 145 high school students of color from eSTEM Academy in Little Rock, who visited campus on November 13.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

First National Bank Arena (FNBA)

- Women's and Men's Basketball season started the month of November.
- "Lit'l Bit of Christmas" and "Paw Patrol" were held in November.
- Tickets are currently on sale for the following:
 - Riley Green
 - Globetrotters

Environmental Health and Safety

- Presented health and safety training for resident assistants for academic year 23-24.
- Presented "Hazard Identification in the Workspace" at the Department of Labor's Northeast Arkansas Conference.

Human Resources

- Human Resources onboarded 55 new faculty for the academic year 23-24.
- Held annual Employee Benefits Fair with approximately 400 employees in attendance.

Red Wolf Wellness

- Created, promoted, and started a 10-Week Health & Wellness Coaching and Fitness Program for 60 faculty and staff members. This program focuses on assisting employees in using their own insight, personal strengths, and resources to set goals, commit to action steps, and establish accountability in building a healthier lifestyle.

Title IX and Institutional Equity

- Established and conducted training for students, including student organizations, for the 23-24 academic year.

Training and Development

- Hosted 83 new staff members for Orientation during the months of July, August, and September.
- Coordinated the second employee Support Staff Connection Summer Workshop in July and the Department Chairs' Summer Workshop in August.
- Launched the second cohort of Leadership A-State in September.

University Safety and Emergency Management

- Created emergency action plans for residence halls.
- Worked with housing on Living Learning Center address changes.

Enterprise Risk Management

- Continued implementation of the Henderson State University Vehicle Safety Program.
- Held training meetings with EHS for the Department of Biological Sciences, relating to Vehicle Safety Program and Environmental Health and Safety information.

Fiscal Operations

- The fiscal year 2023 audit is complete, with the exit conference taking place November 13. Financial reports are currently being prepared and will be ready for the March Board Meeting.
- The Student Accounts area is working to help provide financial options for our students who want to register for the spring term but currently have unpaid balances.

- Parking Services has added a second option for online parking-permit order delivery; students may now choose to pick up an ordered permit at the Parking Services Office rather than have a permit delivered by USPS to a mailing address, providing a reliable option for residential students, who may not have a local mailing address.

Delta Center for Economic Development

- The Delta Center hosted its first Leadership in Banking Series session on October 11. The group included 22 bankers representing 13 banks. The series has been well received and will continue on a monthly basis through February 2024. Instructors and discipline expertise are provided by the Neil Griffin College of Business, the Delta Center for Economic Development, and in partnership with Jonesboro Unlimited.
- A total of 57 applications were received for the first cohort of the Arkansas Delta Women's Leadership Academy, including applications from 17 counties. Only 25 will be selected for the January 20 class.
- Approximately 80 people attended the 2023 Economic Update Forum on October 20. This was a joint effort between the Delta Center for Economic Development and the Neil Griffin College of Business.

University Police Department

- Lt. Thrasher completed a 40-hour Crisis Intervention Negotiator course. Hostile environments and crisis situations require that officers are able to diffuse potentially deadly scenarios with the fewest possible casualties. The course is designed to provide law enforcement with the necessary tools to communicate as trained crisis negotiators with subjects in volatile situations.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Campus Recreation

- Notable campus recreation activities at the Red WOLF Center during the fall 2023 semester (September-December) include:
 - Group fitness classes, including yoga, spin, sculp, cardio/tone, HIT, and butt/guts;

- Fitness challenges to encourage students to achieve wellness goals;
- Intramural events hosted throughout the semester include football, soccer, softball, bowling, volleyball, table tennis;
- Club Sports, including Rugby, Spirit Squads, eSports, and Softball competed in a variety of events during the fall semester.

Wilson Counseling Center

- Student Affairs and the Department of Psychology and Counseling continue to partner on efforts to increase student/employee mental-health awareness and promote overall wellness initiatives for the campus community.
- The Wilson Counseling Center increased services and student outreach during Fall 2023, including the following:
 - Individual counseling appointments: increased by 25%, compared to Fall 2022;
 - Student intake appointments: increased by 30%, compared to Fall 2022;
 - Workshops/Presentations highlighting personal development strategies: increased by 42%, compared to Fall 2022.

Leadership Center

- The Arkansas State University Parent Facebook page is used to connect parents to one another for support/encouragement and to serve as a question/answer venue. This page is active daily and allows staff to post reminders, event announcements, and helpful tips for supporting a college student. The platform also provides a “private” opportunity to parents to state a complaint and/or seek assistance for a frustrated student. Daily activity and group members continue to increase monthly.
- During the month of November, Student Affairs staff presented to each section of the First Year Experience-Making Connections Course. This retention basis effort provided first-year students with an overview of campus life, resources, soft skill development, goal setting, and career preparation.

Student Events on Campus

- The National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) hosted NPHC Week, which consisted of volunteering and social events to encourage campus involvement. The week included the annual Best Stepper on the Yard and a Benefit Walk for Red Wolves for St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

- Student Affairs hosted a campus educational program featuring guest speaker Savvy Shields. The program focused on empowering women and promoting a positive self-image.
- Greek Life hosted a campus educational program targeting male students. Guest speaker Dr. Louis Profeta presented information on drugs, sex, and drinking.
- Volunteer A-State hosted the annual Blood Drive supporting the efforts of the American Red Cross.
- The “Reign of the Red Wolves” was the theme for Homecoming 2023. The Student Activities Board hosted an array of events for students, including a lip-sync battle, laser tag, games on the lawn, a parade, bonfire, and more! Lawson Davis and Alandria Maddox were crowned the 2023 Homecoming King and Queen.
- The fifth annual on-campus Haunted House was deemed as the “Stephen King’s Madhouse” in Kays Hall.
- The A-State Food Pantry partnered with Sodexo to institute a Food Recovery Program. Each week, students pack and distribute fresh meals for those in need. The Pantry will distribute holiday bags in advance of the Thanksgiving holiday, as well as boxes of food prior to the winter break.

University Housing

- 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 Housing resident assistants hosted a variety of educational and social programming throughout the semester in each of their residential areas. These have been informative, fun, and well attended.
- University Housing is assisting with the University retention efforts by working with campus residents to ensure that Spring 2024 class schedules are completed and students are prepared for finals.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Advancement Services

- For the first quarter of the fiscal year, July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023, the University recorded a total of 5,690 gifts and commitments from 2,282 individual donors for a total of \$1,782,062.30. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges.
- For the 2023-24 academic year, there have been 672 privately funded scholarships awarded, totaling \$995,722.02 in awards.

Alumni Relations

- Alumni Association membership numbers continue to increase. The first quarter report showed a seven percent increase from the previous year.
- First-Year applications License 2 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 official Red Wolves license plate, offered by the Department of Motor Vehicles in Arkansas. We currently have 30 students receiving this annual scholarship (seven seniors, seven juniors, eight sophomores, and eight freshmen).
- Our annual Pancakes and PJs with Santa and Howl event is scheduled for December 2, 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 has begun the initial planning for the Association's centennial celebration in 2024. More details will be coming soon.
- Many fun and exciting events are planned for the new year, including.
 - January 6 or 7, 2024: Alumni event at Tennessee Titans game (tentative)
 - January 20, 2024: Bubbles & Bingo rugby fundraiser – CAC
 - February 2, 2024: Alumni event at Grizzlies vs. Warriors game – Memphis, TN
 - March 2024: Sun Belt Conference activities (tentative)
 - March 2024: Alumni Day at the Races – Oaklawn, Hot Springs
 - April 2024: Bark at the Park – Tomlinson Stadium
 - Spring 2024: A-State vs. U of A Baseball pre-game event – Fayetteville

- April 9, 2024: 4th Annual Day of Giving – Virtual and On-Campus
- May 2, 2024: Red Wolves on the Rooftop – ASU System Office, Little Rock
- June 24, 2023: St. Louis alumni events – St. Louis, MO

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

ASU-Beebe Increases Fall Enrollment

Arkansas State University (ASUB) joins other Arkansas State University System campuses in exceeding fall enrollment expectations. For Fall 2023, the campuses of ASUB saw a headcount of 3,018, which is a 3.1% increase over Fall 2022 and includes a 4.3% increase in student semester credit hours. ASUB continues to build relationships with area high schools and in providing programs through Regional Career Centers, and concurrent credit has proven valuable with a 2.1% increase in concurrent high school student enrollment. The work being done by Admissions, the Registrar's Office, Financial Aid, and other departments across campus has helped to reach new students and increase student retention by 6.7%.

ASUB Opens Vanguard One Stop

On September 28, ASUB hosted the grand opening for the Vanguard One Stop in the Dr. Eugene McKay Student Center on the Beebe campus. The college was awarded a Title III Strengthening Institutions grant in 2022. This grant partially funded the renovation of a former bookstore in the Student Center. The renovations established one centralized location where students can meet their needs related to Admissions, Financial Aid, Disability Services, and Information Technology without visiting multiple campus buildings.

In addition, a portion of the Title III grant focused on the development of the Virtual One Stop to provide online resources for student services. Users can easily access information about enrollment, student resources, and other "need-to-know" information by visiting www.asub.edu.

ASUB Heber Springs Signs an MOU with the Police Department

ASUB and the City of Heber Springs signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on September 29, for a Heber Springs Police Department patrol vehicle to be used by the ASU-Beebe Heber Springs Campus Police Department. The partnership between the college and the city fills a critical need on campus. While ownership of the patrol vehicle will remain with the City of Heber Springs, ASUB will include it on the college's insurance and provide maintenance for the vehicle while in possession of it. The patrol car provides added safety protection for the Heber Springs campus and underscores the value of the existing cooperative relationship between the college and the surrounding community.

ASUB Celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Foothills Merger

In 2003, the Foothills Technical Institute merged with ASUB to become the ASUB-Searcy Regional Career Center. The merger has brought remarkable growth and progress to the area. In conjunction with the ASUB Alumni Reunion, Dr. Methvin hosted a breakfast on the Searcy campus on September 22. Former employees and alumni from Foothills, along with community leaders and manufacturing partners, were invited for a morning presentation and campus tours.

Chief Workforce Officer Visits the Campuses of ASUB

Mike Rogers, Chief Workforce Officer for the State of Arkansas, spoke with faculty and students during his visit to the Searcy and Beebe campuses on October 5. He toured the HVACR, Diesel, Welding, Computerized Machining, Industrial, Power Sports, and Automotive Technology programs on the Searcy campus. On the Beebe campus, he visited with students and faculty in the John Deere Agriculture Equipment Technology) and Pharmacy Technician Science programs.

ASUB Students Featured in *Arkansas Next Pros Magazine*

ASUB alum, Jake Phillips, is featured on the cover of the 2023-2024 annual edition of the *Arkansas Next Pros* magazine. Phillips is a service technician with Greenway Equipment and a 2022 graduate of the ASU-Beebe John Deere Ag Tech program. Three young workforce professionals with ASUB degrees are also highlighted in the magazine. They are Matthew Penn, an HVAC Technician from ASUB; Landon Casey, an agriculture drone pilot, with an ASUB degree; and Elijah Woodward, another ASUB graduate with an associate's degree in Agricultural Technology.

The Agriculture Equipment Technology (John Deere) program offers a full associate degree that includes a full academic course load and technical training. In May of 2023, ASUB graduated the first completely virtual cohort of John Deere students. The second cohort began this fall with 20 students in North Dakota and South Dakota. There are five additional dealerships in the northern region of the U.S. interested in sponsoring students in the virtual program.

ASUB Celebrates ACC (Arkansas Community Colleges) 2023 Awards

Outstanding ASUB winners of the ACC Awards were announced at the Arkansas Community Colleges conference held October 8-10 in Hot Springs. Their dedication and hard work exemplify the spirit of excellence on community college campuses. Jacob Cater, from Quitman, received the Academic All-Star award; Meredith Gordon, Assistant Professor of Biology and Botany, received the Outstanding Faculty Award; and Dr. Connie Nowell, Director of the TRIO programs, received the Outstanding Staff Award. The ASUB Outstanding Alumni for 2023 was awarded to Garth Martin. Mr. Martin received his Associate of Arts degree in 1950 from ASUB, formally known as the Junior Agricultural College of Central Arkansas. He is a longstanding member and supporter of Arkansas's performing arts and historic

associations and has been a member of the ASUB Development Council for over 25 years. He was recognized by Dr. Jennifer Methvin at the alumni reunion held in September.

White County Single Parent Scholarship Awards (WCSPSA)

The White County Single Parent Scholarship Fund held its fall scholarship presentation at the ASUB Student Center on October 12. Since 1999, WCSPSF has awarded scholarships to single parents pursuing a post-secondary education. This year, 13 scholarships were awarded with a combined value of \$12,000.

Pharmacy Technician Science Program Recognition

The State of Arkansas has designated the third week of October as Pharmacy Week, and the third Tuesday of October as Pharmacy Technician Day. ASUB's Pharmacy Technician Science Program provides online coursework and in-person lab instruction and practice for students who can either meet on campus once a month or attend classroom sessions twice a week.

Pharmacy Technician students from ASUB collaborated with students from the Harding University School of Pharmacy to organize the Swabbing for a Cure event in October. The main objective of the event was to raise awareness about blood cancer and encourage people to become potential donors by providing a cheek swab. The collected samples will be added to the national registry for potential bone-marrow and stem-cell matches. The event was also supported by two pharmacy technology interns from the Doctor of Pharmacy program at Harding University's College of Pharmacy.

Janet McGregor Liles, the director and advanced instructor of the Pharmacy Technician Science Program at ASUB, has been appointed to serve as a member on the American Society of Health System Pharmacists (ASHP) New Practitioners Forum Practice Advancement and Advocacy Advisory Group for the 2023-2024 term. She was chosen from a record number of qualified nominations because of her skills and potential insight for the program.

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarships and Guest Speaker

ASUB Pharmacy Tech student Kristina Busbea has been awarded a \$250 scholarship to cover the cost of the Pharmacy Technician Certification exam fee from Walgreens and PTK (Phi Theta Kappa) (Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society). Busbea, from Garner, is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Pharmacy Technician Science.

ASUB Phi Theta Kappa member, Shawn Murphey, has been named as a 2023 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar and recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship. Murphey, from Cabot, is majoring in computer systems and networking technology. The Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholarship Program helps new Phi Theta Kappa members defray educational expenses while enrolled in associate degree programs.

Scholars are selected based on scholastic achievement, community service, and leadership potential. 1,100 applications were received.

On October 23, the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at ASUB hosted a guest presentation "The Dust of Kabul: The Root Causes of the Hamas Attack on Israel". The guest speaker, Sam Jeffrey, Director of Harding University's Criminal Justice Program, addressed questions submitted by ASUB students. Cyndy Rios served as the moderator for the event.

ASUB Students Volunteer with Sunshine Rodeo

The November 2023 issue of *Arkansas Living Magazine* featured a cover story on the Sunshine Rodeo sponsored by the Crossroads Cowboy Church in El Paso, Arkansas. The event began in 1996 and features rodeo-themed activities specifically tailored for elementary to high school-age students with mental and physical challenges. Each year more than 100 ASUB students volunteer.

ASUB Supports Community Events

Staff and faculty members from ASUB passed out program information cards and visited with members of the community during the 45th Annual CabotFest and the Fallin' Blackbird Festival & 5K held in downtown Beebe.

ASUB celebrated Halloween as employees and students participated in entertaining activities. Eight student clubs and academic programs hosted tents and passed out loads of candy during the Trunk-or-Treat event in downtown Beebe. The Searcy campus hosted a Halloween Carnival in the Student Center. Students, faculty, and staff members enjoyed fun games, candy treats, and a special lunch on Halloween day.

Workforce and Career Education programs were promoted during the Cleburne County manufacturing hiring event held at the Heber Spring Community Center on August 25. Karen Drobeck, Director of Workforce and Community Development, was able to make connections with several industry partners to set up training programs for their employees.

ASUB faculty and staff from the Searcy campus met with members of the community at the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce Spooktacular Business Showcase on October 20. Allied Health and Workforce Development programs were represented along with Adult Education and ASUB Admissions.

ASUB Makers Days Support Student Fund

ASUB held the annual Makers Days on October 19 and October 24 in the England Center pottery studio. Community members, alumni, employees, and students participated by channeling their inner artisans to craft pottery with guidance from Lisa Floryshak, Assistant Professor of Art. These handmade creations

will be included in the annual pottery sale at the upcoming ASUB Tree Lighting Ceremony, scheduled for November 30. The proceeds from the sale will go to support the Student Emergency Hope Fund. This fund serves as a vital resource for students facing unexpected challenges, offering them support and hope during times of need.

ASUB Literary and Arts Magazine Published

Members of the ASUB Publishing Studio welcomed students, faculty, and staff on September 26 to view the fourth edition of *Uncharted*. The magazine is a product of the Division of Arts and Humanities, published by students and faculty, and featuring literary and art submissions by talented authors and artists who are students and alumni of ASUB. The fourth volume of the magazine highlights winners of the 2022 Poetry Contest, which was held in honor of National Poetry Writing Month, as well as the winner of the "Think Globally, Act Locally" essay contest sponsored by the ASUB Global Awareness Committee.

ArkACRAO Preview Day hosted by ASUB

ASUB welcomed high school students, their counselors, and representatives from Arkansas colleges to the Beebe campus on October 18. Approximately 393 high school students attended from around the state. The event is co-hosted by ASUB and the Wilbur D. Mills Education Service Cooperative to provide students the opportunity to explore careers and courses of study offered at the member institutions.

ASUB Academic Program Notifications

None

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

Mountain Home High School

The Mountain Home Promise (made possible through the Mountain Home Education Foundation) continues to encourage Mountain Home High School graduates to choose ASUMH. In 2023, Mountain Home High School graduated 254 seniors. Of those graduates, 102 are attending ASUMH this fall, with 9 out of 10 enrolled as full-time students. With a capture rate of over 40%, this fall's MHHS enrollment numbers far exceed previous years.

New and Improved Collaboration Spaces on Campus

On-campus participation has increased among ASUMH students, faculty, and staff through the creation of new collaboration spaces, including the new Learning Commons in Dryer Hall (previously the Tutoring Center) and the reconfiguration of the Wright and Chancellor's conference rooms in Roller Hall. Power of the Parliament, a new, virtual collaboration space meets each Friday via Microsoft Teams to share and celebrate institutional and departmental updates and special events at ASUMH.

MOA Review

ASUMH was selected for a Methods of Administration (MOA) review related to equitable and accessible services and facilities for career and technical educational activities at the college. Our reviewer from the Arkansas Department of Education Perkins and Accountability Office conducted one-on-one interviews with seven CTE students and 10 faculty and staff who work with CTE students. Our exit interview was excellent with only minor suggestions for possible enhancements.

Aspen Prize

For the fifth time, ASUMH has been recognized by the Aspen Institute as one of the top 150 community colleges in the nation. With this recognition comes the opportunity to compete for the 2025 Aspen Prize for Community College Excellence.

Organizational Structure Review

As of November 8, ASUMH has launched a strategy to undergo a full review of the institution's organizational structure. The goal of the review is to consider structural changes that can lead to improvements in efficiency, sustainability, and student success. Work groups comprised of faculty and staff will research, review, and propose structure options through three lenses: academics, student services, and operations. All faculty and staff have been encouraged to participate.

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

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) played its first intercollegiate game on September 5. The Aviators Softball Team hosted the Bucks from the University of Arkansas-Rich Mountain at George Kell Park in Newport.
- On September 18, ASUN students and staff observed Constitution Day, a national holiday commemorating the historic signing of the United States Constitution. A special thank you goes to our guest speakers and all who participated, included below:
 - ASU-Newport Campus
 - Raising of the Flag - Newport High School ROTC
 - Reading of the Preamble - Campus Police Chief Johnathan Tubbs
 - Guest Speaker - Lt. Kyle Whisenhunt
 - ASUN Jonesboro Campus
 - Raising of the Flag - Jonesboro High School ROTC
 - Reading of the Preamble - Officer Greg Lawson
 - Guest Speaker - Mayor of Jonesboro Harold Copenhaver
 - ASUN-Marked Tree Campus
 - Raising of the Flag - Marked Tree High School ROTC
 - Reading of the Preamble - Officer Kendall Billings
 - Guest Speaker - Mayor of Marked Tree Danny Johnson
- ASUN's third WAGE class completed its program at McPherson Correctional Unit. Four Prison Education Students received their Certificate of Proficiency (CP) in Welding Fundamentals. Two students plan to complete a CP in Welding General.
- ASUN announced new Student Government Association Officers (SGA):
 - President-Lana Gonzalez
 - Vice-President-Mary Sanders
 - Treasurer-Jonathan Lindley
 - Secretary-Carley Clark
 - Senators: Jesse Bradway, Ashton McElhannon, Lacy Tyson, Zenah Shaheed, Macee McGill, and Lyrick Stapleton
- ASUN students actively participated in Red Ribbon Week from October 23-26. Along with Red Ribbon Week, ASUN also hosted the Student Fall Festivals. The theme for Monday to Wednesday was "Drugs Are Scary," and the theme for Thursday was "Team up Against Drugs." The students enjoyed various activities, including costume and pumpkin-decorating contests, volleyball, Baggo, basketball, pumpkin tic-tac-toe, ring toss, and a cake walk. Additionally, they had a chance to interact with PTK, SGA, Aviators' softball and basketball teams, Unity Health Newport, and Jackson County Wellness members.
- ASUN organized career fairs with multiple participating vendors on each campus, offering invaluable opportunities for students and the community.

- The ASUN Adult Education program has 12 students in a 150-hour, eight-week course, preparing them for entry-level welding employment.
- Ashley Davis (welding student) completed the CP in Welding Fundamentals and is now working on the CP in Welding General, giving us another student of the Prison Education Program, which is made possible through the Second Chance Experiment grant.
- ASUN held its final home game (fall ball) for Aviator Women's Softball against Central Baptist College. The event was made even more memorable as several players received plaques to celebrate major accomplishments in our University's intercollegiate athletics' history.
- Local high school students were invited to tour the Be Pro Be Proud Truck to explore various career and technical education opportunities on November 7 at the ASU-Newport campus and on November 8 at the ASUN-Jonesboro campus. This career exploration tour was made possible through the Career Coach grant.

Strategic Priority 2: Employee Success

- Stephanie Wilson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, is the recipient of the 2023 Arkansas Council of Teachers of Mathematics' Excellence in Two-year College Mathematics Teaching Award. She will be honored at the state conference in Little Rock in November.
- Irina Reynolds, Assistant Professor of Oral Communications and College and Life Skills, read to students at the Pre-K class in Newport Elementary School on September 28.
- Zack Bilbrey and Kathryn Briley were selected to join the 19th Class of New Vision Newport. This local leadership-development program offers class members leadership skills, a greater knowledge of various aspects of our community, team building, and relationship-building skills.
- Kathryn Briley and Lindley Gilliam participated in Pack the Shack 2023! Newport and Tuckerman CTE Programs packed 51,820 Red Beans and Rice meals that will help to feed people in Jackson County.
- Academic and Student Affairs staff have volunteered to present Career Exploration at Newport High School's Afterschool Program.
- Arkansas Community Colleges (ACC) proudly recognized Mary Houchin and Latisha Clark as ASUN Outstanding Staff and Faculty Members for 2023 at the Annual Conference in Hot Springs
- Dr. Jeri Bryant and Mr. John Judd participated in the National Science Foundation's Principal Investigators' Conference in Washington, D.C., this October as first-time grant awardees of the CAMPP Grant.
- The ASUN Eclipse Planning Committee has been accepted to participate in the Eclipse Stars Educator Workshop program facilitated by the Astronomical Society of the Pacific. The group will receive professional development to help engage K-12 students throughout our Service Area with STEM activities for the Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. This also comes with a small stipend of \$300 to assist with outreach supplies.

Strategic Priority 3: Institutional Excellence

- On September 8, ASUN faculty and staff appeared on the television program, "thv11/The Vine." During Continuing Education Week, students can become workforce-ready in Agriculture, Surgical Nursing, High Voltage Lineman Technology (HVLT), and Commercial Driver Training at ASUN.
- ASUN was awarded the Arkansas Collegiate Network Grant Opportunity (\$6,000). Phi Theta

Kappa (PTK) will be helping with this initiative, which includes drug-use awareness and prevention.

- ASUN was awarded a National Science Foundation (NSF) grant of \$348,000 for the Creating Advanced Manufacturing Pathways Program (CAMPP).
- NextEra Energy, a leader in the field of solar energy, presented ASU-Newport with a \$10,000 check to support the Sydney Sutherland Endowed Scholarship Fund. This generous donation will help nursing students achieve their goals and dreams.
- ASUN has registered the most VR Career Explorations Users (26.4%) across higher education institutions within Arkansas.
- ASUN has launched a monthly newsletter entitled "An Aviator's Journey." The newsletter will chronicle all the great things happening at ASUN each month.
- ASUN celebrated National Surgical Technologists Week, September 17-23.
- The Aviator Leadership Academy's Class V held orientation for the 2023-2024 academic year. The session was led by Joe Campbell, the Dean for Liberal Arts, and Ike Wheeler, the Vice Chancellor for Institutional Advancement. The Academy attracts participants from various campus communities and focuses on modern leadership topics.
- Adult Education participated in a statewide Open House that included our Jonesboro, Trumann, and Marked Tree sites on September 21. Adult Education offers many educational opportunities, including high school equivalency preparation, workforce training, English language instruction, and college readiness courses.
- The all-new ASUN Honors Program is beginning this semester! The ASUN Honors Program students are eligible for a \$250 scholarship each semester. For more information on the Honors Program, click the link: <https://www.asun.edu/honors>.
- ASUN faculty, staff, and students participated in "Pink Out Day" on October 18 to raise awareness of Breast Cancer.
- ASUN has launched the Industrial Maintenance Technician Registered Apprenticeship Program (RAP). The program was designed along with Post Consumer Brands, the Arkansas Office of Skills Development (OSD), and the U.S. Department of Labor (USDOL). Apprentices, who complete the ASUN program, will earn two Certificates of Proficiency, a Technical Certificate, and a portable national credential from the USDOL. The program also includes approximately 36 months of competency-based, on-the-job learning.
- ASUN received the Delta Regional Authority Grant (DRA) of \$221,000. This grant will be used to help fund the Newport Healthcare Workforce Training Center project and to construct a state-of-the-art nursing and allied health professions simulation workforce training center on the ASU-Newport Campus.
- Based on industry need, ASUN submitted a request to add a new degree program. The Associate of Applied Science-Radiologic Technology program prepares students to successfully function in the clinical setting, performing diagnostic imaging examinations. After completing the Associate of Applied Science in Radiologic Technology, the graduates will be eligible to sit for the American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) exam to become credentialed as an R.T.(R). We expect to accept the first students into the program in August 2024.
- The IGNITE Academy (Secondary Center) expanded this year by offering Criminal Justice at the Newport campus.

Strategic Priority 4: Community Engagement

- ASUN hosted a community Fall Festival on the campus. The event boasted an exciting lineup of activities, entertainment, and delectable food options for the entire family. There was live music performed by Vikki McGee and Sonny Campbell and an array of attractions, including bounce houses, pumpkin decorating, face painting, hayrides, a petting zoo, carnival games, snow cones, cotton candy, and a cake walk. The Fall Festival was made possible through support from our generous sponsors: Darling Pharmacy; Darling's Fine Things; Dr. Patti Mullins, D.D.S.; 2-Chicks Florist; and Jackson's Funeral Home.
- ASUN sponsored a tent at the Depot Days Festival. Visitors interacted with faculty and staff to learn about ASUN's exciting initiatives.
- Program Advisory Committees took place during September at Newport, Jonesboro, and Marked Tree. More than 100 individuals were on our campuses to support our programs. They provided important feedback after reviewing our programs and curriculum.
- ASUN participated in the Trashiest Team Contest, organized in partnership with the Newport Chamber of Commerce. The event was fun and engaging, as groups from various parts of the campus joined in to showcase their Aviator spirit while promoting a cleaner environment.
- ASUN participated in the NEA District Fair from September 25-30. Our Aviator booth was well-maintained and included information about various topics related to ASUN.
- On December 5, ASUN held its annual Christmas party at the Purdy House with many faculty, staff, and community members in attendance.
- ASUN produced a commercial float and participated in the Jonesboro and Marked Tree Christmas Parades. The Newport Christmas parade is on December 14.

ASUN Academic Program Notifications

- ASUN is de-activating the Technical Certificate and Associate of Applied Science in Business Technology degrees.

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

Fall 2023 Enrollment Update

ASU Mid-South's final fall headcount of 1,086 students reflects an 8.3% enrollment increase over final enrollment at the end of Fall 2022. Student semester credit hours also increased this fall, with a 6.3% gain over last fall. These gains are attributed to increases in Secondary Center enrollment, as well as the addition of Commercial Driver Training and the Baseball Program.

ADTEC Meeting

On September 28, ASU Mid-South hosted a meeting of the Presidents and Chancellors of the five Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC) Colleges. The purpose of the meeting was to orient the new ADTEC presidents and chancellors to the history and purpose of the consortium and to allow the colleges to re-commit to a regional approach to workforce and economic development moving forward.

ADTEC was created in 2005, when four community colleges in eastern Arkansas - Arkansas Northeastern College, Arkansas State University Mid-South (then Mid-South Community College), East Arkansas Community College, and Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas - decided to use their collective resources to address current and future training needs of business and industry in the Arkansas Delta. Arkansas State University-Newport joined the consortium the following year.

The purpose of ADTEC is to provide a collaborative regional approach that addresses the unique workforce development needs of the Delta. Member colleges collaborate to share curriculum, expertise, support strategies, and industry input regarding the training needs of the region. The colleges also work together to secure the grant funding necessary to provide the high-wage, high-skill, high-demand training needs required to move the region forward. Over the past years, ADTEC has secured eight federal grants and seven state grants, totaling more than \$31 million dollars.

State funding for the ADTEC Consortium goes to support training initiatives at the five member colleges, as well as University Center Partnerships with Arkansas State University and the University of Arkansas-Fort Smith.

Interim Dean of Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation

ASU Mid-South's Director of Workforce Training and Community Education, Michelle Bennett, has agreed to also serve in an interim role as Dean of Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation, until that position can be permanently filled.

2023 Halloween Bash

ASU Mid-South welcomed area sixth graders to campus on October 31, for a Trick-or-Treat College Tour. The first buses arrived from area elementary schools at 9:00 a.m., with students beginning their routes in the Allied Health Building, the Reynolds Center, the Workforce Technology Center, and the Welding Annex. Groups, varying

in size from 44 to 75, progressed from these drop-off points to other campus buildings, accompanied by their teachers and chaperones. Staff from the Administration Building, dressed as characters from “Toy Story”, served as guides to ensure that no one got lost between buildings. Participating offices and department staff were costumed and decorated and provided candy to the students along their walking tour of the College’s facilities. Additional candy and information stations were manned by community partners, East Arkansas Family Health, Crowley’s Ridge Development Council, and Crittenden County Boys and Girls Club, as well as industry partners, West Memphis Steel and Hino Motors. In total, approximately 400 sixth grade students visited campus between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Greyhound Basketball Update

The ASU Mid-South Greyhound Basketball Season kicked off in November, with the Greyhound Men’s team hosting Division I Jones College (MS) on November 3, and Division I Northwest MS Community College on November 4 for the Greyhound Tip-Off Classic. The Lady Greyhounds Tip-Off Classic was played the following weekend, with the women hosting Division I Northwest MS Community College on November 10 and Region II rival, Connors State College (OK), on November 11. The Greyhound Men have received votes in the pre-season NJCAA Division II rankings for the upcoming season, the only Arkansas NJCAA program to do so.

Project Upskill Mid-South

The University of Memphis was recently awarded a \$21.5 million Good Jobs Challenge grant by the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) to fund a project called “Upskill Mid-South.” ASU Mid-South will serve as a partner and regional training center with the University of Memphis as part of this project.

The goal of the project is to address future industry needs in advanced manufacturing, construction, and transportation/logistics through collaboration and innovation and by creating regional workforce training pipelines across West Tennessee, East Arkansas, and North Mississippi. The primary focus of the project will be to support Ford Motor Company’s Blue Oval Electric Vehicle Assembly Complex being constructed near Stanton, TN. However, the skills training delivered as part of this project will be transferable to other industries within these sectors.

Round 4 DOL Strengthening Community College Grant Applications

ASU Mid-South is submitting two different applications for grants under Round 4 of the Department of Labor’s Strengthening Community Colleges Training Grants program.

- **Bridging Healthcare Workforce Shortages in Arkansas (BRIDGE-AR)** - The first of these applications focuses on developing and enhancing pathways in Nursing (specifically CNA and LPN) and EMT/Paramedic. The University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College is serving as the lead institution for this application, with participants to include ASU Mid-South, East Arkansas Community College, Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas, and Southeast Arkansas Community College.
- **Arkansas Delta Strengthening Community Colleges** - The second of these applications focuses on developing/enhancing pathways in Transportation/Distribution/Logistics. ASU Mid-South is serving as the lead college on this application, with participants including three of the other four ADTEC colleges – Arkansas Northeastern College, East Arkansas Community College, and Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas.

The deadline for submission is November 14, and while we will not know until later whether our applications are successful, we do know that the tremendous amount of groundwork we have put into these applications will pay dividends in other ways - mainly by positioning us for future funding opportunities.

Academic Program Notifications

ASU Mid-South has the following academic-program status changes to report this quarter, resulting in three programs and their associated degrees and certificates being moved from active to inactive status:

<u>CIP Code</u>	<u>Award</u>	<u>Program Name</u>
09.0702	Associate of Applied Science	Digital Media
50.0602	Certificate of Proficiency	Film & Video Production
51.0908	Associate of Applied Science	Respiratory Care
52.0901	Associate of Science	Hospitality Management
52.0901	Associate of Applied Science	Hospitality Management
52.0901	Technical Certificate	Hospitality Management
52.0901	Certificate of Proficiency	Hospitality Management
12.0507	Certificate of Proficiency	Food Service Management

Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees Report
November 10, 2023

Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University Three Rivers

Arkansas State University Three Rivers (ASUTR) held a groundbreaking ceremony for its new Health Sciences building on October 26, 2023. We were honored to have ASU System President Dr. Charles Welch and ASU System Board Vice Chair Mr. Steve Eddington join us to offer remarks. We also appreciate members of the ASU System Board of Trustees, Rev. Robert Rudolph and Mr. Price Gardner; the ASUTR Board of Visitors, which includes State Representative Rick McClure; and representatives from the offices of U.S. Senator John Boozman, U.S. Senator Tom Cotton, and U.S. Representative Bruce Westerman for attending our celebration of this exciting new chapter at ASUTR. This 27,500-square-foot facility will include classrooms, testing rooms, computer labs, student study and assembly areas, as well as state-of-the-art simulation labs with observation rooms, 14 offices, conference rooms, and a lecture/meeting hall that seats approximately 200. In addition, we will be making improvements and enhancements to our existing facility. With the steady growth in our nursing program, we are very excited to provide the best training and education to benefit even more future health science professionals in our area. We extend our deepest appreciation to the office of Senator John Boozman for his assistance in securing funding for this project.





Year three fall enrollment for the Saline County Career Technical Campus (SCCTC) was 735 students, which is a 110-student increase over Fall 2022. Our staff includes 18 full-time and three part-time employees, and one contracted employee (SRO). Combined, they bring approximately 375 years of industry experience.

The ASUTR Career Center's total enrollment increased by 17% between Fall 2022 and Fall 2023, from 176 students to 206.

The ASUTR Library has made significant changes to the front and rear sections of the library. We replaced the awning and re-sodded the grass outside the rear entrance to the library, adding to the curb appeal. The front shelving units were moved to the back. That space was repurposed for a seating area with comfortable furniture. New lamps with USB ports, as well as USB-C and lightning cables, were added throughout the

library to add appeal and functionality, providing a more casual atmosphere, while adding multiple areas for students to charge their devices.

The West Fraser Qualified Millwright and Electrician programs, through our Workforce Development training, continue with a total of 3,488 hours of training scheduled through the end of FY 2024. We are currently conducting the ASUTR Professional Development Academy for the following:

West Fraser Mills in Leola, AR; Huttig, AR; Joyce, LA; Angelina, TX; Henderson, TX;

Xpress Boats and Veranda Luxury Pontoons;

Clark County Workforce Training Group (Siplast, South Central Electric Co-op/South Central Connect, Drumco, Samantha's Café and Bakery, Arkadelphia Alliance);

Jasper Lumber Company – Jasper, AL;

Southeastern Timber Company – Akerman, MS (one class).

Last month marked our first graduating class of Telecommunications Tower Technicians. John Caver is the Program Manager, and the current class is in the Tower Climbing portion of the program. The next Tower Technician class will begin on November 13.

The ASUTR Office of Financial Aid has had a complete turnover of staff in August/September, which precipitated the hiring of Financial Aid Services (FAS) to review, train, and recommend best practices in the management of financial aid to students. The new Financial Aid Director, Danielle Brown, has developed a close collaborative relationship with FAS consultants and is working to repair the perception of the Office of Financial Aid with students, faculty, and administration.

Ten Education Opportunity grants were awarded to employees seeking their bachelor's or master's degrees through ASU or HSU for the Fall 2023 semester.

TRiO Student Support Services submitted the 2023-2024 TriO budget and received approval from the U.S. Department of Education for \$318,277.00, which is a 4% increase from the previous budget year.

The Career Pathways Initiative's statewide goal is to end the dependence of parents on government benefits, and has identified the following objectives in order to accomplish this desired goal:

Objective1: Increase enrollment by 3% from the previous year;

Objective 2: 40% of students withdrawn earn a credential;

Objective 3: 80% of completers are employed within six months or withdraw.

The Eagle Outreach Food, Clothing, and Hygiene Pantry served 106 households during the month of July, 199 households during the month of August, and 147 households during the month of September.

On October 31, ASUTR held its annual Trunk-or-Treat event on campus for the community. Each department participated, decorating a themed station and handing out treats provided by the Student Government Association. We saw the biggest turnout to date this year, with more than 2,000 trick-or-treaters attending the event!

**Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees Report
December 8, 2023**

**Chancellor's Report
Henderson State University**

Dr. Trey Berry Appointed Henderson Chancellor, Effective January 1, 2024

The biggest news of the fall is that Trey and Katherine Berry will be joining us January 1 as our campus leaders. As most of you know, Dr. Trey Berry brings his enthusiasm and creative leadership to us from his role as President of Southern Arkansas University, where he has served to the great benefit of that campus and community. The selection of Dr. Berry as our Chancellor has been enthusiastically welcomed across our campus and throughout our community.

CHI St. Vincent Partnership Provides Scholarships, Job Paths for HSU Nursing Students

Seven Henderson State University senior nursing students will receive financial aid, thanks to an agreement with CHI St. Vincent, a regional health network serving Central and Southwest Arkansas communities since 1888. The students were awarded \$1,250 for both the first and second semester of their senior year, based on academic performance, essays, and a desire to work for CHI St. Vincent after graduation for at least 18 months. The students signing the agreement were Alejandro Santos, Hot Springs; Kylie Wornick, Norman; Lunden Cotton, Arkadelphia; Karlie Hernandez, Kirby; Gabriela Velazquez, Amity; Mayra Altamirano, Hot Springs; and Astrid Jasso, De Queen.

The CHI St. Vincent Pathways Program, through the Henderson Foundation, included an initial \$20,000 commitment and will provide \$2,500 in financial aid for up to eight nursing students each year. "The partnership CHI St. Vincent has with Henderson State University has been priceless over the years. We have many of their former students, who are excellent nurses in many different roles, that allow us to give exemplary care to the patients in our community," stated Teresa Lambert, Vice President of Patient Care Services and Assistant Chief Nursing Officer of CHI St. Vincent Hot Springs. "It is an honor and a pleasure for CHI St. Vincent to support the Henderson State University nursing students. They are our community's future nurses and leaders in healthcare."

Other Examples of Progress on Campus Include the Following:

- Henderson received a clear audit from legislative auditors;
- The financial performance of the University is on track to produce better-than-expected results for the fiscal year, and we are hearing from alumni and friends, who are anxious to become involved again;

- Our final fall census enrollment numbers were down, as expected, as a result of the restructuring we have been making, but were down less than expected, which created a positive variance from the budget;
- Recruitment and retention of students remain at the core of our growth strategy. Admissions numbers to date are encouraging, but we are being relentless in pursuit of our goal to enroll at least new 500 freshmen for fall 2024. Every academic program has a set of ambitious goals for increasing student enrollment, and faculty/staff are leaning in with their best efforts to hit those targets;
- Small group brainstorming sessions were conducted with almost all of the faculty. These sessions yielded hundreds of ideas for improvement, some big and complicated and others that we can, and have already, implemented;
- We have acquired the use of two brand-new, twin-engine airplanes for use by our Aviation program. Our fleet of single-engine planes has been put on a funded engine replacement program to assure that we keep all of the planes flying in the coming years;
- We continue to find efficiency and cost-saving opportunities;
- We are reducing our reliance on consultants;
- We are shifting our retention efforts from software apps to personal interactions, in keeping with our overall strategy of "personalization" of the campus culture;
- Our athletic programs have achieved great success on the field, court, and in the water. Our teams are also continuing to achieve a level of excellence in academics that is a point of pride for the entire campus. After a victory in the Battle of the Ravine, the Reddie football team was selected to participate as one of 28 universities in the Division II National Championships.

Henderson State Historic District Added to the National Register

The Henderson State University Historic District has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Henderson's historic district contains the central core of the campus and includes Proctor Hall (1938), Caddo Commons (1947); Evans Hall (1951); McElhannon Hall (1939, with additions in 1960s and c.2000 - Reynolds Science Center); Mooney Hall (1933); Education Center (2001); Huie Library (1967); Bell (1890/1954); Centurium (1990); Columns (1920)/Fence (1903); Arkansas Hall (1950); McBrien Hall (1964); Russell Fine Arts Center (1964); Smith Hall (1965); Chancellor's House (c. 1950); Greenhouse (c. 2000); and the Day Armory/Lookadoo Student Union (1945, 1958), whose buildings are now the Garrison Center.

Henderson Graduate Teams Up with Professor to Publish Paper

Michael Brotherton of El Dorado graduated from Henderson State this spring with a B.S. in biology and plans to attend medical school in 2024. He is currently conducting research under the direction of Dr.

Brett Serviss, a professor in Henderson's new Natural Sciences program. Serviss' research interests are in Arkansas floristics and the biology and ecology of non-native species. Through their combined research, Brotherton and Serviss recently co-authored a paper entitled "A First Report of *Hibiscus Mutabilis* (Malvaceae) from Arkansas," which was published in the floristics and taxonomy journal *Phytoneuron*. The paper focuses on a species of non-native woody plant (Confederate rose-mallow) that was recently documented for a first occurrence outside of cultivation in the state.

Dr. Langley's Newest Book in Popular Psychology Series Just Released

Dr. Travis Langley's newest book, *Doctor Who Psychology: Times Change*, has been released. It is part of a series, analyzing TV superheroes and other characters through psychological research. Dr. Langley calls this a "regenerated second edition" of his earlier book, *Doctor Who Psychology: A Madman with a Box*. It was updated for the sixtieth anniversary of a popular BBC television series, *Dr. Who*. Dr. Langley, distinguished professor of psychology at Henderson State, is best known for *Batman and Psychology: A Dark and Stormy Knight*, which has sold more than 300,000 copies, with the second edition released two years ago.