

**ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.**

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For the period ending December 31, 2021 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$3,792,827.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$2,651,790
ASU-Mountain Home	848,626
ASU-Beebe	84,530
ASU-Newport	161,760
ASU-Three Rivers	45,500
ASU System Foundation	620

The Foundation reported net assets of \$126,295,251, representing an increase of 5.32% for the period ending December 31, 2021.

The market value of the ASU System Foundation Endowment Pool for the period ending December 31, 2021, was \$119,214,196.

The net rate of return for the quarter ending December 31, 2021, was 3.69%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$101,666,846
Mountain Home	6,243,385
Beebe	2,464,535
Newport	2,978,810
Three Rivers	831,862
Red Wolves Foundation	2,219,448
System Foundation	2,809,311
Total	<u>\$119,214,196</u>

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
**Capital Projects Report**  
**March 11, 2022**

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

**ASU-JONESBORO**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Fine Arts ADA	\$280,000	Design Phase
Campus Building Entrance Security – Phase I	\$467,340	Construction Phase
Nursing Elevator	\$317,216	Construction Phase
Arkansas Hall Fan Coils	\$286,000	Design Phase
University Hall Fan Coils	\$273,000	Design Phase
Collegiate Park HVAC	\$340,800	Construction Phase
Football Practice Field	\$157,400	Construction Phase
Caraway Rd. Bike & Pedestrian (E.W. Smith Bldg. Entrance)	\$793,700	Design Phase
FNB Arena SW Parking Lot Overlay	\$201,660	Substantially Complete
Quapaw Rd. Closure and Site Lighting	\$298,870	Design Phase
Loop Trail Phase II	\$1,008,312	Construction Phase
Loop Trail Phase III	\$128,000	Design Phase
Library Elevators Modernization	\$460,203	Design Phase
Beck Ctr. for Veterans	\$497,532	Construction Phase

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

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell Architects - DCI Engineering  
Contractor: In-house - Village Interior/Exterior Repairs Phase I/Nabholz  
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: (1) Village Apartments’ interior ADA modifications (Phase I); (2) Village Apartments’ exterior ADA modifications (Phase II); and (3) Village Apartments’ exterior repairs. Phases I and II are complete. Exterior building repairs to the Village began in June 2014 with Nabholz Contractors. This work will be phased over multiple years, but the projected completion date is planned for November 2022.

## **2. Fine Arts ADA**

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

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

## **3. Campus Building Entrance Security – Phase I**

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: September 2022  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project scope is to upgrade the campus building entrance with access controls and electronic lock latches for the Library and Student Union.

## **4. Nursing Elevator**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: Summer 2022  
Funding: University Reserves

### Status:

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

## **5. Arkansas Hall Fan Coils**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers  
Contractor: RGB Mechanical / Other  
Expected Completion: Summer 2023  
Funding: TBD

Status: The scope is to replace the existing fan coil units with new units. This will be a multi-year phased project.

## **6. 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.

**7. Collegiate Park HVAC**

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

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

**8. Football Practice Field**

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

Status: The scope of this project is to construct a new practice field, north of the current SAC facility. Facilities in-house grounds and project teams will be performing this work. This project is currently in the construction phase and is scheduled for completion for Summer 2022.

**9. EW Smith Building Entrance**

Architect/Engineer: Evans Taylor Foster Childress Architects  
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
Expected Completion: TBD  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to remove and replace the current sidewalk, steps, retaining walls, and building signage, making the entrance ADA compliant.

**10. FNB Arena SW Parking Lot Overlay**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: Asphalt Producers  
Expected Completion: June 2022  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This work is scheduled for Fall 2021. This project is substantially complete.

**11. Quapaw Road Closure and Site Lighting**

Architect/Engineer: Pickering  
Contractor: In-house  
Expected Completion: December 2022  
Funding: University Reserves

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

## **12. Loop Trail Phase II**

Architect/Engineer: Pickering  
Contractor: Asphalt Producers  
Expected Completion: August 2022  
Funding: ARDOT 2018 Grant

Status: The project consists of reducing University Loop West to two lanes and installing a multiuse trail on the north side of the road between University Loop Circle and University Loop East. The multiuse trail will then be off-road along University Loop East, from University Loop West to Aggie Road. The trail will remain off-road along Aggie Road, from University Loop East to Pawnee Street.

## **13. Loop Trail Phase III**

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

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

## **14. Library Elevator Modernization**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: Kone Inc.  
Expected Completion: TBD  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The library tower has two traction elevators to access floors one through eight. One elevator was installed with the original construction in the early 1990s (Otis); the second was installed around, or following, the year 2001 (Thyssen Krupp). Electronic controls on both elevators have been updated and maintained over their life cycle. In the fall of 2020, the Thyssen Krupp elevator controls began to fail. The A-State elevator service group, KONE, made multiple attempts to repair the Thyssen elevator, but supply-chain challenges, combined with the sale of the Thyssen elevator division in July 2020, created multiple challenges for supply-chain sourcing of parts. In spring/early summer 2021, it became evident that the obsolescence of the Thyssen brand/support would lead to the necessity of finding alternative sourcing of elevator controls. The scope of this project is to completely replace the controls for both elevators.

**15. Beck Ctr. for Veterans**

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

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

**ASU-BEEBE**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
None at this time		

**ASU-MOUNTAIN HOME**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail	\$772,598	Construction
ASUMH Amphitheatre	\$600,000	Planning
ASUMH Digital Sign	\$250,000	Planning

**1. ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail**

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox  
 Contractor: TBD  
 Expected Completion: December 2021  
 Funding: Grant, Auxiliary, University Reserves

Status: ASUMH received notice in December 2018 of a grant award of \$76,000 from the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the creation of a walking/biking trail on the main campus. This trail was originally conceived in the 1999 Master Plan for the campus. The trail is anticipated to be approximately 1.7 miles in length. It will be a ten-foot wide, asphalt surface, except for the creek area, which will be made of concrete, with a biking-lane stripe. The Architect/Engineer selected was Polk, Stanley, Wilcox. Marion County Paving has been awarded the construction contract. The total cost for design and construction is approximately \$772,598. Deductive bid alternatives will allow design elements to be eliminated or deferred for future construction, based on funds available. Phase 1 funding reflects a \$76,000 Arkansas Department of Transportation Grant, Auxiliary funds of \$200,000 and \$300,000 from Plant and Loan, and \$200,000 from the Pattee Trust. A pending planned gift will provide repayment of funds to Auxiliary and University Reserves in the future. Construction is underway with a completion date expected by March 31, 2022.

**2. ASUMH Amphitheatre**

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: December 2022  
Funding: Private Donations

Status: Three \$200,000 gifts have been donated to construct an amphitheater on campus. Design is underway with construction to begin Summer 2022.

**3. ASUMH Digital Signage**

Architect/Engineer; Polk, Stanley, Wilcox  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: Summer 2022  
Funding: Private Donations and University Reserves

Status: The project is managed by the on-call architect. An anticipated completion date is Summer 2022.

**ASU-NEWPORT**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails	\$234,000	Design
ASUN Canopy for Outdoor Learning and Activity Space	\$435,000	Construction
ASUN Entrance Signage	\$108,000	Construction

**1. ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails**

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: Summer 2022  
Funding: AR DOT Trails Grant, Institutional Reserves

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

**2. ASUN Canopy for Outdoor Learning and Activity Space**

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates  
Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
Expected Completion: Summer 2022  
Funding: University Reserves

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

**3. ASUN Entry Signage**

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates  
 Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
 Expected Completion: Summer 2022  
 Funding: University Reserves

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

**ASU MID-SOUTH**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
FedEx Aviation Maintenance Finish-out	\$1,031,102	Planning

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

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox  
 Contractor: TBD  
 Expected Completion: December 2022  
 Funding: PBI Grant, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project is to complete the finish-out phase of the mezzanine level of the FedEx Aviation Maintenance Building. The project will complete the 7,000 square foot facility by adding two classrooms, additional restrooms, an elevator, and a vending area. The project is funded by a Predominately Black Institution (PBI) Grant from the Department of Education (\$360,000), and institutional reserve funds (\$671,102). The Architect/Engineer selected was Polk, Stanley, Wilcox. Planning phase will begin upon contract execution and review.

**ASU THREE RIVERS**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase II	\$872,000	Construction Phase

**1. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase II**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects  
 Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC  
 Expected Completion: May 2022  
 Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) Grant



Status: The ANCRC grant, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, will fund Phase II renovations, which include installing new electrical and plumbing systems and replacing mechanical room structure. Construction began in 2021.

**HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY**

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

**1. Caddo Center**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: June 2022  
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) Fiscal Year 2021-22 Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant is funding adaptive preservation of the Caddo Center as a one-stop shop for students. These funds from the ANCRC, to adapt the shell of the Caddo Building, will allow continuation of the preservation of the historic Caddo Center, and provide space for Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, and Advising and Tutoring. This will improve the impression created upon entering the campus and will expand the number of persons viewing the artifacts and the associated information highlighting their importance to the history of Arkansas. Construction will begin in late fall and is projected to be completed in June 2022.

**Arkansas State University System  
Board of Trustees Report  
March 11, 2022**

**Chancellor's Report  
Arkansas State University**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH**

**Academic Affairs and Research**

- Recent external research grants were recently awarded to members of our faculty:
  - Mohammad (Rasoul) Narimani was awarded an NSF grant, titled "*CRII: CPS: Leveraging Convex Relaxation Techniques to Improve Power System Surveillance*", for \$175,000.
  - Andrew Sweet was awarded an INBRE Shared Instrumentation Award, titled "*Acquisition of Equipment to Enhance Genomic Infrastructure at Arkansas State University*", for \$26,395.

**Academic Affairs Taskforces**

- The **Task Force on Program Evaluation** has identified 10 metrics that can be used to assess the viability of degree programs. A comprehensive report, with data on these metrics, has been generated and disseminated to the deans, chairs, program coordinators, and other stakeholders for further input. By the October 20 deadline, chairs and program coordinators reviewed the data on the 10 metrics and provided additional feedback on 157 programs. They made specific recommendations to grow, maintain, transform, or suspend a program. By the November 17 deadline, deans reviewed data and feedback from chairs and program coordinators and made their recommendations. Based on information collected from all stakeholders, the Task Force is getting ready to make a final recommendation on whether to grow, maintain, transform, or suspend a program. Programs with low viability will enter a three-year improvement plan.

**Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions**

- The following were approved by AHECB for A-State at the January 28, 2022, meeting.
  - **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED ONLINE**
    - B.S., Health Studies
    - B.S.E., Special Education K-12
    - Undergraduate Certificate, Public Relations and Advertising
  - **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED OFF-CAMPUS**
    - B.S., Digital Technology and Design, to be offered at Arkansas State University Campus Querétaro

- **RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM TO CREATE A NEW DEGREE**
  - B.S.E.E., Electrical Engineering, reconfigured to create B.S., Electrical Systems Engineering, offered at Campus Querétaro
  - B.S.M.E., Mechanical Engineering, reconfigured to create B.S., Mechanical Systems Engineering, offered at Campus Querétaro
- **NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**
  - Graduate Certificate, Early Childhood/Special Education Integrated B-K
  - Graduate Certificate, Special Education Resource K-6 and 7-12
- The following will be submitted to the AHECB for A-State at the April 29, 2022, meeting:
  - **NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**
    - Undergraduate Certificate, Athlete Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Promotion
  - **RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM TO CREATE A NEW DEGREE**
    - B.S., Mathematics; B.S., Finance; and B.S., Information Systems and Business Analytics reconfigured to create B.S., Actuarial Sciences
    - B. S., Engineering Management Systems; B.S., Engineering Technology; B.S., Agriculture; and B.S. Business Administration reconfigured to create B.S., Construction Management
    - B.S., Management, emphasis in Hospitality Management reconfigured to create B.S., Hospitality and Event Tourism Management
    - M.B.A., Business Administration reconfigured to create M.S., Applied Digital Technology
  - **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED ONLINE**
    - B.S., Sport Management

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Athletics Administration**

- Chancellor Kelly Damphousse was named to the NCAA Board of Governors.
- Nineteen student-athletes earned their degrees at the end of the 2021 fall semester, and all 19 appeared on either the Athletics Director's Honor Roll, the Sun Belt Conference Commissioner's List, the Sun Belt Academic Honor Roll, or a combination of the three during their careers with the Red Wolves.

- The Athletics Department announced that its basketball radio program, “Live with the Red Wolves”, would feature both the women’s and men’s programs this season.
- Athletics held its first ever Night in the North event at the Centennial Bank Athletics Operations Center.
- Nick Grevas was named assistant athletics director for facilities and event management.
- The Red Wolves entered into a department-wide partnership with Teamworks, the leading athlete engagement platform for collegiate and professional organizations.
- Owning over 20 years of combined experience in administration at both the intercollegiate athletics and university levels, Amy Foster was named senior associate athletics director and chief financial officer (CFO). Foster is the first Athletics administrator to ever hold an official CFO title, as well as the first with dedicated oversight of Athletics finances in 10 years.
- Ninety-one (91) percent of the entire Athletics Department, including coaches, student-athletes, and administrators, have received their COVID-19 vaccinations. Out of 315 total student-athletes, just 16 (six %) are currently required to undergo the NCAA’s and Sun Belt Conference’s COVID-19 testing protocols.

### **Football**

- Second-year freshman wide receiver Corey Rucker was named First-Team Academic All-District 6 by the College Sports Information Directors of America (CoSIDA).
- Ten student-athletes combined for 11 selections to the All-Sun Belt Conference Team.
- The Red Wolves have added 23 players from 12 different states to its 2022 recruiting class, which is currently ranked at the top in the Sun Belt Conference by both 247Sports and Rivals, and among the top five classes in the Group of 5.

### **Soccer**

- Senior Sarah Sodoma was named CoSIDA Academic All-America for the second consecutive season.

### **Baseball**

- The Athletics Department shared its plans to renovate Tomlinson Stadium and unveiled artist renderings of the planned renovations to the stadium at two different events, including the annual baseball Grand Slam Banquet and Night in the North.
- A new bullpen has been built just beyond right field at Tomlinson Stadium and was available for the Red Wolves’ home opener.

- Senior third baseman Ben Klutts was named Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference and to the Bobby Bragan Collegiate Slugger Award Watch List.

### **Men's Basketball**

- Second-year freshman forward Norchad Omier was named the Sun Belt Player of the Week four times, while also earning a spot on the mid-season watch list of the Lou Henson Award.

### **Women's Basketball**

- Associate Head Coach Destinee Rogers was named interim head women's basketball coach following former head coach Matt Daniel's decision to resign his position. She became the first female African-American head coach at A-State in any sport.

### **Cross Country**

- Senior Pauline Meyer earned both All-Region honors and All-Academic recognition from the United States Track & Field & Cross Country Coaches Association (USTFCCA) as both the men's and women's program were named an All-Academic Team USTFCCA.

### **Indoor Track and Field**

- A-State swept the men's and women's Sun Belt Conference titles for the third consecutive year at the league championship in Birmingham.
- Coach Jim Patchell became the winningest track coach in A-State history with his 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> league titles, surpassing Jay Flanagan.

### **Volleyball**

- Junior Tatum Ticknor was named the Sun Belt Conference Libero of the Year.
- Senior Macey Putt and Tatum Ticknor were named First Team All-Sun Belt Conference.
- Santiago Restrepo resigned his position as head volleyball coach, and the Athletics Department is in the process of a national search for the next head coach of the program that has won nine regular-season Sun Belt championships and appeared in five NCAA Tournaments.

### **Women's Golf**

- Olivia Schmidt and Elise Schultz are among 64 qualifiers for the seventh U.S. Women's Amateur Four-Ball Championship, set for April 20-24 at Grand Reserve Golf Course in Rio Grande, Puerto Rico.

## **Bowling**

- Justin Kostick became the sixth coach in NCAA bowling history to win 1,000 career matches.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

### **University Communications**

- University Communications (UC) oversaw the public announcement of the \$25 million challenge gift from the Windgate Foundation for the construction of Windgate Hall of Art and Innovation and the Art and Innovation District.
- The new Go.AState campaign to support recruitment of students reached final stages. Leveraging a new landing page website for prospects, Go.AState.edu, the straightforward use of “Go A-State” has both a call to action and a booster message.
- During the reporting period, UC generated 47 articles for internal and external use, in addition to the weekly *Inside A-State* newsletter.

### **Digital Creative Services**

- A new website for prospective students reached beta testing stage with Go.AState.edu. It will be featured in a new campaign to support recruiting in the upcoming weeks.
- Direct-to-recruit emails with Chancellor Damphousse motivated more than 100 prospects to accept their scholarship offers from A-State in December. A follow-up email campaign by recruiting will feature another direct appeal video with the Chancellor during the month of February.
- The DCS team completed the next round of #AStateMade videos with local alumni to promote membership in the Arkansas State Alumni Association and to populate parts of the new recruiting landing page.
- Direct messaging, to both campus and key constituencies via email, remained an important communications tool. Digital Creative has sent more than 1.4 million emails as a part of 242 campaigns since the last board meeting (mid-November 2021 to mid-February 2022). The open rate for all emails was 42.5%, which was a slight 2.6% open rate increase over the same time period last year.

### **Creative Media Services**

- Collaborating with University Advancement, Facilities Management, and Academic Affairs, Creative Media composed promotional and media release materials portraying the new Windgate Hall and the Art and Innovation District.

- Since the last Board of Trustees meeting, Creative Media completed 160 jobs for on-campus clients, notably promotional posters for returning on-campus events, such as Black History Month, Women’s History Month, and on-going work for Enrollment Management’s high school class-based mail outs.

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

### **Access & Accommodation Services (A&AS)**

- Members of the A&AS leadership participated in several workshops and trainings, highlighted by participation in a webinar hosted by GLEAN and by ReadSpeak, both providers whose products assist with note-taking and screen readers for visually impaired students.
- A&AS has sent 1,181 accommodation letters to faculty on behalf of more than 900 students to begin the Spring 2022 semester. Through February, the Golf Cart Transportation program facilitated 74 contacts (pick-up/drop-off) for students.
- There have been 134 e-text requests filled for students to begin Spring 2022. E-text includes acquiring audio textbooks from publishers for students who require this particular accommodation, and working with Printing Services to have created pdf versions of textbooks, so that students can utilize speech-to-text software, if needed.
- Two proposals to the Shared Governance Oversight Committee (SGOC) continue moving forward: an Emotional Support Animal and Service Animal Operating Procedure and a Captioning Operating Procedure.

### **ADVANCE**

- ADVANCE is a support system to provide guidance, support, and resources to underrepresented faculty as they progress down their path of tenure and promotion.
- Dr. Lillie Fears hosted two workshops to assist with mentoring and retention of diverse tenure-track faculty as a part of the ADVANCE initiative. Dr. Fears is also developing a planning committee to host public screenings of documentaries as a part of ADVANCE.

### **AmeriCorps**

- AmeriCorps Week 2022 was held in March across the state of Arkansas.
- The Neighborhood Red Wolves were featured in January by the EngageAR group. They also participated in several community events, partnering with the Black Students Association for a NEA Food Bank service event and a “*Stop the Violence: A Conversation*” event with the local NAACP chapter.

### **Beck Center for Veterans**

- On average, there were 110 sign-ins to the day room each month, with larger groups using the nearby Delta Center for meetings.
- A DHS CARES Grant for approximately \$53,000 was received this fall and used to purchase improved technology for student veteran usage in the center.
- A food supplement program is being developed for veterans and dependents with \$15,000 in funding provided for the program. An MOU with the Northeast Arkansas Food Bank has been signed to facilitate the program.
- Beck Center students participated in the Veterans Day parade for Jonesboro on November 13.
- Three graduate students from Social Work were assigned to the Beck Center for the fall and continued their work in the spring. The students have been assigned to work with individual veterans, and will also assist with the Veterans Cottage participants.
- A wide range of ongoing workshops and trainings were hosted during the fall, including Guitar for Veterans, a two-day training on suicide prevention, "Working with Veterans in Therapy", and substance abuse and veterans.
- The Service Dog Training initiative continued with the regular meetings on Thursdays.
- The Support Group for Women with Significant Others with PTSD continues to meet weekly.

### **Multicultural Affairs**

- Programs/activities hosted by Multicultural Affairs, Hermana y Hermano (Latinx student group), HOLA (Hispanic Outreach and Latino Association), and Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha, Incorporada (SIA Latinx sorority) in the months of January and February had more than 375 participants. More than 20 programs/activities were presented during this time frame, including programming for Black History Month.
- During October, two veteran-oriented events were conducted by the Center. The Veteran Committee held its first Veteran Success Meeting for Fall 2021. The MC hosted the second Military Mondays group to recognize the extraordinary sacrifices our student veterans and their loved ones have made.

### **Student Diversity Recruitment**

- Programs to recruit underrepresented students by their student peers included the following:
  - Students are currently conducting a text campaign to 1,093 prospective students from underrepresented populations;



- Students have assisted the Office of Recruitment with their Multicultural Mixer held in Little Rock in January, visiting with prospective students about campus life, resources, and their experiences;
- Students have conducted lunch or classroom visits at Nettleton High School in January, visiting with 22 students; KIPP Memphis High School in February, with 60 juniors and 49 completed inquiry cards; and other visits are planned for Sheffield High School, Bryant High School's College Fair, and Earle High School.
- The A-State Connection event, which is a campus visit for underrepresented students, is planned for March 11.

### **Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement**

- The Office of Diversity and Community Engagement partnered with The Department of Theatre in January in bringing to A-State, Colombian American poet Carlos Andrés Gómez, star of HBO's Def Poetry Jam and Spike Lee's #1 box office movie, "Inside Man" with Denzel Washington
- As part of our minority retention and recruitment of faculty/staff efforts, we paid the Spring 2022 tuition and fees for doctoral candidate, Perdeta Bush (Title IX coordinator) and doctoral candidate, Patrick Hilson (instructor).

## **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND GLOBAL OUTREACH**

### **Enrollment Spring 2022**

- Enrollment for Arkansas State rose 2.13% (261 students) for the Spring 2022 semester compared to the previous year, and enrollment increased 14.73% (109 students) for Campus Querétaro.

### **Transfers**

- Participation in the hybrid program increased from 14 in 2021 to 59 in 2022.

### **Online**

- Approximately 500 additional students enrolled in 100% online programs, compared to 2021, with final numbers available when Spring II registration is complete.

### **Global Outreach**

- After delays related to COVID-19 circumstances, Study Abroad will resume in Fall 2022.

## FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

### Delta Center for Economic Development

- The Delta Center partnered with the Neil Griffin College of Business and First National Bank to host an Economic Outlook Forum on January 20. The event was well attended and has received very good feedback. The staff is working to make this forum an annual event.
- The Delta Center completed its first survey report for *Be Pro Be Proud – Arkansas* and will be providing surveys and reports to two additional states in the spring.
- Graduation ceremonies were held for two Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academies along with an orientation for the new class.

### Environmental Health and Safety

- The staff hosted quarterly safety committee meetings related to storm water and radiation/laser usage.
- Staff began uploading information into the new Campus Optics to create a safety database.
- The staff responded to an increase in requests for air quality testing at University Hall and Arkansas Hall, resulting in the remediation of several rooms.

### Facilities Management

- **Capital Projects & Capital Renewal Projects:** Notable projects in the planning, bidding, execution, or closeout phase include the following: the Campus Building Exterior Access Controls Academic core buildings (Q4 2021 initiation); Phase II Multi-use Trail (Q4 2021 / Q1 2022 completion); Phase III Multi-use Trail Design (Q1 2022); College of Nursing and Health Professions elevator modernization (Q2 2022); and Dean B. Ellis Library elevators modernization (early Q3 2022).
- **Ventilation Air HVAC Upgrades:** University funds have been designated for multiple campus projects to upgrade the ventilation air and HVAC systems to improve indoor air quality. The project scope will begin in the first quarter of 2022 and will be completed by the fourth quarter of 2022. The University Hall and Arkansas Hall fan coil replacement's Phase I begins in the second quarter of 2022, with equipment orders, followed by a third quarter 2022 installation.
- **Judd Hill Farmers' Market Expansion:** The Judd Hill Farmers' Market expansion will provide an air-(?) conditioned building adjacent to the current Farmers' Market structure. This project will be bid during the first quarter of 2022, with completion anticipated in the first quarter of 2023.

### First National Bank Arena

- Upcoming events include the following:

- Kansas concert, March 26
- Hot Wheels (monster trucks), April 23 and 24
- Recently hosted events include the following:
  - A-State Baseball Grand Slam Banquet, February 14
  - A-State Agri-Business Conference, February 16
  - Mid-South Farm Credit Conference, February 23
  - Men's Basketball vs. Coastal Carolina (February 23) and Appalachian State (February 25)
  - Women's Basketball vs. UALR (February 19)

### **Fiscal Operations**

- **Controller's Office:** The exit conference with Legislative Audit occurred in November, and Arkansas State had no findings.
- **Treasurer's Office:** 1098T reporting for students was completed in January, and the forms will be transmitted to the IRS on schedule in March. Spring registration is complete, and financial aid refunds have been disbursed.
- **Procurement:** Konica Minolta is the new managed print services' provider. The goal is to have a new agreement and transition plan in place by April. The end of the fiscal year deadlines were posted in February.
- **Budget Planning:** The campus is in the early stages of budget development for fiscal year 2023. The status of the FY22 operating budget was analyzed to provide insight into balancing year-end financials and to begin building FY23 operating budgets.
- All E&G and auxiliary budgets were monitored on a monthly basis to protect the institution's financial outcomes for the fiscal year. Any department/unit with deficits or forecasted deficits was thoroughly analyzed, and department supervisors were notified for corrective action.
- With continued monitoring of FY22 tuition and fee revenue, it was determined that the aggressive plans, developed and implemented during the fall semester, would be sufficient to cover any year-end shortfalls. This forecast was shared during the February 2 budget-planning meeting.

### **Information and Technology**

- In support of the ASU System mission, all Banner modules (Finance, Financial Aid, HR, and Student) are deployed on all ASU System members. All campuses had successful payroll processing and HR module deployment. Financial Aid is in final stages of training/support. Student module is in final simulation stages and Fall 2022 registration begins in March and April for all campuses.

- Projects at A-State are focused on network switch upgrades across all facilities. The A-State Safety Council priorities are also working on updating and adding new security cameras across the campus.
- Weekly calls with all ASU System campuses continue with the emphasis on support of all ERP efforts and IT security needs. Collaborative efforts have been productive in budgeting and reducing costs towards the next fiscal year. We are still looking at help desk, networking, and other common functions for possible combining efforts to create synergy and further reduce costs going forward.

### **Human Resources (HR)**

- The A-State HR department organized and participated in conducting the first virtual ASU System-wide Benefits Fair.
- In support of ASU System initiatives, the staff in Jonesboro has transitioned Henderson State University employee processing over to the A-State hiring processes.

### **Payroll Services**

- The A-State staff continued to assist other campuses in the ASU System with Banner transition.
- AA-State stabilized Shared Services Payroll with Henderson State University for their upcoming pay periods.

### **Red Wolf Wellness**

- Developed and delivered the Red Wolf Wellness Achievement Program, which included programs on fitness, nutrition, stress/mind management, and health education.
- Partnered with HPESS and coordinated the purchase and installation of new gym equipment at HPESS complex.
- Removed old HPESS gym equipment for reuse at the Turner Military Science Building.
- Received a \$6,000 grant for equipment to assist the student archery club.

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

- The Office of Title IX & Institutional Equity continues to build purposeful partnerships with campus and community constituents. Collaborations include ASLC Leadership Council, Sister2Sister Mentoring Program, Black Faculty and Staff Association, Greek Life, and Hope Found of Northeast Arkansas.

### **Training & Development**

- Completed strategic plan for Training & Development and began introducing Taleo Learn to Henderson State University administrators.

### **University Police Department**

- During February, the agency participated in a fourth-year file maintenance review for CALEA accreditation. In March, the agency will participate in an on-site review to confirm continued compliance with accreditation standards. Both reviews are routine in the process to renew CALEA accreditation status for four years.
- Department members are currently completing annual training in department policy. Members have also been assigned training courses via the Criminal Justice Institute, including racial profiling, duty to intervene and post-custody care, law enforcement response to Autism spectrum disorders, domestic violence, behavioral health and crisis intervention, sexual assault investigations, and ethics.

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

- The office led the University's participation in the Great Central U.S. Shake Out Day drill during October.
- USEM organized and led a FEMA/EMI virtual tabletop exercise on cyber disruptions.
- Staff conducted inspections and replacement of all safety and life-saving equipment on campus.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### **Campus Recreation**

- The spring semester saw a return to a more pre-pandemic level of participation with fitness classes, intramural activities, and fitness challenges for students.
- A-State's nationally competitive club sport teams of rugby and softball returned to active schedules.
- A search for a new director of the Red W.O.L.F. Center is underway.

### **Career Services**

- The department hosted a Career Leadership Conference in February for current students, with the annual Career Fairs set for March. This year, the fairs were divided into two sessions: Education, Nursing and Health Professions, and all other degree majors.
- The department's Handshake software system hosted 4,425 student and alumni interactions. Overall, the system received 15,479 new jobs and 391 new employers were approved.

- The department offered multiple employer engagement opportunities during the spring semester. The intent is to facilitate opportunities for employers to connect with on-campus students to discuss career pathways and internships. Employers include a wide range of regional and national companies spanning various disciplines.

### **Counseling Center**

- The Counseling Center received confirmation in early January of continued accreditation by the International Accreditation of Counseling Services.
- Counseling Center staff performed a variety of additional services, including mental-health screens, class presentations, workshops on mental-health related topics to the campus community, and career assessment and counseling.
- The current roster includes 389 student clients, of which 382 are active with Therapist Online Assisted virtual counseling services. The first six weeks of Spring 2022 saw 133 mental-health intakes by the center.

### **Leadership Center**

- Greek Life chapters for all three councils participated in spring open bidding. Sororities and fraternities (ICF, NPC, and NPHC) hosted chapter events and extended membership bids to interested students throughout the spring semester.
- Sigma Gamma Rho, a NPHC sorority, is in the process of recruiting a new member class for Spring 2022. This will allow the sorority to return to active status on our campus, with the intent to complete the Divine Nine at A-State.
- The Student Government Association elections are set for March, with a new administration set to take office on April 12. Among Spring 2022 projects, SGA hosted a Diversity Roundtable, partnered with SAB for Black History Month Movie Night, and presented a resolution in support of using recycled tires to construct a new bike path barrier as a sustainability project.
- Volunteer A-State hosted a variety of service experiences, including Swipe Out for Hunger, Polar Plunge, Martin Luther King, Jr. service project, and Food Pantry donations/distribution of food, personal hygiene products, and coats.
- The Student Activities Board hosted a Spring Welcome Week with a resource and organization fair, as well as the annual Pack Pride Day event in celebration of A-State Basketball. Other large events included a Valentine's Day Silent Disco, Black History Month Movie Night with the hit movie "Selma", and an international food festival in celebration of Mother Language Day. SAB is planning the first-ever celebration of Zero Discrimination Day on the A-State campus with a unity march.
- Student Affairs hosted a campus educational speaker on the topic, "Be Color Brave, Not Color Blind". This interactive, engaging, virtual live educational

experience presented historical narrative, compelling examples, and thought-provoking dialogues through multimedia and objective framework.

### **University Housing**

- The annual room/apartment reclaim process for the 2022-2023 academic year is underway. Current residents are provided a first opportunity to select, followed by current students and new entering freshmen. Part of the process this year is the creation of new themed-living communities, notably the “Griffin House” for incoming students declaring majors in the Neil Griffin College of Business.
- The Spring 2022 semester began with 2,556 campus residents occupying various residence halls and apartments.
- Jenny Keller was promoted to Assistant Director for Marketing and Retention. This position is tasked with creating a strategic marketing and retention plan for campus residents, with the goal of increasing the campus resident population.
- The department hosted a variety of campus engagement events, including Bingo and Casino Night, as well as small gatherings for specific housing communities, such as creating vision boards, themed food nights, and movie or TV watch parties. In addition, the department hosted a Black History Month program for first-year student residents, entitled “Bridging the Gap: What is Black History?”

## **UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

### **Advancement Services**

- For the second quarter of the fiscal year, October 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021, the University recorded a total of 6,225 gifts and commitments from 2,538 individual donors for a total of \$1,310,431. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges.
- The Windgate Charitable Foundation pledged a \$25 million challenge gift toward the construction and maintenance of a building, which will be designated as the Windgate Hall of Art and Innovation.

### **Alumni Relations**

- As of December 31, there have been 188 gifts received from 171 donors, resulting in \$29,814 being raised via the Back-the-Pack crowdfunding platform.
- Torchbearers, the faculty and staff giving program, has received 4,153 gifts. This shows a 59% giving rate.
- The University’s second annual Day of Giving will be April 5, 2022. All alumni, friends, students, staff, and faculty will be asked to show their support by giving on this day.

- Alumni Association membership numbers are up eight percent for paid memberships.
- Application submissions for the 2022 entering freshmen License to HOWL scholarships are being reviewed by the selection committee. Eight incoming freshmen will receive \$5,000 annual awards, with an option to renew in successive years if they continue to meet criteria. There will be a total of 29 students receiving License to HOWL scholarships this year.
- Major alumni events planned for 2022 include the following:
  - March 2-3 (TBD) – Sun Belt Conference Championship watch party in Jonesboro
  - March 15 – Bark at the Park – A-State baseball vs. Memphis – Tomlinson Stadium
  - April 19 – A-State baseball vs. U of A pre-game events – Fayetteville
  - May 5 – Red Wolves on the Rooftop – ASU System Office, Little Rock
  - July 14 – St. Louis Cardinals vs. LA Dodgers pre-game event
  - July 15 – St. Louis, Endangered Wolf Center



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**\$12,000 Gene Haas Foundation Grant**

The Computerized Machining Program received a \$12,000 grant from the Gene Haas Foundation to provide scholarships for this high-wage, high-demand program. In addition to supporting tuition and fees, the scholarship funds can also be used to pay for textbooks; program supplies, such as small tool kits; fees for competitions, including SkillsUSA; and certifications from the National Institute for Metalworking Skills (NIMS). Derrick Holobaugh, Computerized Machining Instructor, authored the grant in consultation with his program advisory committee. The program is taught on the Searcy campus.

**Global Classroom Project**

This fall, Arkansas State University-Beebe students and faculty participated in a six-week, collaborative group project with students and instructors in El Salvador, regarding the Central American migration crisis. The project, titled "Guided Global Classroom Group Project: Central American Migration Crisis-Factors Driving Migration from Central America," examined and analyzed various factors causing the current migration from Central America, including its history, education, and economics, as well as sociological and psychological factors. Eddie Supratman, Assistant Professor of History and Religion, was the project director for ASU-Beebe. In addition to Mr. Supratman, participating instructors and students included Dr. Jodi Whitehurst and freshmen English II course students; Dr. Dava Brock and psychology course students; and Amber Bramlett and education course students. Participants in the Global Classroom Group Project included 67 students from ASU-Beebe and 67 students from El Salvador, as well as five instructors from ASU-Beebe, five instructors from UNICAES in Santa Ana, El Salvador, and one instructor from Colegio Lamatepec in Santa Tecla, El Salvador.

**Lecture Concert Series February 1 Event**

As part of the 2021-2022 Lecture-Concert Series, ASU-Beebe welcomed Mr. Clifton Taulbert on Tuesday, February 1. Mr. Taulbert presented his lecture, "Opening the Doors of History: The Black Wall Street Story." According to Mr. Taulbert, he could have failed, had he not encountered community builders and entrepreneurial thinkers early in his life. "In the community I remember, write, and talk about, we valued each other and shared our lives," Taulbert said. Nearly 150 students, employees, and community members attended the lecture, which was free and open to the public.

**Math Faculty Complete ACUE Training**

Members of the math faculty at Arkansas State University-Beebe completed a ten-month training program, through the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE), focused on effective online teaching practices. Judy Kirk, Leslie Shults, Sarah Buford, and Teresa Jennings completed the 25-module

program that spanned from January 25 through October 10, 2021. The training was designed to prepare faculty in evidence-based teaching practices to improve student achievement and to close equity gaps. The program provided faculty with various research-based practices to implement in their own online courses. The training was intense, requiring faculty to incorporate strategies learned and provide a reflection on the implementation within the same week. "ACUE is focused on specific strategies regarding the student experience and student connection," Kirk said. "I think it really helped us to take this program as a group, because it required a lot of commitment that would have been challenging to do on our own," he added.

### **T.E.A.C.H. Scholarships Provide Opportunity**

ASU-Beebe and the Teacher Education and Compensation Helps (T.E.A.C.H.) Scholarship Program are providing a pathway to train students for careers in early childhood education. During Summer 2021, ASU-Beebe became a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship School. To be eligible for a T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship, students must meet the following criteria:

- Applicants must be employed at least 20 hours per week in a licensed childcare facility, state pre-K program, home-visiting program, or family childcare home;
- Applicants must be either currently applying to, or admitted to, an approved degree/certificate/endorsement program in Early Childhood Education;
- T.E.A.C.H. is currently waiving any income restrictions, as well as the cap on the number of applicants from a single licensed site.

Scholarships are awarded based on need and commitment to the Early Childhood Education field. Students, seeking the Child Development Associate Certification (CDA), Technical Certificate, or Associate of Applied Science in Early Childhood Education at ASU-Beebe, may qualify for the T.E.A.C.H. Scholarship. The T.E.A.C.H. Early Childhood<sup>®</sup> Scholarship Program pays for 90 percent of tuition and books, provides a \$110 travel stipend each semester, and reimburses the student's sponsoring center for \$12.50 per hour of release time given, up to six hours per week. It also provides \$450 in bonuses for teachers who complete their contract, a \$1,000 stipend to purchase a laptop or additional technology, and provides counseling and administrative support for the program.

During Spring 2022, 18 students who were enrolled in ASU-Beebe's CDA classes qualified for the scholarship. ASU-Beebe offers CDA classes on the Beebe campus in the fall and on the Searcy campus in the spring. Spring 2022 was first semester that classes have been held at the new Lonoke Business Academy. The CDA classes are also planned to be offered this summer at the Heber Springs campus.

### **Global Awareness Art Show**

The England Center Art Gallery featured our own faculty and staff's "Global Awareness" artworks, which were on display during the month of February. The artworks focus was on global awareness and included items contributed by faculty and staff from their travels around the world, which represent

various cultures. The show was coordinated by Assistant Professor of Art, Thomas Fernandez. The England Center Art Gallery on the Beebe campus features works of art by students and featured artists throughout the academic year. Admission is free and the gallery is open to the public.

### **Vet-Tech Program Featured**

The Veterinary Technology program was featured in the 2022 issue of the Arkansas Department of Agriculture's publication, *Arkansas Grown: A Guide to the State's Farm, Food, and Forestry*. The complete publication can be accessed at [https://issuu.com/arkansasgrown/docs/arkansas\\_grown\\_2022](https://issuu.com/arkansasgrown/docs/arkansas_grown_2022).

### **ASUB Academic Program Notifications**

#### Program Deletions:

- Associate of Applied Science in Hospitality Administration (DC 4667; CIP 52.0901; 60 credit hours; 50% online; Spring 2022)
- Certificate of Proficiency in Auto Body Repair (DC 1473; CIP 47.0603; 9 credit hours; Spring 2022)
- Certificate of Proficiency in Automotive Upholstery (DC 0623; CIP 48.0303; 16 credit hours; Spring 2022)
- Certificate of Proficiency in Household Upholstery (DC 0622; CIP 48.0303; 24 credit hours; Spring 2022)
- Technical Certificate in Auto Body Repair (DC 4331; CIP 47.0603; 35 credit hours; Spring 2022)
- Technical Certificate in Hospitality Administration (DC 3667; CIP 52.0901; 35 credit hours; 50% online; Spring 2022)

#### Program Reconfigurations/Reactivations:

- Associate of Applied Science in Crime Scene Investigation (DC 0387; CIP 43.0406; 62 credit hours; Fall 2022)
- Technical Certificate in Crime Scene Investigation (DC 0386; CIP 43.0406; 36 credit hours; Fall 2022)
- Certificate of Proficiency in Crime Scene Investigation (DC 0384; CIP 43.0406; 18 credit hours; Fall 2022)
- Associate of Applied Science in Law Enforcement Administration (DC 0391; CIP 43.0103; 63 credit hours; Fall 2022)
- Technical Certificate in Law Enforcement Administration (DC 1388; CIP 43.0103; 36 credit hours; Fall 2022)
- Certificate of Proficiency in Law Enforcement Administration (DC 0388; CIP 43.0103; 18 credit hours; Fall 2022)
- Associate of Arts in Teaching (DC 1005; CIP 13.1206; 60-64 credit hours; Spring 2022)

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Delta Regional Authority Grant

ASUMH has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Delta Regional Authority to develop a boat manufacturing program. This grant will support the hiring of an instructor over a two-year period and the development of the curriculum. Additionally, Virtual Reality headsets and related software and courseware will be purchased. This grant will support the development of Virtual Reality videos of the boat manufacturing process.

Boat Manufacturing Training Grant

ASUMH has submitted an additional grant proposal to the Arkansas Office of Skills Development for the support of the Boat Manufacturing Training Program. The total request for this grant is \$1,234,775, which would fund instructional costs for an additional 18 months beyond the Delta Regional Authority grant, allow for \$740,000 in modifications to the Technical Center, and provide tuition, equipment, and supplies for the program over a two-year period. This grant will allow us to install a gel-coat booth and expand our welding capacity to address aluminum boat welding.

Higher Learning Commission Visit

The Higher Learning Commission five-person team visited the campus in October and conducted a mid-cycle review of Arkansas State University-Mountain Home. As a result of the review, the team requested that ASUMH develop a plan to address diversity at the institution and file this plan with the Commission in September of 2023. Additionally, the team requested that ASUMH continue to monitor the results of assessment at the institution and the general education outcomes, and file a report in May of 2024.

Ambulance Donation from Baxter Regional Medical Center

Baxter Regional Medical Center (BRMC) recently donated an ambulance to be used by the ASUMH emergency medical response programs. We are very thankful for the outstanding partnership we have with BRMC, as this vehicle will afford our students the ability to train in an environment much like the one they will experience when on the job.

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**Strategic Priority 1: Student Success**

- ASUN now provides telehealth for students through the Virtual Care Group. All degree-seeking students have full access to a variety of services at no cost. These services include medical visits with board-certified physicians; therapy; life coaching; and 24/7 on-demand crisis counseling.
- ASUN hosted its annual Weld-a-thon competition in Jonesboro. Forty-five students from 15 high schools competed in welding fabrication. Students from ASUN's IGNITE Academy won second place in their field. Winning schools and students received prizes and scholarships.
- ASUN named more than 200 students to the Chancellor's and Vice Chancellor's lists for Fall 2021. Students must complete at least 12 credit hours and earn a 4.0 GPA to be included on the Chancellor's List. Students must complete at least 12 credit hours and earn a 3.5 GPA to be included on the Vice Chancellor's List.
- ASUN students earned 636 credentials during the Fall 2021 semester.
- ASUN recently received initial approval from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing to begin a stand-alone Licensed Practical Nursing to Registered Nursing program. This program will replace the existing Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium (ARNEC) program and will launch in January 2023.
- ASUN was awarded a two-year grant to provide free "Nod" access to students. Nod is an app to provide counseling services that address loneliness on college campuses by combining science and student-powered design to give people the skills they need to build meaningful social connections.

**Strategic Priority 2: Institutional Excellence**

- ASUN partnered with the Northeast Arkansas Food Bank to establish food pantries on each of its three campuses. Students and employees can now readily access non-perishable food, personal care items, and household items at no cost.
- ASUN received a \$106,000 grant from the Federal Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) to extend the walking trail on its Newport campus. This is the second consecutive year that ASUN has received the TAP grant.
- The Arkansas Department of Commerce's Office of Skills Development awarded ASUN a \$234,000 grant to assist in putting more qualified conveyor technicians to work in Northeast Arkansas. ASUN will begin offering Manufacturing Conveyor Technician training as a non-credit workforce program in July 2022.

- ASUN is in the early stages of implementing Edify to improve data management on its campuses. Edify is a next-generation data warehouse and analytic hub that aggregates data from multiple systems and organizes it into a model to support integration and data governance. This tool will provide opportunities for administration, staff, and faculty to build custom analytics and dashboards needed to drive local strategies with trusted institutional data.
- ASUN's Adult Education recently passed its annual site review and was commended by the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services Adult Education Division on its four-year program review. ASUN was recognized for its outstanding work in the following areas: program management; financials; retention; personnel/professional development; and facilities.
- ASUN has partnered with Modern Campus to create a new, state-of-the-art website. Representatives from every level of the institution, including students, will be involved in the process of creating a dynamic, interactive website. Modern Campus technology will allow multiple users to seamlessly keep web information current and consistent, resulting in a better student experience. ASUN's new website is expected to roll out in the fall of 2022.
- ASUN formalized its Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DE&I) in July 2021, and work is off to a strong start. In Fall 2022, the office hosted a number of events, including Hispanic Awareness Month and a virtual leadership forum. The DE&I committee also shared monthly educational videos to increase employee awareness, and ASUN has incorporated DE&I training into its internal leadership and culture training series.

### **Strategic Priority 3: Community Engagement**

- ASUN hosted its Quarterly Board of Visitors meeting. Board members were updated on the strategic planning process, as well as other major projects planned for the semester.
- Volume III, Issue 1 of the ASUN "Lit Pub" fine arts publication has been released. The publication includes poetry, short fiction, narrative, literary analysis, research and criticism, visual arts, photography, local music, and events. Contributors include students, community members, local artists, and ASUN staff and faculty.
- ASUN co-hosted the North Arkansas Regional Science Olympiad Tournament (virtually). Students from across the state competed in rigorous academic competitions, including engineering and building events, as well as life-science and physical-science contests. Winners will advance to the Arkansas State Science Olympiad competition. The Science Olympiad is designed to encourage and promote enthusiasm for STEM disciplines in grades six through twelve.
- ASUN hosted its annual Energy Control Technology Competition in Marked Tree. Thirty students from six high schools competed in the areas of hardwiring, tool identification, electrical exam, and schematic drawing.

### **ASUN Academic Program Notifications**

ASUN has no academic program notifications this quarter.

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**HLC Standard Pathway Comprehensive Visit**

ASU Mid-South received notification from the Higher Learning Commission that its next Standard Pathway Comprehensive Evaluation will be conducted on April 8-9, 2024. Work is already underway to prepare for this visit.

**Strategic Planning**

In support of its accreditation processes, ASU Mid-South is working to finalize its next four-year Strategic Plan. Last year, the Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Committee launched the process with an evaluation of the previous strategic plan and the gathering of data regarding the college, our students, and the communities we serve. This academic year, the committee has been collecting feedback from faculty, staff, and students through a series of open forums, surveys, and smaller informal gatherings where faculty and staff can weigh in on the present and future of the institution. Once this feedback is compiled, the committee will work to define and recommend specific goals and objectives for the next four years, and establish a method for assessing progress. The college's 2022-2025 Strategic Plan is scheduled to be completed prior to the start of the Fall 2022 semester.

**Greyhound Athletics**

The Greyhound men's and women's basketball teams finished their regular seasons ranked second in conference standings this year. The women (17-9 overall and 8-2 in conference play) finished the season ranked 16<sup>th</sup> in NJCAA Division II standings. They also finished third in home game attendance for Division II. The men (13-11 overall and 7-3 in conference play) finished out of the top 20 rankings nationally, but were ranked fifth in home game attendance.

**NISOD Teaching at a Community College Workgroup**

Two of the twelve members of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development's (NISOD) Working Group on Community and Technical College Teaching are excellent representatives of Arkansas State University institutions. Dr. Jennifer Methvin, of ASU Beebe, and Dr. Debra West, of ASU Mid-South, were appointed to this group in the fall and have been

working with individuals from around the country to develop a course to educate new faculty members, who are not fully informed about community and technical colleges and about this increasingly important sector of higher education. The course, which will be available to NISOD member institutions upon completion, is designed to provide participants with the theory, knowledge, and core competencies needed to be exemplary faculty members at a community or technical college.

### **Mitsubishi Partnership**

ASU Mid-South has entered into a partnership agreement with Mitsubishi Electric Automation as part of Mitsubishi's newly launched *DiamondWorks!* Workforce Development Program. This partnership provides ASU Mid-South access to Mitsubishi's curriculum (being used by manufacturers throughout the state and, specifically, by Hino Manufacturing, located in Crittenden County); free instructor training in any scheduled Mitsubishi Electric training courses; free software for Mitsubishi Electric products; discounted hardware and educational equipment; student internship opportunities; and promotion of ASU Mid-South as an official educational partner of Mitsubishi Electric Automation. This partnership is a direct result of our strong relationship with Hino Manufacturing.

### **Goldsby Wild Game Dinner**

The Tommy Goldsby Wild Game Dinner will be held on March 12 at the Mark Pirani Farm Headquarters in Marion. This will be the first Wild Game Dinner since March 2020. That event that was held just one week prior to the COVID-19 lockdown. Enthusiasm is high for this year's event, which will begin at 6:00 p.m. and will have "Yellowstone" as its theme. So far, it has garnered a record 48 sponsors, and tickets have already sold out. Proceeds benefit our Tommy Goldsby Concurrent Student Scholarship Fund.

### **ASU Mid-South Academic Program Notifications**

In response to local demand from Carvana, Ford Motor Company, and Goodyear Commercial, ASU Mid-South is seeking to add an automotive component to its existing Diesel Maintenance Technology program. Primary changes to the curriculum include the revision of the program's existing "Brake Systems" four-credit-hour course and the addition of introductory courses, emphasizing safety and proper use of tools. The following courses will be added to the technical certificate: Shop Essentials (three credit hours); Industrial Safety (three credit hours); Hydraulic and Electric Brake Systems (three credit hours), required for students concentrating in automotive maintenance technology; and Compressed Air Brake Systems (three credit hours), required for students concentrating in diesel maintenance technology. The West Memphis



School District and Arkansas's Office of Skills Development have pledged instructional and equipment cost support related to providing this program to the college's Secondary Technical Center.

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

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The current Sheridan Practical Nursing (PN) program will be moving to the Saline County Career Technical Campus (SCCTC) beginning in May 2022. The PN program courses will be the first college-level classes offered at SCCTC. This move will allow for a 50% increase in students accepted into the PN program at this location. Stay tuned for more news as we expand our Saline County presence!

This year, the SCCTC students earned more than 350 nationally recognized certifications, including OSHA 10 and NC3 certifications in AC and DC Electric. The original goal for the year was for students to earn 500 certifications; that goal has been raised.

The second-year class of the Honors College participated in a workshop to craft our 2022 commencement medallions. The class has five graduating members, two of whom completed courses in December and are settling into their transfer institutions -- both in the ASU System.

The ASU Three Rivers Workforce Development Office, along with Siplast Inc. in Arkadelphia, the Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Area Alliance & Area Chamber of Commerce, and Henderson State University are working to establish the Clark County Workforce Training Group (CCWTG) to expand offerings of workforce training for business and industry into Clark County.

According to the Arkansas 2019 Economic Security Report, ASU Three Rivers graduates earned the highest average starting salary among all AA/AAS graduates statewide, at \$49,789. Additionally, when compared with graduates earning a bachelor's degree, ASU Three Rivers AA/AAS graduates had the second-highest starting salaries, and the sixth highest compared with master's degree graduates. ASU Three Rivers nursing graduates earned the second-highest salary in the state.

Arkansas State University Three Rivers received an anonymous gift of \$200,000 to be used to fund student scholarships in 2022. This unique opportunity is unprecedented and will be a welcome benefit for students of ASU Three Rivers. At the request of the donor's representative, ASU Three Rivers submitted a proposal that outlined the college's scholarship payout plan. The accepted plan will provide scholarships to all GED students and 3+1 nursing students during Spring 2022, and to all new students who enroll in five, high-demand programs in Fall 2022. Those programs include Computer Network Management, Cosmetology, Medical Office Administration, Mechatronics, and AA Teaching. Students in these programs will be automatically awarded the scholarship. Any unused funds, after all scholarships have been paid out, will be used to restock the Eagle Outreach Pantry on campus.

ASU Three Rivers had the honor of hosting Dawson Co-Op's Elementary School chess tournaments. Students in third through eighth grades were on campus to compete in chess matches during the months of September, October, and November.

On February 25, a ribbon-cutting ceremony and an open house were held for the recently named Parker Family House. The Parker Family members have been vital supporters throughout the history of Arkansas State University Three Rivers; Mr. and Mr. Parker were integral to the creation of the school in 1969.

Phase II of the restoration of The Historic Ritz Theatre is complete. As expected, the work has proven to be quite extensive. ASU Three Rivers has applied for a third grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC). Phase III will include the restoration of wall and floor surfaces, new electrical and plumbing needs, new seating, an improved sound system, a new stage, and other finishing items.

Mark your calendars now for the Second Annual ASU Three Rivers Foundation Golf Tournament, scheduled for May 23, at the Malvern Country Club.

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**Chancellor's Report  
Henderson State University**

**Financial Exigency Process**

Chancellor Chuck Ambrose communicated to the Henderson campus on February 3, 2022, an intent to immediately begin the process of declaring financial exigency. On February 9, the Faculty Senate unanimously adopted a resolution concurring "that a situation of financial exigency exists." Additional information will be shared in the coming weeks. Reference documents are available at <https://hsu.edu/futureofhenderson>.

**Chemistry, Innovative Media Receive Forrest E. Mars, Jr. Chocolate History Grant**

Faculty and students from Henderson State's chemistry department and innovative media program are collaborating to share the history of chocolate with middle- and high-school students, thanks to a \$5,500 grant from Mars, Inc.

"The grant will help us produce educational materials, including videos, to explain the chemistry of chocolate in different historical contexts," Dr. Suzanne Neidhart said. "For example, I have a student who is researching the differences between ancient Mesoamerican hot chocolate (elixirs) and modern hot chocolate."

**Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) Grants**

Three Henderson students were awarded Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) grants, along with their faculty mentors: pre-medical biology majors, Mattison Fairchild and Dr. Jamie Engman; engineering majors, Kimberly Harper and Dr. Zahra Zamanipour; and psychology majors, Mykiah Overstreet and Dr. Shannon Wittig.

**New Turf Project Kicks Off at Carpenter-Haygood Stadium in March**

Reddie Athletics will break ground on a new turf installation project at Carpenter-Haygood Stadium in March. The \$587,000 project is funded with 100 percent of the proceeds raised through designated donations to the Henderson State University Foundation.

**Student Soloists to Perform with Ensemble from Arkansas Symphony Orchestra**

Henderson's Department of Music has announced six student soloists who are scheduled to perform on campus with an ensemble from the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra at a date to be announced this spring. Students include Elora Rawdah from Royse City, Texas; Reece Ruhl from Paragould; Will Cole from Mount Ida; Wesley Gangluff

from Bryant; Alexandra Tyler from The Woodlands, Texas; Dylan Denham from Pearcy; and Fisher Neufeld from Mena.

### **Henderson Foundation Announces New Endowment, Wendell O. Evanson Band Scholarship**

The Henderson State University Foundation has announced a newly endowed scholarship for students pursuing a bachelor of music education degree. The Wendell O. Evanson Band Scholarship was made possible by a generous \$25,000 gift from Dr. Lydia Evanson—the wife of the late Wendell Evanson, who served as Henderson’s band director for 30 years. The first scholarship will be awarded in Fall 2022.