

**Arkansas State University System
Board of Trustees
September 2, 2022**

ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.

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For the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$6,327,263.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$4,449,642
ASU-Mountain Home	1,060,413
ASU-Beebe	207,584
ASU-Newport	321,404
ASU-Three Rivers	288,050
ASU System Foundation	170

The Foundation reported net assets of \$109,066,318, representing a decrease of -9.05% for the period ending on June 30, 2022.

The market value of the ASU System Foundation Endowment Pool for the period ending June 30, 2022, was \$100,056,764.

The net rate of return for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2022, was -13.01%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$83,376,271
Mountain Home	6,833,898
Beebe	2,065,295
Newport	2,550,238
Three Rivers	709,444
Red Wolves Foundation	1,863,511
System Foundation	<u>2,658,108</u>
Total	<u>\$100,056,764</u>

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Capital Projects Report
September 2, 2022

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

ASU-JONESBORO

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Fine Arts ADA	\$280,000	Design Phase
Campus Building Entrance Security – Phase I	\$634,977	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-Phase 1	793,700	Design Phase
Loop Trail Phase II	\$1,008,312	Construction Phase
Loop Trail Phase III	\$128,000	Design Phase
Library Elevators Modernization	\$500,376	Construction Phase
Beck Center for Veterans	\$497,532	Substantially Complete
Campus Lighting Phase III	\$544,381	Construction Phase
Farmers’ Market	\$3,463,532	Construction Phase
LSW 3 Labs Renovation	\$588,115	Substantially Complete
LSW Fire Alarm Replacement	\$328,590	Construction Phase
Wilson Advising Center - New Counseling Center	\$602,516	Construction Phase
Collegiate Park Stairs (2&4)	\$236,803	Substantially Complete
Student Learning Commons	\$962,865	Construction Phase
NPO Commons Renovation	\$236,389	Substantially Complete
FNB Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement	\$830,953	Design Phase
College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement	\$529,151	Construction Phase
Student Union Controls Upgrades	\$399,781	Construction Phase
Misc. Bldg. Site Demo	\$4,008,109	Design Phase
ABI 1 st Floor Exhaust Upgrades	\$893,063	Construction Phase
NPHC Lounge	\$427,237	Construction Phase
Kays Hall Shower Valves	\$325,380	Construction Phase
Quapaw Rd. Closure and Site Lighting	\$298,870	Design Phase
Stadium West Parking Lot Lighting	\$297,144	Construction Phase
Parking Lot NW-2 Overlay	\$249,487	Substantially Complete
Parking Deck Sealing and Striping	\$242,559	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 2024
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 2024.

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 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.

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/University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to construct a new practice field, north of the current SAC facility. This project is currently in the construction phase and is scheduled for completion in Fall 2022.

9. Caraway Road Bike & Pedestrian-Phase 1

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. 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.

11. 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.

12. Library Elevators 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. 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.

13. Beck Center for Veterans

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

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

14. Campus Lighting Phase III

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: RGB Mechanical
Expected Completion: December 2023
Funding: University Reserves/Access & Security Fee

Status: The scope of this project is to provide parking and street lighting in the parking lots west of University and Kays Halls and along Marion Berry Parkway.

15. Farmers' Market

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

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

16. LSW Renovate Three Biology Labs

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

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

17. LSW Fire Alarm Replacement

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: Johnson Controls Fire Protection
Expected Completion: December 2022
Funding: University Reserves

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

18. Wilson Advising Center - New Counseling Center

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

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

19. Collegiate Park Stairs (2&4)

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

Status: The scope is to replace the risers and stair pans and to repair damaged stair towers. This project is substantially complete.

20. Student Learning Commons

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

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

21. NPQ Commons Renovation

Architect/Engineer: Brackett Krennerich
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: August 2022
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The North Park Quads renovation includes an approximately 1,600 square-foot interior renovation to the existing commons building at the heart of the NPQ residence halls. This renovation will serve as a "grab-and-go" store in conjunction with the other food-service facilities on campus. This area will provide drinks, snacks, and prepared hot foods that will be served from the main kitchen at the Student Union. Construction is currently progressing, with demolition to interior walls and slab areas. Materials are on site to begin re-framing and re-configuration of interior wall areas to re-support existing structures and make way for support mechanical systems and freezers/coolers for food service. This project is substantially complete.

22. FNB Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement

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

Status: The scope of this project is to remove one existing Air Handler Unit and replace it with one new AHU that has dehumidification capabilities and to refurbish one existing AHU.

23. College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement

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

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

24. Student Union Controls Upgrades

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

Status: Remove the outdated existing controls system and replace with a new Computrol's system.

25. Misc. Building Site Demo

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

Status:

Fine Arts Annex

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

Fine Arts Foundry

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

HPESS Natatorium

Demolish the 14,000 square-foot Natatorium and 2,300 square-foot connecting link to HPESS building.

Create a new west entrance to the HPESS building upon removal of the connecting link.

Academic Circle Houses

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

26. ABI 1\First Floor Exhaust Upgrades

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

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

27. NPHC Lounge

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

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

28. Kays Hall Shower Valves

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

Status: Maintenance project to replace 121 shower valves.

29. 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.

30. Stadium West Parking Lot Lighting

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

Status: Provide lights for the West parking lot at the Football Stadium.

31. Parking Lot NW-2 Overlay

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: Meadows Contractors
Expected Completion: October 2023
Funding: University Reserves & Capital Parking

Status: Mill and overlay Collegiate Park parking lot.

32. Parking Deck Sealing and Striping

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: Meadows Contractors
Expected Completion: December 2023
Funding: University Reserves & ADHE Aux

Status: Maintenance sealing and striping for the parking deck.

33. NPO Commons VAV Replacement

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

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

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: Marion County Paving
Expected Completion: Summer 2022
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 Summer 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

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
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
Wayfinding Signage	\$240,686	Pre-construction

1. ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails

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

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

2. ASUN Canopy for Outdoor Learning and Activity Space

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates
 Contractor: Bailey Contractors
 Expected Completion: 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.

4. Wayfinding Signage

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

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

ASU MID-SOUTH

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
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. The planning phase has begun and our team has reviewed preliminary drawings.

ASU THREE RIVERS

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase II	\$872,000	Substantially Complete
Nursing Building Expansion – Design Phase	\$327,250	Procuring Architect

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. This project is substantially complete.

2. Nursing Building Expansion – Design Phase

Architect/Engineer: TBD
 Expected Completion: December 2022
 Funding: Institution Reserves

Status: ASUTR has issued a Request for Qualifications for design professionals. Anticipated award date is July 14, 2022.

HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

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

1. Caddo Center

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

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

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September 2, 2022**

**Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH

Academic Affairs and Research:

- The preliminary Fall 2022 retention rate numbers for first-year students look promising for A-State. As of 8/2/22, the retention rate is 77.8%, compared to 73.9% at this same time last year.
- A-State continues to excel in securing state productivity funding. In 2022-23, A-State ranked second in productivity index among the 10 four-year public universities in Arkansas. A-State also has the second-highest growth in productivity index. As a result, \$122,087 incentive funding is added to A-State's base funding for 2023-2024. Since the beginning of productivity funding in 2017-18, A-State has increased its base funding by \$3.4 million, a 6.03% increase.
- The HLC Accreditation Kick-off Breakfast was held August 26. Speakers included President Welch, Chancellor Shields, Provost Utter, and HLC Vice President, Karen Solomon.
- The General Education Committee has begun piloting themes to be incorporated into the general education curriculum. The two themes being piloted are *Creativity and Problem Solving* and *Society and Technology*. Additionally, the General Education Committee will be reviewing 14 courses in its quadrennial review.
- The Testing Center has added the Assessment and Learning in Knowledge Spaces (ALEKS) test (in collaboration with the math department) and the Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine licensure exam to its repertoire. Additional testing opportunities are being investigated.
- The National Science Foundation has recently awarded A-State a \$2 million Research Traineeship grant to expand our Environmental Sciences (EVS) and Molecular Biosciences (MBS) doctoral programs on campus. The funded project is a collaboration among Biological Sciences, Computer Science, the Center for No-Boundary Thinking, Arkansas Biosciences Institute at A-State, and the doctoral programs in EVS and MBS. The project is titled, **Understanding Invasion and Disease Ecology and Evolution through Computational Data Education**, and it is known to leadership team members by the acronym *You and I Decode* (UandI-DEECODE), which is a testament to the project's goals of interdisciplinary discovery and broadening participation. *You and I Decode* leverages expertise from recent

hires in the Center for No-Boundary Thinking in Computer Science and the Disease in Nature Cluster in Biological Sciences to create a holistic, truly interdisciplinary program that will draw graduate students from diverse backgrounds to A-State and support them as they make exciting discoveries and develop into contributing scientists.

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions

- The following were approved by the AHECB for A-State at the July 29, 2022 meeting:
 - **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED ONLINE**
 - B.S., Occupational and Environmental Safety and Health
 - B.S.R.S., Radiologic Sciences
 - M.S.W., Social Work
 - C.P., Emergency Medical Technician-Basic
 - **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED AT OFF-CAMPUS LOCATION**
 - B.S., Business Economics, to be offered at Arkansas State University Campus Querétaro
 - **NAME OR CIP CHANGE OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE, DEGREE, MAJOR, OPTION, OR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT**
 - CIP change for M.B.A., Business Administration, from 52.0201 to 52.1301
 - Name change for Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management to Department of Emergency Management and Occupational Health
 - Name change for Department of Management and Marketing to Department of Management, Marketing, and Supply Chain
 - Name change for M.A., Criminal Justice, to M.A., Criminology and Criminal Justice
 - **PROGRAM DELETION/INACTIVATION OR REACTIVATION**
 - Deletion, B.A., Environmental Studies
 - Deletion, G.C., Computer Science Education
 - Deletion, M.S.E., Computer Science Education
 - Deletion, M.S.E., Biology
 - Deletion, M.S.N., Nurse Anesthesia
 - Deletion, P.S.C., Biotechnology
 - **RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW DEGREE**

- B.S.M.E., Mechanical Engineering, B.S.E.E., Electrical Engineering, and B.S., Engineering Management Systems, reconfigured to create B.S., Industrial Systems Engineering (offered at Arkansas State University Campus Querétaro only)
- **PROGRAM CURRICULUM REVISION**
 - M.S.E., Educational Theory and Practice
 - A.A.S., Paramedic
 - C.P., Emergency Medical Technician-Basic
 - T.C., Paramedic
- The following were approved by the AHECB for A-State at the October 28, 2022, meeting:
 - **ESTABLISHMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT**
 - Institute for Rural Initiatives (IRI)

ATHLETICS

Athletics Administration

- Larry Lacewell, former Director of Athletics and winningest head football coach in Arkansas State history, passed away Tuesday, May 17, at the age of 85. In support of the Larry and Criss Lacewell family, Arkansas State University and the Red Wolves' Athletics Department hosted a "Celebration of Life" service honoring Lacewell on June 17 at the First National Bank Arena. The football team will wear a special Larry Lacewell sticker on their helmets this season as a remembrance.
- Hosted by the Red Wolves Foundation and presented by the A-State football program's 1200 Club, the 10th annual Helmets and Heels event was held July 28 at Centennial Bank Stadium.
- The tradition-rich Red Wolf Walk is returning to Halsey Thrasher Harpole Tailgate City at Mike Watson Park, which is being enhanced through a new Athletics Department partnership with REVEL^{XP}, the revolutionary fan experience and hospitality company.
- Brandon Cunningham, a veteran athletics administrator, with more than 15 years of experience at the FBS level, was named Deputy Athletics Director for Development and Revenue Generation.

Football

- Former defensive end Chris Odom was named the USFL Defensive Player of the Year.
- The Red Wolves placed three players on the preseason All-Sun Belt Conference team, including first-team selections Kivon Bennett (LB), Te'Vailance Hunt (WR), and Johnnie Lang (RS).

- The Red Wolves Preseason Kickoff Banquet presented by the 1200 Club was held Thursday, Aug. 25, at the Student Activity Center.

Men's Basketball

- The Red Wolves participated in a foreign tour to the Dominican Republic, playing three games during the nine-day trip in August.

Women's Golf

- Junior Olivia Schmidt became our first player to be named the SBC Women's Golfer of the Year.

Soccer

- The Red Wolves were picked to finish second in the SBC West, according to the league's preseason poll. Sophomore forward Aliyah Williamson was named Preseason All-SBC.

Tennis

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

Track & Field

- Jim Patchell was named the SBC Women's Outdoor Track & Field Coach of the Year.
- Sixteen student-athletes competed in the NCAA West Preliminary Rounds held in Fayetteville, AR.
- Bennett Pascoe returned to the NCAA Outdoor Championships and was named Second Team All-American.
- Four-time All-American and former national champion Sharika Nelvis was inducted into the Arkansas Track and Field Hall of Fame.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

University Communications

- Worked with the System Office to conduct livestreamed public presentations of finalists and the announcement of the new Chancellor at Arkansas State.
- Completed the renewal submission for the A-State's Bicycle Friendly University status with the League of American Bicyclists.
- Generated 47 articles for internal and external use, during the reporting period, , in addition to the weekly "Inside A-State" newsletter.

- Began work with Academic Partnerships to support Enrollment Management through new digital marketing placements, which will leverage the Go.AState microsite.

Digital Creative Services

- Targeted social videos to support the arrival of new Chancellor Todd Shields received high traffic on each platform.
- Traveled with our SPOCS student team to Florida for the launch of their experiment to the International Space Station, creating important reputation and recruiting video content highlighting their success with NASA.
- Completed a “get-to-know” video featuring Vice Chancellor of Intercollegiate Athletics Jeff Purinton, and launched the video in August on AState.edu and social channels.
- Sent more than 1.2 million emails as a part of 221 Digital Creative’s campaigns since the last Board meeting (late-May 2022 to late-August 2022) with an open rate of emails of 43%.

Creative Media Services

- Among the high-profile design work, new billboards were placed across the state and signage was added in Little Rock’s Clinton Airport to support the Go.AState campaign.
- Since the last Board meeting, Creative Media has completed 273 jobs for on-campus clients, notably the ongoing work for Enrollment Management’s recruiting publication refreshes for the Class of 2026 first-year students.

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Access & Accommodation Services

- A member of A&AS took the leadership role of vice president with Ark-AHEAD, the state organization comprised of disability service providers.
- In direct services to students, A&AS proctored approximately 90 exams, fulfilled 44 alternative textbook requests for students, and plans to pilot a new scheduling app for mobility-assistance vehicle drivers and riders this fall.
- The staff worked during the summer to effect revisions on the A&AS website, as well as participated in several training sessions to improve the ability to deliver services.

AmeriCorps – A-State Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program

- A-State’s Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program (NRWCEP) successfully tutored 150 low-performing math students at Nettleton Junior High School

and at City Youth Ministries during the summer, with both groups seeing significant increases in math scores.

- NRWCEP members attended conferences and trainings, including the Arkansas Council of Women in Higher Education Conference and the Engage AR annual member retreat.
- NRWCEP was featured on Arkansas PBS's "Rise & Shine" segment.

Beck Center for Veterans

- As a part of reorganization, the Beck Center shifted back to the College of Nursing and Health Professions with the start of the new fiscal year.

Diversifying Our Curing Community

- Diversifying Our Curing Community (DOCC) is a grant-funded program for students from underrepresented backgrounds, who are interested in pursuing a career as a medical doctor. Nine of the 10 students participating began the two-week program in August with four being first-year students.

Multicultural Affairs

- The Multicultural Affairs staff partnered with St. Bernards Healthcare, NYIT Medical School, and the Division of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement to host the third annual Diversity Conference. The theme for 2022 was "Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB) as a Tool for Organizational Success." There were 110 registrants.
- Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha Incorporada (SIA) held its e-board retreat during July and worked through plans for events for Fall 2022.
- Dr. Evette Allen-Moore represented the Office of Multicultural Affairs, providing a diversity training to the Jonesboro Leadership 2022 class through the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce. About 27 leaders attended the session.
- During July and August, the Multicultural Affairs interim director facilitated diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging training for the following groups: the First Year Experience faculty and staff (10 participants); the new Housing REC team; the Learning Support Services program (50 participants); and for about 90 resident assistants.

Student Diversity Recruitment

- The student group selected a new executive board to prepare for the upcoming recruitment season.
- The INSPIRE program, a week-long bridge program for first-year students from underrepresented backgrounds, was held the week before classes began with 53 confirmed participants.

Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement

- Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement provided sponsorship for 44 faculty to take the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion course provided by the A-State Center for Excellence in Teaching and Learning.
- The division provided registration for 28 faculty and staff members to attend the third annual Diversity conference, co-hosted by St. Bernards Healthcare, the NYIT Medical School, and the Division of Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

New Student Enrollment

- As we approach the first day of classes, our first-year on-campus students are projected to be up 2%, compared to last fall, with a total of 1,202 domestic students. The overall Class of 2026 is trending up 1% overall, at 1,329 students, which include 89 international and 70 online first-year students.
- Transfer students declined by 3%, with 740 new students, with online transfer students buffering a loss of on-campus transfer students. The trend toward more transfer students, especially degree-completing students, who prefer an online setting, continues.
- Graduate students remain essentially the same, with a 0.5% increase, compared to last year with 4,598. In a trend that parallels transfer students, increases in the number of international graduate students and online graduate students have offset losses for on-campus graduate students.

Returning Students and Overall Enrollment

- While international students are still arriving to campus and further intake of online students is expected, the current Fall 2022 projection is for 6,672 on-campus, 5,255 online, and 896 students at Campus Queretaro.

New Collaborations

- A-State is working with Henderson State to offer a B.S. in Aviation – Pilot Licensure at our Jonesboro campus. A-State will be submitting to ADHE the new curriculum in the fall, with a soft launch in Spring 2023 and a full first cohort for the Jonesboro campus in Fall 2023.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Auxiliary Business Services

- The newly updated convenience store will open at the start of the fall semester in the Northpark Quad Commons building, as well as the Sweet Shoppe adjacent to Acansa Dining Hall.

Chief Financial Officer

- The Controller's Office, Procurement Services, and the Treasurer's Office continue to assist Henderson State with financial administration and accounting. A shared-services agreement has been executed for the provision of procurement administration, and one is currently being developed for financial and accounting services.

Controller's Office

- Fiscal year 2022 was closed on July 22. The audit began the second week of August and FY 22 reports were reviewed with the System Office at the end of the month.

Delta Center for Economic Development

- The Delta Center was awarded a service agreement with the Delta Regional Authority to administer its Delta Leadership Institute Executive Academy and Alumni Program. Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch will be working with the Delta Center to provide a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Certification to the Delta Leadership Institute fellows during the 2023 cohort.
- Staff members are preparing high school teams to compete in the upcoming Thrown to the Wolves innovation competition.
- The second survey report for Be Pro Be Proud – Arkansas and first survey report for Be Pro Be Proud – South Carolina were completed.
- The service agreements with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission – Manufacturing Solutions have been renewed for 2023. These two agreements are expected to provide manufacturing support and innovation support.

Enterprise Risk Management

- Risk Management developed and implemented a CDL drug-testing plan with National Medtest and assisted the College of Nursing and Health Professions with securing workers' compensation insurance coverage for clinical students working in the state of Colorado.

Environmental Health and Safety

- Among training highlights, EHS conducted fire safety and extinguisher exercise and instruction to all researchers of the campus optics program. It also

participated in the campus Earth Day activity and conducted lab clean-out for all campus lab spaces.

Facilities Management

• Capital Projects & Capital Renewal Projects

- Notable projects that are in the planning, bidding, execution, or close-out phase include the following:
 - Campus building exterior access controls for academic core buildings is ongoing;
 - Phase III multi-use trail design is complete with bidding expected during the fourth quarter of 2022;
 - Two major elevator modernization projects are underway, with the College of Nursing and Health Professions nearing completion and the Dean B. Ellis Library expected to conclude in the third quarter of 2022.
 - Construction of student study space, utilizing the vacated bookstore location, is expected to be completed in the third quarter of 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. Project scope will begin during the third quarter of 2022 and should be completed by the fourth quarter of 2023. Griffin College of Business VAU replacement is expected to be completed in early 2023. The FNBA air-handling unit replacement Phase I is in process and expected to be completed in the third quarter of 2023. The University Hall and Arkansas Hall fan coil replacement Phase I is on hold until the campus master plan is updated.

• Judd Hill Farmers' Market Expansion

- The Judd Hill Farmers' Market expansion will provide an additional air-conditioned building adjacent to the current farmers' market structure in process, with anticipated completion in the third quarter of 2023.

• Campus Planning Update

- A-State has engaged design professionals to update and create a University Master Plan (Smith Group), University Club Sports Plan (Convergence Design), and the University Crosswalk Survey (Pickering Engineering).

• Windgate Hall Architectural Firm

- Facilities is reviewing contract language with WER architects for the building design.

First National Bank Arena

- Upcoming events include:
 - World’s Largest Yard Sale – September 17
 - Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce Business Expo – September 14
 - Lee Brice – September 22
 - Travis Tritt – October 13
 - Baby Shark Live! “2022 Splash Tour” – October 26
 - Whiskey Myers – December 8
- Recent events include:
 - Cybersecurity & Infrastructure Security Agency – Improvised Explosive Device Search Procedures Course; Presented by Congressman Crawford
 - Arkansas’s First Congressional District School Safety and Security Workshop; Presented by Congressman Crawford
 - Paw Patrol Live! “The Great Pirate Adventure” – August 23-24.

Human Resources

- Provided training on hiring procedures for the Henderson campus and transitioned all historical employee paper files to electronic format.

Information and Technology

- In the ongoing work for uniform ERP for all ASU System campuses, the final pieces of the student module are coming together at all campuses, with HSU a major focus for upgrades with a dedicated team of employees to complete their integration.
- A-State campus projects are focused on network switch upgrades across all facilities and are at a 99% completion rate for the fall semester with numerous individual classroom upgrades. The A-State Safety Council priorities are under review, and many new security cameras and support systems have been completed across campus.
- Weekly calls with all ASU System campuses continue, with emphasis on support of all ERP efforts and IT security needs.

Payroll Services

- Continued to roll out shared services payroll procedures to HSU, including additional compensation, electronic personnel action forms, deferred compensation, time-tracking, and leave-reporting.

Procurement

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

Red Wolf Wellness

- The employee wellness program included hosting a stress-management program, a women's health challenge, and a six-week, body-transformation program.

Title IX and Institutional Equity

- Collaborated with both our campus and community partners on awareness programs, notably a special Coffee and Consent tabling event in the library, and a sexual assault awareness information table in the Union.

Training & Development

- A-State hosted 56 new staff members for employee orientation and added new training courses to the Learn Center.

University Police Department

- The University Police coordinated with Congressman Rick Crawford and the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency Office of Bombing Prevention to host a three-day training event on August 2-4.
- The agency participated in hearings in July with the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA), and the Commission found the agency to be in full compliance with accreditation standards during the hearing and awarded reaccreditation for four additional years.
- During July and August, officers have completed training in Pressure Point Control Techniques (PPCT), handgun and rifle qualifications, IED Search and Detection, and instructor development in Field Training for new officers. Department members also reviewed policy and participated in unit training drills related to active-shooter and bomb threats.

University Safety and Emergency Management

- Completed minor repairs to fire sprinkler systems and installation of a new fire alarm system at the Nursing Building.
- Along with checks and drills across campus, site visits were made to every fire panel on campus to work on networking issues.
- Conducted CERT trainings for A-State CERT team and led safety trainings for Facilities Management, Childhood Services/Child Development, and A-State Farm staff.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Campus Recreation

- Booker Mays was named Director of the Red WOLF Center in June 2022.
- Intramural activities will be offered in the fall for individual students or student organizations. Events include football, volleyball, basketball, pickle ball, and soccer.
- Club sports are active in local and regional exhibitions during the fall, with rugby and softball competing nationally with home and away matches in the respective conferences.

Career Services

- On our student success platforms, A-State students had almost 5,000 student and alumni activations on Handshake, resulting in 767 internship or job applications submitted. Through Big Interview, 487 students used the system, and on Candid Career, there were 257 total logins.
- Hosted the annual JCP Suit Up in our annual partnership with JC Penney to offer discounted clothing to college students seeking employment or internships, and also held employer engagement events with various local and regional companies, including Snap-On Equipment, Gartner, Northwestern Mutual, Windstream, and Adams and Brown.

Counseling Center

- The Center interacted with 342 active mental health clients, resulting in 749 enrolled in TAO (Therapist Online Assisted) services. In addition, 128 mental health screenings were conducted.
- As part of the Student Affairs collaborative approach, the Counseling Center staff participated in various Preview Days, the campus-wide Community Fair, a SAB Wellness Event, and RecFest.
- Staff provided training to various faculty, staff, and student leaders, emphasizing techniques for helping students in distress.

Leadership Center

- Leadership Center staff and Pack Leaders hosted 10 sessions of New Student Orientation throughout May, June, July, and August. More than 1,490 incoming first-year students were in attendance, and 34 attended the Camp A-State extended orientation program in June.
- Leadership Center staff hosted a virtual “refresher” session on August 11, regarding ways faculty and staff can utilize the A-State Students App to support their upcoming programs and events.
- The Student Activities Board (SAB) wrapped up Spring 2022 with its annual Day at the Park event, in conjunction with A-State baseball on April 8, and the Springfest

celebration on April 26. For this year's Springfest, SAB brought the nationally-known Aux Cord Wars show to campus.

- SAB will host the 25th annual Order of the Pack, in partnership with A-State Athletics, on September 1. SAB will host its traditional Welcome Week events, highlighted by the annual Community & Organization Fair, and the Downtown Jonesboro Block Party. Homecoming Week kicks off September 26 with "Feeling '22" as this year's theme.
- Carlee Bird and Maddyson Lamb were sworn in as Student Government Association president and vice president, respectively, on April 12. Their slated staff was presented and approved, as well. SGA wrapped up Spring 2022 with its final meeting on April 26. SGA will host freshman senator elections on September 7-8 with the announcement of the newly-elected senators on September 8 at noon. Freshman senators will be sworn in at the Senate meeting on September 13.
- Volunteer A-State maintained hours of operation at the A-State Food Pantry throughout the summer. The pantry's final day of operation for summer will be August 10.
- Volunteer A-State will invite local nonprofit partners to campus on September 7 for the annual Volunteer Fair, held in the Reng Student Union.
- The Red Wolves for St. Jude program will officially launch its 2022-23 fundraising campaign on September 15, and will host its annual National Recruitment Days events on September 19-20.

University Housing

- Approximately 1,050 residents resided on campus during the summer months. In addition, 14 overnight summer camps brought 1,493 participants to campus, ranging in age from high school to adult, and living in University housing.
- Fall housing move-in occurred in August. The anticipated occupancy count is 2,652 for fall.
- Based on student feedback, more traditional residence hall rooms were reconfigured to allow for more single occupancy options.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Advancement Services

- For the fiscal year, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, A-State recorded a total of 27,217 gifts and commitments from 7,533 individual donors, for a total of \$32,185,848.71. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges. This number also includes the \$25 million Windgate Charitable Foundation challenge match.
- There were 685 privately funded scholarships awarded to 649 students, totaling \$1,320,653.94 in awards.

Alumni Relations

- The University's second Giving Day was held April 5, 2022. A total of \$585,680 was pledged and, as of July 12, 2022, a total of \$123,070 has been received. More than 750 gifts were made by 631 donors.
- Alumni Association memberships increased because all graduates receive a free one-year membership. 1924 Sustaining Life memberships increased by 32 this fiscal year.
- The alumni giving rate at the end of FY22 is 7.5 percent, which remains around the national average. The faculty and staff giving rate for A-State is currently 58 percent for FY22, which is well above the national average.
- The number of official A-State license plates, as of June 30, 2022, totals 5,298 plates.
- The 2022 Distinguished Alumni have been selected. The three individuals being honored this year are Dr. Gil Fowler, '71 of Jonesboro; Chad Niell, '91 of Jonesboro; and Herman Strickland, Jr., '81 (posthumous award). They will be honored at a dinner on September 30, at the Cooper Alumni Center.
- The 2022 Emerging Young Alumni have been selected. The five individuals to be honored this year are Lindsey Bowman, '10, of Jonesboro; Erin Gibson, '13, of Jonesboro; Bethany Hines, '11, of New York City; Tyler Vanderpool, '07, of Los Angeles; and Dr. Mark Wiggins, '07, of Jonesboro. They will be honored at a small private luncheon on September 15, at the Cooper Alumni Center.
- Upcoming events (with flexibility, if necessary):
 - September 17: Alumni Tailgate, Memphis (coordinated with athletics)
 - September 30: Distinguished Alumni Dinner
 - October 1: Homecoming Tailgate at Cooper Alumni Center
 - October 1: Band Alumni Reunion
 - October 18: Top Golf, Rogers, AR – NWA Alumni Chapter
 - November 12: Hall of Heroes Induction at ROTC

- December 3: Pancakes and PJs at Cooper Alumni Center
- December 3: Capitol Lighting, ASU System Office

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

Associate of Applied Science Registered Nurses Achieve 100% Pass Rate

ASU-Beebe's Spring Class of 2022 Associate of Applied Science - Registered Nursing achieved 100% Pass Rate on the National Council Licensure Exam (NCLEX). The Associate of Applied Science Nursing Degree is a bridge program that provides a pathway for students who have completed the Licensed Practical Nursing or Paramedics program to advance in their careers and in their potential to earn a higher salary. Students who complete the degree requirements and successfully pass the NCLEX will hold the credential of Registered Nurse (RN).

ASU-Beebe Awarded More Than \$1 Million in Regional Workforce Grants

Arkansas State University-Beebe was recently awarded \$1,080,000 in Regional Workforce Grant Awards from the Arkansas Division of Higher Education. The Computerized Machining and Industrial Technology programs, on the Searcy campus, will receive \$1 million, and the Computer-Aided Drafting and Design program, on the Beebe campus, will receive \$80,000 toward the development of automation and robotics curriculum within the program. The grant will be used to purchase 15-20 new pieces of equipment for both the Computerized Machining and the Industrial Technology programs. Several CNC machines, such as a five-axis machine and a lathe for live tooling, will be purchased for the machining program. The Industrial Technology program will be adding mechatronic lines, mechanical drive trainers, and conveyor systems. The \$80,000 grant, awarded to the Computer-Aided Drafting and Design program, will be used to upgrade equipment in both CADD laboratories located in the Advanced Technology and Allied Health Building.

Students Compete in National SkillsUSA in Automated Manufacturing

A team of students competed and placed seventh in the nation in Automated Manufacturing at the SkillsUSA National Leadership and Skills Conference held on June 23, 2022, in Atlanta, GA.

Mini-Grants Awarded to Support Initiatives to Benefit Students

Thanks to a generous donation from ASU-Beebe supporter and advocate Cathy Eoff, several faculty and staff received financial support to engage in scholarly activities or with products designed to improve teaching, programmatic offerings, and/or student success initiatives through the Vanguard Mini-Grants program.

The program was created in Fall 2021. For the 2021-22 academic year, four initiatives were funded through the program: a leadership library for Leadership Scholars and all students; math manipulatives for education majors; a drone pilot training program; and a monarch butterfly garden on the Beebe campus completed by the Phi Theta Kappa honor students and their sponsors.

Students Accepted to Colleges of Pharmacy

Seven ASU-Beebe students in the spring Organic Chemistry II class were accepted to Arkansas colleges of Pharmacy. Among the ASU-Beebe organic chemistry students were Aimsley Moran and Roman Maciel, both accepted to the College of Pharmacy at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, and Hannah Story, accepted to the College of Pharmacy at Harding University. "Students can complete all their prerequisite coursework for pharmacy school at ASU-Beebe," said Joseph Scott, Director of Allied Health.

PTK Organizes Buffalo River Float Trip

Several ASU-Beebe students, faculty and staff members, and their families participated in an ASU-Beebe Buffalo River Float Trip on June 25. The event was organized by the ASU-Beebe Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society. Harding University sponsored the float, and Arkansas Tech University sponsored the lunch. "We had fun, and it was a great event to build camaraderie between faculty, staff, students, and their families. It was wonderful to see everyone relaxing and smiling while floating the Buffalo River," said Eddie Supratman, PTK Chair.

Faculty and Staff Receive National Excellence Awards

Several faculty and staff from ASU-Beebe attended the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Conference held May 28-31 in Austin, TX. Those from ASU-Beebe, who received the NISOD Excellence Awards, were Ryan Gibbons, Assistant Professor of Communications and Theatre, and Kim Gullahorn, Executive Assistant to the Chancellor. Several also presented on the topic, "Teaching in the Pandemic: Global Collaboration Projects Via Canvas" at the conference. Presenters were Eddie Supratman, Assistant Professor of World History and Comparative Religion; Stephanie Ungerank, Director of Instructional Design/Distance Learning; and Margaret Lowry, who is pursuing a degree toward a career in nursing and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society.

ASUB Academic Program Notifications

New Certificate - Technical Certificate in Emergency Medical Technology
Curriculum Revision - Certificate of Proficiency in Industrial Technology

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

Regional Workforce Grant

ASUMH has recently been awarded a Regional Workforce Grant in the amount of \$1,000,000. A total of \$700,000 is allocated to support the addition of a 50' x 63' space across the front of the Technical Center. Additional 3D printers, a PLC Training System, and a 3D metal printer are also included in the grant.

Commercial Truck Driver Training Grant

ASUMH has been awarded a Regional Workforce Grant to create a Commercial Truck Driving Training Program. This grant totals \$500,000 and will allow for the purchase of a semi-truck, trailer, and a truck driving simulator. Plans are to purchase the equipment and begin the training program in late 2022. This will be a four-week program, consisting of seven credit hours. A Certificate of Proficiency in Commercial Truck Driving will be created.

Recreational Trail and Disc Golf Course Update

The recreational trail is 95% complete. Remaining to be completed are the sodding of slopes on the trail and the planting of 50 trees. This will be completed in the early fall, when the weather is more conducive to the survival of the trees. The "pedestrian" signs at each road crossing are also anticipated to be installed soon. The disc golf course has been redesigned and installed. New signage is also expected to be installed soon. A dedication event for the trail and disc golf course is being planned for September.

Coulter Celebration of Lights

The Coulter Celebration of Lights is entering its second year of operation on campus. Light displays, totaling approximately \$400,000, have been purchased with seven new displays being installed this year. The event will run from November 21 through December 25. We will also host a live festival on campus on thirteen of the evenings during the event. This will include selling holiday treats, a visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus, a carousel ride, and a Polar Express ride through the light display route. Additionally, a 5K evening run during the light celebration is planned to kick off the event. All proceeds will support scholarships at ASUMH.

Athletics

The ASUMH Athletic Program, consisting of baseball, softball, and cross country, has coaches in place and has been recruiting. ASUMH Athletics has 57 students registered and ready to compete as Trailblazers starting the first week of September. Baseball, softball, and cross country teams will begin competition as members of the National Junior College Athletic Association.

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

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- ASU-Newport completed Holistic Student Supports (HSS) coaching through an initiative called "Achieving the Dream". Coach Laurie Fladd was on campus for the formal conclusion of the initiative, designed to evaluate and enhance the institution's student support measures and increase our students' likelihood of completion. Final goals include implementation of HSS in Guided Pathways and development of early career advising resources.
- Two ASUN-Marked Tree students earned bronze medals at the National Leadership and Skills Conference hosted by SkillsUSA. Taylor Matthews won bronze in cosmetology, and Lauren Putman won bronze in esthetics – competing against more than 6,000 other students from across the country. Taylor and Lauren were invited to participate in the national competition after winning gold at the Arkansas SkillsUSA competition.

Strategic Priority 2: Employee Success

- Over the past year, ASUN has worked diligently to remain competitive in the job market, provide fair compensation to its employees, and keep up with increases in the cost of living. Through the hard work of ASUN's Human Resources Department, the budgeting process, and with approval from the ASU System Board of Trustees, ASUN implemented a new classified employee compensation plan that accounts for years of service, existing pay rates of employees, job classifications, and labor market rates. ASUN also implemented a 2% cost-of-living raise for the 2023 Fiscal Year for both classified and non-classified employees.
- ASUN has completed Caring Campus coaching through the Institute for Evidence-Based Change. The Caring Campus Work Group consisted of 25 staff members from student-facing departments on ASUN's three campuses. The Work Group selected three behavioral commitments on which to focus its efforts: (1) wearing name tags; (2) cross-departmental training; and (3) warm referrals. While Caring Campus is aimed at helping professional staff understand the impact they have on students' feelings of connectedness to the college, the project also creates a sense of partnership and interconnectedness among colleagues. Consequently, other schools that have implemented Caring Campus report that they have not only experienced an increase in student satisfaction, they have also experienced an increase in employee satisfaction, as professional staff feel more connected, engaged, and are happier in their work.

Strategic Priority 3: Institutional Excellence

- ASUN received Regional Workforce Grants totaling \$1.17 million. Specifically, ASUN received \$1 million for its Commercial Driver Training and Diesel Technology programs, \$100,000 for its

Welding program, and \$70,000 for its Advanced Manufacturing program. ASUN plans to utilize the funds to resurface its commercial driver training range, purchase six additional commercial driver training tractors, add a diesel technology training bay, purchase new robotics and 3D printing equipment, and add a welding fume extraction center.

- ASUN partnered with the Jonesboro Chamber, Jonesboro Unlimited, and the Office of Skills Development to host an Apprenticeship Forum highlighting ASUN's newly proposed Automation Controls Technician pathway to an Advanced Manufacturing degree. More than 60 representatives from the manufacturing, food production, and agriculture sectors attended. ASUN will be working with several industries to develop the pathway and apprenticeship programs, which will enable ASUN to train skilled laborers at a faster rate to more quickly meet industry needs.

Strategic Priority 4: Community Engagement

- ASUN has been working hard to introduce children to our programs and campuses at a younger age. This year, ASUN partnered with a number of organizations to host summer camps for more than 150 elementary students, including the following :
 - Aviator Exploration Camp with the Newport Economic Development Commission
 - VEX Robotics, 3D Printing, and Microbit Coding with Tech Depot
 - VEX Robotics with the Harris Foundation
 - Read and Roll with IMAD (I'm Making a Difference)
 - Tek Starz Manufacturing Camp with the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce and Jonesboro Unlimited
 - Inside Engineering H.E.R.O.E.S. (Helping Everyone Realize Opportunities in Engineering & Science) Camp with the University of Arkansas
- More than 25 ASUN employees and students volunteered at the annual Sydney Sutherland Memorial Golf Tournament. In addition, ASUN provided the sound system and goodie bags for the event, which raised more than \$75,000 for the Sydney Claire Sutherland Foundation. Sydney was an alumna of ASUN, and the foundation is a substantial contributor to the ASUN Sydney Sutherland Memorial Scholarship.
- ASUN hosted its second Family Movie Night of the season, featuring *Jungle Cruise* at the Jane Parnell Performance Hall in downtown Newport. The event was free to the public.
- ASUN hosted its quarterly Board of Visitors meeting, and our Vice Chancellors presented their department plans for the 2022-2023 academic year.

ASUN Academic Program Notifications

ASUN has no program changes to report this quarter.

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

Regional Workforce Grant

ASU Mid-South was recently awarded a \$1 million Regional Workforce Grant by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education. These funds are to be used in support of programs in Transportation, specifically truck driving. Funds are to be directed primarily to the construction of a truck-driving range, just east of the Marion Berry Renewable Energy Center, which houses the Automotive/Diesel Technology Program. Any remaining funds will be put towards the purchase of a truck or simulator. Commercial Truck Driving provides students entry into a high-demand, high-wage career, and the addition of this program, long sought-after in our community, will be a huge step forward in supporting our local transportation/distribution employers, including Schneider, FedEx Freight, and Paschall Truck Lines, as well as city and county governments and local school districts, all of which are in need of individuals with CDL Class A or B licenses.

Arkansas "Next Pros" Magazine

Greg Moseley, Diesel Technology faculty member, ASU Mid-South alumnus, and former Secondary Technical Center Student, will be featured in the next issue of "Arkansas Next Pros" magazine. "Arkansas Next" is an annual publication, distributed each fall to every Arkansas student in grades 8-12. The goal of the publication is to encourage students to pursue education beyond high school. Mr. Moseley is not only a fantastic representative of ASU Mid-South, but he is also a living example of what it means to take advantage of the opportunities provided in high school, carry them to the next level, and ultimately turn them into a rewarding professional career.

Productivity

In the preliminary productivity numbers recently released by ADHE, ASU Mid-South showed a 4.34% productivity increase for the FY14 funding cycle. Given the challenges of operating during a pandemic and the resultant enrollment declines, that is truly a remarkable accomplishment. These productivity gains are the result of much hard work on the part of our faculty and staff, and they demonstrate our college's ongoing commitment to student success.

New Head Women's Basketball Coach

ASU Mid-South has named Addie Lees to be its next Head Women's Basketball Coach. Lees comes to the Lady Greyhounds after four outstanding years at Kilgore College (TX), where she led the Lady Rangers to a 75-42 record and three 20-win seasons, culminating in a Top 25 National Ranking this past year. In addition, the Plainview, Texas, native boasts a 100% graduation rate for her student-athletes, with every one of her teams averaging a 3.15 grade-point average or above. Prior to her job at Kilgore College, Lees spent two years as Assistant Coach and Recruiting Coordinator at NCAA Division I Texas State University in San Marcos, TX, where she was key in helping the Lady Bobcats achieve a WBI postseason tournament appearance. In her student days, Lees played for NJCAA Region 5 Midland College (TX) for two seasons, while earning her Associate's degree, before finishing her career at NCAA Division II University of Arkansas at Monticello, where she earned her Bachelor's degree with Magna Cum Laude honors. ASU Mid-South is very excited to welcome Coach Lees.

NJCAA All-Academic First Team

ASU Mid-South had its first-ever NJCAA All-Academic Team member this past year, as Greyhound basketball forward Braxtyn McCuien was named to the 2021-22 NJCAA All-Academic First Team at the end of the season. Braxtyn is a native of Conway, Arkansas, and he finished his freshman year with a perfect 4.0 grade-point average.

Academic Program Notifications

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

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Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University Three Rivers

Arkansas State University-Three Rivers (ASUTR) was awarded a Regional Workforce Grant for the Arkansas Trucking Academy (ArkTA) in the amount of \$600,000. These funds will be used for the Commercial Driver's License (CDL) Program's range construction/improvements at each of the four participating colleges: ASUTR; University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana (UAHT); University of Arkansas-Cossatot Community College (CCCUA); and University of Arkansas Rich Mountain (UARM). ArkTA will also use a portion of these funds to add another truck to the fleet.

The annual Science Olympiad was held on campus on June 30. This free event was open to children entering kindergarten through sixth grade. Twenty-one children attended.

On June 20-25, the Malvern Career Center director and three instructors accompanied four students to the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA. Three of these students won the state competition and traveled to the Nationals to compete again. The fourth was an elected Arkansas state officer, who attended for leadership training. Student Jessica Sallee was our most successful contestant, placing eighth in the nation in nurse assistant.

We are conducting the ASUTR Professional Development Academy classes for the Clark County Workforce Training Group (CCWTG) for Business and Industry in Clark County. We have six months of training scheduled at the Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Area Alliance & Area Chamber of Commerce board room for Siplast, Drumco, South Central Arkansas Electric Coop, South Central Connect, and Samantha's Café and Bakery.

On June 6, the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) Change Panel recommended to the Institutional Actions Council to approve the additional location of the Saline County Career Technical Campus. The College is waiting for the final action letter from HLC's Institutional Actions Council.

ASUTR's Career Pathways program received notice of continued funding for the 2022-23 academic year. The highly successful program received \$528,270.

The Eagle Outreach Pantry hosted the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance for an assessment visit, in order to enroll in the Nutrition Pantry Program, which provided \$500 to assist the pantry in improving quality and to include more nutritious options for participants.

The ASUTR Board of Visitors participated in a planning retreat on July 27. A draft of the campus master plan and the timeline for athletics was discussed.

The Arkansas Division of Higher Education Coordinating Board met at the Saline County Career Technical Campus of ASU Three Rivers on July 29, 2022. Members of the higher education community from all across the state were in attendance.

ASUTR announced fielding intercollegiate baseball and softball teams for Fall 2023. An announcement for state media was made at the System Office on July 27, and a community announcement was made at the Malvern campus, as well. The Chancellor also talked with Johnathan Reaves on "ASU Connections" on July 26. The ASUTR Eagles will compete in the NJCAA Region 2 Division II.

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**Chancellor's Report
Henderson State University**

For a full accounting of the “Reimagining Henderson” initiative and to see our campus wide progress, visit: <https://www.hsu.edu/pages/creating-the-future-of-college-reimagining-henderson/>

Henderson Earns an A+ for Teacher Preparation Program

Henderson State University’s undergraduate, elementary-teacher preparation program has been named among the best in the nation, when it comes to ensuring that future elementary teachers have the essential content and skills they need to teach mathematics. Henderson is among only 79 programs in the nation to earn this distinction as an “exemplar” in the new National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ) report.

The NCTQ, a national research and policy organization that regularly evaluates the core requirements and practices of more than 1,100 programs that prepare future elementary teachers, released a new report in which the undergraduate program at Henderson earned an A+ designation for its requirements in elementary mathematics.

Nursing Program Granted 10-year Accreditation

Henderson State University’s Bachelor of Science in Nursing program has been accredited for another 10 years by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE).

The CCNE is an autonomous accrediting agency that promotes the quality and integrity of baccalaureate, graduate, and residency/fellowship programs in nursing. It serves the public interest by addressing and identifying programs that engage in effective educational practices. The next on-site evaluation will occur in Fall 2031.

Reddie Hub Serves More Than 300 Students

The Reddie Hub was created to provide students with one-stop access to HSU Departments of Advising, Financial Aid, Housing, Student Accounts, Information Technology, and Campus Safety for parking decals during the first week of classes. The Hub was highly successful, with more than 300 students utilizing its services.

Captain Henderson House Reopens as Inn, Event Venue The Captain Henderson House hosted a public ribbon-cutting ceremony on August 12 to mark its public reopening. The historic home will be operated as an inn and event venue under the management of the Goodman family of Arkadelphia.

The Captain Henderson House offers a memorable overnight lodging experience and a unique and historic atmosphere for hosting weddings, meetings, and other special events. For reservations and information, please visit the link: captainhendersonhouse.com.

Governor, Education Secretary Express Confidence in Henderson's Future

Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson and the state Secretary of Education Johnny Key joined Henderson State Chancellor Chuck Ambrose and Arkansas State University System partners at a press conference at the Arkansas State Capitol on July 7. The governor expressed confidence and support for Henderson's academic reorganization, partnerships, and future that will lead to improved student success in Arkansas.

Henderson, ASU System Host I-30 Learning Corridor Roundtable on July 28

"Reimagining College that Works for All Students" was the topic of a roundtable discussion on July 28 at the Saline County Career Technical Campus. Educational partners from the I-30 Learning Corridor discussed ways to lower the cost of college, reduce time to degrees, and how best to serve community workforce needs. Participants included Saline County school superintendents and representatives from Arkansas State University Three Rivers, Henderson State University, the Arkansas State University System, the Arkansas Department of Education, and the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

Caddo Center Renovations Continue; Admissions to Relocate This Fall

The Caddo Center, funded by grants from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council, will partially open as a one-stop shop for students this fall. Admissions will be the first department to move to the Caddo Center, with Financial Aid, Housing, and Advising relocating in later phases of the project.

Coak Matthews Swim Scoreboard and Mural Installed in July

Thanks to 115 generous Red Wave alumni and donors, Reddie Athletics raised 100 percent of the funds necessary to install a new scoreboard and mural, dedicated to late swimming and diving coach, Coak Matthews. A dedication of the scoreboard will be held prior to the Red Wave's dual meet with Ouachita Baptist University on the evening of October 21.

Reddie Football Prepares for Season

Henderson received 32 votes in the American Football Coaches Association (AFCA) Preseason Poll and is just outside the Top-25 to open the year (**Flora-not sure what this means.**) Head Coach Scott Maxfield enters his 17th year with the program and has 117 wins to his name entering the season. He is three victories away from surpassing Sporty Carpenter (119 wins) as the winningest coach in school's history.

Hall of Honor Class of 2022

The 25th annual Hall of Honor class is set to be inducted on September 30 in the Garrison Center Grand Ballroom. Entering the Hall of Honor this year are Garrett Manning (football); Terry Rogers (football); Tadarious Hawkins (baseball); Matt Jennings (golf); Dulincia Keener (women's basketball); Jeaniel Pati (softball); Sam Barker (basketball); Forrest Schultz (distinguished service); and David Worlock (Willie Tate Humanitarian Award).

61 Reddie Athletes Win Division 2 ADA Academic Awards

Sixty-one Reddie athletes were honored by the D2 Athletic Directors Association of America, which presents awards to student-athletes with a 3.5 GPA, or better, who have completed at least two years of college work.