

**ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.**

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For the period ending March 31, 2022 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$5,490,265.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$3,764,676
ASU-Mountain Home	1,013,108
ASU-Beebe	150,826
ASU-Newport	302,685
ASU-Three Rivers	258,800
ASU System Foundation	170

The Foundation reported net assets of \$122,023,146, representing an increase of 1.75% for the period ending on March 31, 2022.

The market value of the ASU System Foundation Endowment Pool for the period ending March 31, 2022, was \$113,635,307.

The net rate of return for the quarter ending March 31, 2022, was -1.77%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$96,966,380
Mountain Home	5,919,817
Beebe	2,327,277
Newport	2,852,789
Three Rivers	800,012
Red Wolves Foundation	2,101,002
System Foundation	2,668,031
Total	<u>\$113,635,307</u>

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
**Capital Projects Report**  
**June 2, 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	\$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
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	Construction Phase
LSW Fire Alarm Replacement	\$328,590	Construction Phase
Wilson Advising Center - New Counseling Center	\$602,516	Design Phase
Collegiate Park Stairs (2&4)	\$236,803	Construction Phase
Student Learning Commons	\$962,865	Construction Phase
NPO Commons Renovation	\$236,389	Construction Phase
FNB Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement	\$830,953	Design Phase
College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement	\$529,151	Design Phase
Student Union Controls Upgrades	\$399,781	Design 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

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 Fall 2022.

**9. Caraway Road Bike & Pedestrian**

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: 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. 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, conference room, public restrooms, storage, and general mechanical and electrical support spaces.

**16. LSW Renovate 3 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 work is scheduled for Summer 2022.

**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/break room. The front entrance is being demolished and rebuilt

to conform to ADA standards. Baldwin & Shell completed sub-contractor bidding and will begin construction within the month with an anticipated completion date of mid-August 2022.

**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.

**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. Baldwin & Shell completed sub-contractor bidding and has begun construction with an anticipated completion date of mid-August 2022.

**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 foodservice facilities on campus. This 1,600 square-foot 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. Construction of the project is anticipated to be complete by the end of July 2022.

**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 (AHU) 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.

**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**

<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
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 firm 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.

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

**Chancellor's Report  
Arkansas State University**

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH**

**Academic Affairs and Research:**

- The 12th annual Create@State Symposium was held on April 18-20, 2022, where A-State students shared their research and creative activity through 190 presentations, including podium talks and poster presentations.
- The Fall 2021 cohort returning for their second year is currently at 73.6% which matches our highest year at this same time.
- Adding additional support, University College is excited to announce the Fall 2022 opening of the First in the Pack Resource Center for first generation college students.
- Six faculty members received 2021-2022 Faculty Achievement Awards. These competitive awards recognize faculty that go above and beyond in our core mission of service to our students in the areas of teaching, advising, scholarship and service.
  - Excellence in Advising, Andrea Brown, Occupational Therapy
  - Excellence in Professional Service, Dr. Zahid Hossain, Civil Engineering
  - Excellence in Teaching, Non-Tenure-Track, Dr. Alexandr Sokolov, Engineering Management
  - Excellence in Teaching, Tenure-Track, Dr. H. Steve Leslie, Management and Marketing
  - Emerging Faculty Scholar, Dr. Mohammad Rasoul Narimani, Electrical Engineering
  - Chancellor's Medal for Research and Creative Activities, Dr. Elizabeth Hood, Agriculture
- A-State had a successful eight-year multi-location visit from the Higher Learning Commission (HLC) in March 2022. The following locations participated in visits: ASU-Mountain Home and ASU Mid-South. The HLC reviewer found that A-State met or exceeded all criterion and no areas of concern were identified.
- Preparations for the HLC 10-year Comprehensive Evaluation have begun, which will culminate in an onsite visit in April 2024. Committees have been formed to evaluate data and develop the university's Assurance Argument around the five criterion for accreditation.

**Academic Affairs Taskforces**

- The A-State Task Force on Program Viability has successfully concluded its work. Based on information collected from all stakeholders, the Task Force, with input from the Provost, made the final recommendation to grow 56 programs (30%), maintain 59 programs (32%), transform 17 programs (9%), improve 33 programs (18%), and suspend 21 programs (11%).

## **Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions**

- The following were approved by AHECB for A-State at the April 29, 2022 meeting:
  - **NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**
    - C.P., Athlete Name, Image, and Likeness (NIL) Promotion
  - **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED ONLINE**
    - B.S., Sport Management
  - **RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE TO CREATE NEW DEGREE**
    - B.S., Mathematics; B.S., Finance; and B.S., Information Systems and Business Analytics reconfigured to create B.S., Actuarial Science (Offered at Arkansas State University and Arkansas State University Campus Querétaro)
    - 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
  
- The following will be submitted to 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

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Athletics Administration**

- Jeff Purinton was named Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics.
- The Athletics Department held its 10th Annual State Awards banquet at First National Bank Arena.
- At the 2022 Spring Commencement, 52 student-athletes representing 15 of the Red Wolves' intercollegiate sports earned their degrees.

### **Football**

- The 2022 schedule was announced with every game played on a Saturday for the first time since 2008, and all six home games on the weekend for the first time since 2014.
- Former running back Alan Lamar and tight end Ross Painter were named to the Hampshire Honor Society by the National Football Foundation & Hall of Fame (NFF).

### **Men's Basketball**

- A two-year contract extension with head coach Mike Balado was finalized.

### **Women's Basketball**

- Guard Lauryn Pendleton was named the Sun Belt Conference Freshman of the Year.
- Destinee Rogers was named head women's basketball coach, becoming the first African-American female head coach for any sport in school history.

## **Track and Field**

- The women's team won its third consecutive Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championship, and the men's team finished runner-up.
- Jim Patchell earned his 14th and 15th SBC Coach of the Year honors, sweeping the men's and women's indoor laurels.
- Carter Shell was named the SBC Men's Indoor Field Performer of the Year, while Willem Coertzen was named the men's Freshman of the Year.
- The Red Wolves had 17 men and 12 women named Indoor Track and Field All-Sun Belt Conference.

## **Bowling**

- The Red Wolves clinched their 14th consecutive appearance in the NCAA Tournament and finished runner-up at the Lansing Regional.
- Brooklyn Buchanan and Faith Welch were recognized by the National Tenpin Coaches Association as first team and honorable mention All-America selections, respectively. Buchanan also was named first team All-Southland Bowling League, while Welch and Emma Stull earned third-team honors.

## **Baseball**

- Redshirt freshman Cason Tollett was named to the watch list for the 2022 Buster Posey National Collegiate Catcher of the Year Award.
- Third baseman Ben Klutts was one of 30 NCAA Division I baseball players selected as a candidate for the 2022 Senior CLASS Award.

## **Men's Golf**

- Luka Naglic was named All-Sun Belt Conference second team.

## **Women's Golf**

- Junior Olivia Schmidt became the second NCAA Women's Golf Championship qualifier in program history as she was selected to compete at the NCAA Regionals in Tallahassee, Fla. Her performance at regionals was highlighted by a hole-in-one during her opening round.
- The Red Wolves claimed their best team finish at the Sun Belt Conference Championships since the 2000-01 season, taking third place at the event held at the Arthur Hills Course at LPGA International.

## **Volleyball**

- Brian Gerwig was named the Red Wolves' head coach.

## **Women's Tennis**

- Doubles pair Thea Rice and Nejlja Zukic were named All-Sun Belt Conference first team.
- The Athletics Department announced Kel Lange will not be returning in 2022-23 as head coach.

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

### **University Communications**

- Completed the launch of the Go.AState.edu website, institutional television commercial for 2022, and began use of the Go.AState campaign on digital outdoor advertising to support recruitment of new students.
- A new university profile was completed to support the search for the next chancellor at the Arkansas State University. The interactive document included videos highlighting the achievements of the institution to potential candidates.
- During the reporting period, UC generated 51 articles for internal and external use in addition to the weekly Inside A-State newsletter.

### **Digital Creative Services**

- Hosted the annual Distinguished Service Awards and Wilson Award banquet, with the program livestreamed to the university website for greater distribution.
- Managed high profile livestreaming events including the 2022 Spring Commencement and the announcement of new Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics Jeff Purinton.
- Farewell episode of First Friday for departing Chancellor Kelly Dampousse was one of most watched of series and generated significant positive feedback.
- Digital Creative sent almost 1.5 million emails as a part of 319 campaigns since the last board meeting (mid-February 2022 to late-May 2022). The open rate for all emails was 38%, which was a slight 1.6% open rate increase over the same time period last year.

### **Creative Media Services**

- Among its higher profile projects, Creative Media Services completed the spring edition of VOICES magazine for the A-State Alumni Association, launch of campaign items for the second annual Day of Giving, and new materials for University Advancement related to the Windgate Hall project.
- Since the last BoT meeting, Creative Media completed 193 jobs for on-campus clients, notably for returning on-campus events such as Convocation of Scholars, and on-going work for Enrollment Management's high school class-based mail outs.



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

### **Access & Accommodation Services**

- Members of the A&AS attended the Ark-AHEAD virtual spring conference and hosted Recruiting Red Wolves, showcasing the support available for high school students with disabilities at A-State to help them succeed in college.
- A&AS has sent 216 accommodation letters to faculty on behalf of students and 678 exam requests at the close of the Spring 2022 semester. For the semester, the golf cart transportation program facilitated 469 contacts (pick up/drop off) for students.
- The staff hosted a disability awareness campaign on April 14 and 15, and conducted a fundraising campaign during Autism Awareness Month.

### **ADVANCE**

- Dr. Lillie Fears, Liaison for Faculty Diversity, coordinated two workshops, “Strategies for Establishing Work Life Integration,” presented by Dr. Carlitta Moore, a member of the A-State faculty, and “Owning Black Womanhood” presented by Dr. Whitnee Boyd, coordinator of special projects for the office of the chancellor at Texas Christian University.
- Three free public screenings of the documentary, “At the River I Stand,” were hosted on the 54th anniversary of Dr. King’s assassination. The film reconstructs the two eventful months in 1968 that led to Dr. King’s death in Memphis and the climax of the Civil Rights Movement.

### **AmeriCorps**

- The Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program was represented at the America Service Commission’s national conference and participated with the Arkansas Delta Workforce Opportunity for Rural Communities Program through ASU-Newport’s Jonesboro campus.
- All members and staff participated in AmeriCorps’ National Volunteer Week, notably partnering with the Kappa Xi chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., to organize a book drive, read to grade school students, and donate 97 books to Nettleton School District.
- The 2022–2023 Engage Arkansas AmeriCorps Operational Grant Application was successfully resubmitted with modifications.

### **Beck Center for Veterans**

- On average, there was an increase to 150 sign-ins for the day room each month, with the food supplement program providing services to 47 individuals.
- The Memphis VA Medical Center resumed its therapy group for combat veterans at the Beck Center.
- The service dog training initiative continued with regular weekly meetings.
- The center began the process of moving into new office space located within the Turner Military Science Building in May.

## **Multicultural Affairs**

- The Multicultural Center partnered with several groups across campus to host a wide range of diversity programs. Among the highlights were screenings of “At the River I Stand” with the African American Studies Program and the School of Media and Journalism; a Craft Night & Bubble Tea to celebrate the beginning of Asian American & Pacific Islander Heritage Month; and the first Iftar dinner at A-State partnering with the Student Activities Board.
- Hermandad de Sigma Iota Alpha Incorporada (SIA) volunteered at the NEA Humane Society, hosted a “Cooking with SIAs” virtual event, volunteered in organizing care packages for the Jonesboro Family Crisis Center, and hosted a campus-wide celebration on the one-year charter anniversary of the SIA colony here at A-State.
- The search for a new permanent director of the Multicultural Center is underway.

## **Student Diversity Recruitment**

- Programs to recruit underrepresented students by their student peers included:
  - Students are currently conducting a text campaign to 1,933 of 2,705 prospective students from underrepresented populations.
  - The staff conducted lunch or classroom visits to 14 local or regional high schools and hosted three special on-campus visits for three other in-state high schools.

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

- The Division of Diversity sponsored the reception for the A-State Hispanic and Latinx Faculty-Staff Association Spring General Body meeting in March and the cookout for the A-State Black Faculty-Staff Association in April.
- The annual “Excellence in Diversity Awards” program held in April recognized the outstanding contributions and efforts made to enhance diversity and inclusion on the A-State campus and community.
- The division provided sponsorship for the A-State Gathering of Black Alumni weekend held on the A-State campus April 8-10, the A-State Women’s Leadership Conference, and the Strong-Turner annual 3.0 Awards program.

## **ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

### **EMGO Reorganization**

- Starting July 1, 2022, Enrollment Management and Global Engagement and Outreach (EMGO) will be streamlined from three units handling recruitment and admissions into two units. Previously A-State recruiting was separated into domestic on-campus, A-State Online, and international. Going forward, all students will be managed the same as those who attend classes on the Jonesboro campus and all students who attend via all other modes and locations.
- **A-State Enrollment Management** will support any students through their recruitment and admission for coursework delivered locally whether they are first-time first-year or transfer

students, domestic or international, minority placement or recruitment, and military service and families.

- **Red Wolves Worldwide** will address recruitment and admission for students in the 100% online programs of AOS; university centers or locations in the ASU System such as ASU-Beebe, ASU-Mountain Home, and ASU Mid-South; international campuses or locations such as Campus Queretaro in Mexico and A-State Qatar.
- The reorganization of EMGO operations into two units eliminated or repurposed six full-time and five part-time positions into seven full-time positions providing the following support. A-State will deploy five recruiters into targeted markets, who will be located in their regions: recruiter for central and southwest Arkansas, transfer recruiter for northwest Arkansas, military recruiter located at Camp Robinson, a southwest regional transfer recruiter, and a national and international recruiter based in Dallas. The reorganization provides resources for an associate director of database design and development and an international student support specialist while yielding a total salary savings of \$102,000.

### **Red Wolves Worldwide Initiatives**

- A-State Qatar provides a new model for international recruitment and program delivery by offering live remote coursework. Classes are livestreamed to students in Qatar providing synchronous classroom work from A-State faculty, courses provided by adjuncts in country, and some classes provided as asynchronous delivery for mornings or evenings. Success with this blended model will open doors to other collaborations for bringing U.S.-style higher education to other nations.
- Recent collaborations between A-State and Henderson State resulted in the creation of a new joint degree program to maximize and share resources between the two four-year institutions of the ASU System. The first program is a Bachelor's of Science in Aviation – Pilot Licensure. Starting in either Spring or Fall 2023, A-State will collaborate with HSU's existing program, which will allow for students to be resident either in Arkadelphia or Jonesboro to complete their programs. Additional collaborations related to joint offerings for doctoral programs online and shared undergraduate programs among A-State, Henderson State, and A-State Campus Queretaro for Fall 2023 are underway.
- AOS Online has extended to all ASU System employees the new benefit of a 50% tuition discount for the Master in Business Administration (MBA) and the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP).

### **Enrollment Updates**

- Prior to 2022, admitted students who withdrew their A-State application were not taken off the admission list until the start of the fall semester, resulting in an artificial and inaccurate inflation of the projected incoming fall cohort size. Beginning this year, we are following recognized best practices by immediately removing students who indicate that they are no longer interested in attending A-State from our admission list. At the beginning of Fall 2021, we had admitted 2,480 incoming freshmen (after eliminating almost 400 students who had withdrawn their applications). As of May 18, 2022, we have admitted 2,739 incoming

freshmen (after eliminating those who have withdrawn their applications). This reflects a 10.4% increase in active applications.

- Two important indicators for the size of the Fall 2022 class are the number A-State students signed up for New Student Orientation and the number of admitted international students are both up significantly compared to the same time last year. International admits are up 57.9% (currently 581 compared to 368 last year) reflecting a rebound from COVID restrictions and NSO registrants are up 34.8% (973 to 722).
- Another indicator of growth is an increase of 84% in the number of students enrolled in the Maymester session between the end of the full Spring and start of Summer semesters (318 to 172 for last year).

### **AOS Program Launches for Summer and Fall**

- The online MBA program will expand with concentrations to meet growing demand in the areas of agricultural business, financial planning and analysis, healthcare management, marketing, and supply chain management.
- The Master of Educational Theory and Practice is redesigned with concentrations in English as a second language, adult education, and instructional technology.
- The Ed.D. in Educational Leadership will include a new concentration in higher education.
- The Doctorate of Nursing Practice will launch three concentrations: general, education, and leadership.
- A new Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP concentration will be added to the Master of Science in Nursing program.
- New undergraduate online programs begin with Bachelor of Science in Health Promotion, Sport Management, and Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Management.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

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

- Andrea Allen and Mary Margaret Jackson presented at the Southwest Regional Economic Development Administration Conference in Houston about the A-State University Center.
- The Delta Center hosted the director of Arkansas Tourism for a regional tourism discussion with stakeholders in northeast Arkansas.

### **Enterprise Risk Management**

- Finalized Wilson Hall flooding claim and claims associated with the February 2021 freeze event at various locations on campus.
- Finalized repair by state highway department of fencing on Red Wolf Boulevard and Johnson Avenue as well as light pole repair by City Water and Light.

## **Environmental Health and Safety**

- Engaged in training and implementation of Campus Optics software package and completed updates to the EHS webpage.

## **Facilities Management**

- **Capital Projects & Capital Renewal Projects:** Notable projects in planning, bidding, execution, or close out phase include:
  - Campus building exterior access controls for academic core (Q4 2021 initiation)
  - Phase III multi-use trail design (Q1 2022)
  - College of Nursing and Health Professions elevator modernization (Q2 2022)
  - Dean B. Ellis Library tower elevator modernization (early Q3 2022)
  - Construction of the new student activity area utilizing the vacated bookstore location
  - Relocation of the Advising Center into remodeled Wilson Counseling center
- **Ventilation Air HVAC Upgrades:** Multiple campus projects to upgrade the ventilation air and HVAC systems to improve indoor air quality have been approved across campus.
- **Judd Hill Farmers' Market Expansion:** The awarding of a contract has occurred with completion of the project to construct an expansion adjacent to the current Farmers' Market estimated for Q3 2022.
- **Windgate Hall architectural firm selection:** Staff prepared a request for qualification and received 11 qualified submissions. The review committee selected the top four firms for in-person presentations and scored WER Architects as the recommended finalist.
- **Campus Planning Updates:** Facilities Management engaged design professionals to update and create the following master plans: Campus Master Plan, University Club Sports Plan, and the Crosswalk Safety Master Plan.

## **First National Bank Arena**

- FNBA hosted several area high school graduations during May and coordinated the A-State Spring Commencement at Centennial Bank Stadium. The arena also hosted the A-State Staff Appreciation Luncheon, Craighead County Board of Elections, country music's Alabama in concert; and A-State physicals. Tickets are on sale now for upcoming Lee Brice (September 22) and Travis Tritt (October 13) concerts.

## **Fiscal Operations**

- The Controller's Office continues to work with Henderson State University to provide assistance to its finance staff. The FY 2021 beginning balances were loaded to Banner at the end of April and monthly transaction loads were completed at the end of May.
- Sponsored Programs Accounting has transitioned to the Treasurer's Office.
- Auxiliary Business Services is working with Residence Life to determine new rates for room and board for fiscal year 2023.
- Arkansas State's budget for fiscal year 2023 was finalized in preparation for submission to the Board of Trustees.

## **Human Resources**

- Implemented shared services for Henderson State University's recruitment and onboarding. This included training for Henderson end users to hire graduate assistants and provided one-on-one training for hiring managers as needed.

## **Information and Technology**

- The final stages of data migration from legacy systems to Banner is underway to unify the system's ERP systems. This process will continue through the summer and into October so that all areas have historical data as needed. Conducted setup, configuration, and training for the Student module continues including set up for the TouchNet payment processing, Fee Assessments, and Accounts Receivables.
- Weekly calls with all ASU System campuses continue for the Chief Information Officer with emphasis on support of all ERP efforts and IT security needs. Coordination of moving ASU Three Rivers, ASU-Mountain Home, and Arkansas State University to the Canvas online learning management system is underway. Joining the other campuses already on the Canvas software will allow the ASU System to save \$740,000 over a three-year period. Start date for the project is to be determined.
- Campus projects are focused on network switch upgrades across all facilities. Safety Council priorities included updating, replacing, and adding new security cameras across the campus.

## **Payroll Services**

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

## **Red Wolf Wellness**

- Created and delivered four wellness challenges, which were six-week programs that encouraged over 300 faculty and staff to participate.
- Hosted an open house at HPESS for faculty and staff to try out the new equipment.

## **Title IX and Institutional Equity**

- The coordinator continues to build purposeful partnerships with campus and community constituents. Collaborations include Arkansas State University Campus Querétaro, University College, Greek Life, and International Student Services.

## **Training & Development**

- Along with hosting 18 new staff members for orientation for the months of January, February and March 2022, the office began transitioning Human Resources and Payroll forms from paper to electronic documents within DocuSign for both A-State and HSU.

### **University Police Department**

- In March 2022, the agency completed its four-year evaluation with the Commission on Accreditation of Law Enforcement Agencies, and was found in compliance with all accreditation standards. The agency will request accreditation renewal for four additional years in July.
- UPD is currently in various stages of equipment upgrades, including radio communications equipment, body-worn cameras, video servers, audio recording servers, patrol units, and dispatch consoles.

### **University Safety and Emergency Management**

- Conducted the annual fire alarm testing of all buildings on campus, tested fire sprinklers on campus, and held safety trainings for Facilities Management.
- Worked with ITS and campus communication to improve the emergency alert system.

## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

### **Campus Recreation**

- Fitness classes and training assistance were offered throughout the Spring semester, and intramural activities were offered to individual students and student organizations.
- A-State's nationally competitive club sport teams of rugby and softball competed both regionally and nationally in their respective conferences.
- The search for a new director of the Red W.O.L.F. Center is ongoing with interviews conducted recently to fill the role.

### **Career Services**

- Annual Career Fair events were held in March. Students had the opportunity to interact with 128 nationwide employees that visited campus to attend the fair.
- The seventh annual Student Employee Reception was hosted on April 21. Eighteen student employees were nominated by various campus departments.
- Student Employment Platform Handshake: 4,604 student and alumni activations, 1,017 unique logins, 537 employment applications submitted, 20,223 new jobs approved, and 521 new employers approved.

### **Counseling Center**

- The Counseling Center has a current client roster of 400 students meeting with on-campus counselors on a regular rotation and 382 students active with TAO (Therapist Online Assisted) virtual 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 department offered a variety of mental health screenings throughout the Spring 2022 semester including depression, anxiety, stress, eating disorders, bipolar disorder, and well-being.

### **Leadership Center**

- Greek Life hosted recruitment events for Spring 2022 with gains across the board: IFC up 44, Panhellenic up 36, and National Pan-Hellenic Council, up 50. Greek Week in April celebrated the chapters of all three organizations. In addition, a Greek Life to Real Life event targeted seniors with life after graduation topics.
- With the reinstated Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority, Inc., all four NPHC sororities are active on campus. Currently, eight chapters of the “Divine Nine” chapters are active on campus. The Greek Life team is assisting the final fraternity to return during the 2022-2023 academic year to officially offer all nine NPHC fraternities and sororities.
- Carlee Bird and Maddyson Lamb were elected as the 2022-23 Student Government Association president and vice president, respectively.
- The Student Activities Board hosted a variety of social and educational programs to close out the spring semester, including a Zero Discrimination Day march, an Iftar dinner, and Aux Cord Wars.
- Volunteer A-State ended the spring semester with its annual Make A Statement, which included service projects in the community and a random acts of kindness day on campus. The group also saw record numbers served at the A-State Food Pantry during the spring semester and has plans to expand its outreach and operations in the fall.
- Red Wolves for St. Jude concluded its fundraising campaign in early March, raising over \$51,000 for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- The Leadership Center hosted its annual Student Leader Retreat for student leaders from its constituent groups. Rasheed Cromwell, founder and president of Harbor Institute, led sessions on topics including diversity, equity, and inclusion; effective communication; and student leadership.
- New Student Orientation began on May 17. Sessions will continue through the remainder of May and June. Camp A-State will return in late June as an extended overnight program for incoming students for the first time since 2019.

### **University Housing**

- The resident assistant selection process was conducted with 75 new student leaders chosen for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- The University Housing staff is collaborating with Facilities Management to assess rooms for general maintenance following the Spring 2022 resident move-out in preparation for the 2022-2023 academic year. Projects were identified to improve the aesthetic of various halls including interior paint for ROTC and STEM halls, interior paint for hallways in Kays Hall, sorority house interior paint in living quarters, and exterior doors for Collegiate Park apartments.



- Updates to the Collegiate Park community lawn are completed, with space for volleyball, new seating areas, new lighting, and a defined gathering space for students to enjoy or used as an event space.

## **UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT**

### **Advancement Services**

- For the third quarter of the fiscal year, January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2022, the University recorded a total of 6,045 gifts and commitments from 2,336 individual donors for a total of \$1,445,719. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges.

### **Alumni Relations**

- Homecoming is set for October 1, 2022. The Distinguished Alumni dinner will be held the evening of September 30, 2022 at Cooper Alumni Center.
- Thanks to Arkansans who have purchased the License2Howl plate, eight seniors from around the state out of approximately 150 applicants are the recipients of the 2022 License2Howl scholarship. They are Cassie Dedman of Malvern HS, Molly Findley of Valley View HS, Abrianna Franke of Cave City HS, Joe Willie Green of Parkview HS, Rocco Hicks of Poyen HS, Salma Abdel Karim of Jonesboro HS, Will Keedy of Newport HS, and Mollie McClain of Lee Academy.
- Alumni Association membership numbers continue to show growth. Third quarter reporting indicates an increase in joint annual memberships and 1924 Sustaining Life Memberships.
- The university's second annual day of giving was April 5, 2022 resulting in more than \$500,000 in gifts and pledges to support Arkansas State as 631 individuals participated resulting in almost 800 gifts.
- The sixth annual Red Wolves on the Rooftop event was held Thursday, May 5, at the ASU System Office in Little Rock. This event was once again a success with approximately 100 alumni and friends gathering after a two-year hiatus because of COVID-19.

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

**ASU-Beebe Awarded \$686,661 to Develop Robotics Curriculum**

This spring, Gov. Asa Hutchinson awarded \$8 million in grants to economic and workforce development partnerships to create training opportunities for in-demand skills and certifications, including Arkansas State University-Beebe. Robotics, cyber security, rural forestry, and truck driver training are just some of the workforce initiatives around the state receiving grant funding from the Office of Skills Development (OSD), a division of the Department of Commerce. ASU-Beebe was awarded \$686,661 to develop a curriculum designed to prepare students who wish to become Robotics Technicians. With curricular support from ASU-Beebe's Industrial Technology, Computerized Machining, and Welding Technology programs, students will be trained to engineer and operate automated manufacturing, specifically at local companies such as St. Jean Industries, Lomanco, and others.

**Foundation Scholarships Continue to Grow**

Foundation scholarships at Arkansas State University-Beebe have been privately funded throughout the years by generous donors who share a passion for the success and education of students who choose ASU-Beebe. In the 2021-2022 academic year, private scholarships totaling \$93,890 were awarded to eighty-four students across all ASU-Beebe campuses, a record high in recent years. Donors and students were honored at scholarship receptions held April 21 and 22, 2022.

**Practical Nursing Faculty Member Honored**

Amber Dale, Practical Nursing instructor at ASU-Beebe Searcy campus, was among the top three nominees for the 2022 Arkansas Outstanding Nurse Educator of the Year Award. Dale was recognized on April 2, at the 16th Annual Nursing Expo in the Jack Stephens Event Center at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. Several of her students submitted nomination forms in support of Dale for the award. One student commented, "Open door policy is what every teacher says they have, but as a very approachable instructor she makes her students feel comfortable knowing they can come to her with anything, even if it is just a bad day." Another student wrote, "The thing that truly makes Mrs. Dale stand out from the rest is her outstanding show of love, compassion, and support for her students and their emotional and mental health. Many of us have spent countless hours in her office crying to her, being comforted by her, and being uplifted by her. I know several of us might not have made it through school nor would we have had the confidence to continue without her guidance and encouragement."

Dale said her love of interacting with her students drives her in her role as an educator. "We are like a family. Our nursing students have to attend class six to seven hours a day five days a week, so we get to

know each other very well. I love the opportunity to support them and prepare them for what is to come as nurses.”

### **NorthStar Donated Ambulance Enhances Curriculum**

ASU-Beebe’s Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program recently unveiled a new wrap on an ambulance that was donated by NorthStar EMS in 2019. The 2014 E-450 ambulance donation was facilitated by Donald Shull, NorthStar EMS President and CEO. The ASU-Beebe EMS Advisory Committee brought up the need to have ambulance operations training added to the EMT coursework. “This ambulance will provide the needed driver training and will also simulate the ‘patient in motion’ problem solving aspect, which is not easily replicated in the classroom environment,” said Justin Allen, Director of the ASU-Beebe EMS program and Advanced Instructor of EMS.

### **Phi Theta Kappa Charter and Induction Ceremony**

On April 19, 2022, the newly formed Beta Omega Alpha chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) held its charter ceremony and inducted its first class of eighty-nine members. PTK is an international honor society which recognizes the academic achievement of community college students and provides opportunities for its members to grow as scholars and leaders. Established in 1918, Phi Theta Kappa has a presence on almost 1,300 community college campuses in 11 nations. The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) recognized Phi Theta Kappa as the official honor society for two-year colleges in 1929.

Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa, attended the ceremony and presented the chapter with its charter. She also shared a story about her special connection to ASU-Beebe and how the college helped her and her family after Hurricane Katrina. The slate of officers were also formally inducted during the ceremony.

The inaugural class of PTK students represent every campus, including students who are in online programs. In addition to the charter and induction ceremony, the group led a number of service and student engagement activities during Earth Week, April 17-23, 2022, including an Electronic Vehicle Demonstration and Test Drive event and a Heber Springs Parks Cleanup Day.

### **Vanguard Discovery Campus Returns to In-Person Learning for Summer 2022**

Vanguard Discovery Camp (VDC) is designed to provide week long activities for 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders at the Heber Springs, Searcy, and Beebe campus locations. In 2020 and 2021, all VDC sessions were held virtually via Zoom. While participation was robust, the campuses of ASU-Beebe are proud to return to interactive, engaging, in-person VDC learning in 2022.

The camps are designed to create an environment where young people can have fun, make new friends, develop new skills, boost self-confidence, and explore their potential with activities related to Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math (STEAM). The camps provide opportunities for the young scholars to explore different concepts and potentially discover a field that will interest them for future careers. The end goal is to expose participants to the world around them in a fun and interactive way while also

providing exposure to career fields and technology available to them at ASU-Beebe. VDC will be held on the Searcy campus June 6 – June 9, 2022; on the Beebe campus June 13 – June 16, 2022; and on the Heber Springs campus June 20 – June 23, 2022.

**ASUB Academic Program Notifications**

None.

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**Chancellor's Report  
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Funeral Science Program

The American Board of Funeral Service Education (ABFSE) recently conducted an accreditation review of the program at Arkansas State University-Mountain Home. As a result of the review, the ASUMH Funeral Science Program has been granted initial accreditation for a period of three years with no stipulations.

Boat Manufacturing Training Grant

ASUMH has been awarded an Arkansas Office of Skills Development grant for the support of the Boat Manufacturing Training Program. The total of this grant is \$1,234,775 which will 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.

Annual Charity Golf Classic

The Annual Charity Golf Classic will be held June 11-12 at Big Creek Golf and Country Club. Proceeds for the golf tournament will be used to fund needs at the ASUMH Technical Center.

Practical Nursing Program for High School Seniors

ASUMH will begin the delivery of the Practical Nursing program (LPN) to high school seniors at Mountain Home High School for the 2022-23 academic year. This program is being sponsored by Baxter Regional Medical Center (BRMC). BRMC will pay any unmet costs of the program for the students. Additionally, BRMC will pay each student \$500 per month while they are enrolled in the program. Students will complete one semester of the LPN Program while in high school and finish the program in the fall following their high school graduation.

Baxter Regional Medical Center (BRMC) Scholarship and Stipend

Baxter Regional Medical Center has partnered with Arkansas State University-Mountain Home to provide an opportunity for students to begin their paramedic or nursing career. The partnership was announced by the organizations' leaders as a way to expand the college's current Paramedic Program and LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) program to provide students with financial support as they complete their coursework. The program's goal is to broaden the paramedic and nursing pool in this community while providing cutting-edge educational opportunities to students attending ASUMH.

Applicants for these programs will apply for a BRMC scholarship and will participate in a scholarship interview process. Scholarship recipients will receive an award that will pay for any tuition and fees not covered by other sources for the Paramedic or LPN program. In addition, the student will also receive a \$500 stipend each month during the twelve month Paramedic or LPN program. Scholarship recipients will be required to complete at least a one year commitment to working at BRMC upon program completion.

#### Red, White and Blue Festival

The Red, White and Blue event will again be on the ASUMH campus June 24-25. This event has brought approximately 16,000 people to campus each of the past few years to enjoy live music, food and fireworks. Included in the weekend activities on campus are a car show, a 5K run, a disc golf tournament, and the best fireworks show in the state.

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

**Strategic Priority 1: Student Success**

- ASU-Newport's Beta Nu Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society welcomed new members at the spring induction ceremony. This semester more than 300 students had at least 12 credit hours and a GPA of at least 3.5 and were therefore eligible to join.
- ASUN students made an outstanding showing at the annual SkillsUSA competition, winning more than a dozen medals competing against other community colleges in the state:
  - Automotive Parts and Automotive Service Technology: Tristin Escue and Donovan Bishop
  - Cosmetology: Taylor Matthews, Beth Chavez, and Olivia Delancey
  - Esthetics: Lauren Putman
  - Heating, Ventilation, Air Condition, and Refrigeration: Andrew Griggs
  - Information Technology Services: Ryan Tate and Madison Kennedy
  - Electrical Construction Wiring: Ian Schottle and Broderick Aldridge
  - Welding Fabrication: Hayden Arboult, Devon Miller, and Jase Mattix
  - Information Services Technology (High School Division): Brent Cash (IGNITE Academy)
- ASUN-Marked Tree hosted 12 area high schools for competitions in Automotive Service Technology, Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology, and Computer Networking Technology. Sixty-five students competed for ASUN scholarships in the amounts of \$6,000 for first place, \$4,000 for second place, and \$2,000 for third place.
- The ASUN IGNITE Secondary Center received a \$138,000 grant from the Department of Commerce Office of Skills Development for purchase of welding machines capable of processing multiple types of materials and equipment that will help teach the dynamics of fabrication.

**Strategic Priority 2: Institutional Excellence**

- ASUN Career Coach Michael Smith earned national recognition for his dedication to ACT's American College Application Campaign. ACT recently released its 2021 School of Excellence Award winners, and Tuckerman High School was one of only 19 recognized. Mr. Smith led the charge for Tuckerman High School's Arkansas College Application Campaign. The campaign focused on a national effort to increase the number of first-generation college students and students from low-income families pursuing a college degree or other higher education credentials. Smith served as a mentor and liaison to Tuckerman students and helped encourage them to explore their educational options and submit college applications.
- From Fiscal Year 2021 to Fiscal Year 2022, ASUN's Composite Financial Index increased from 3.2 to 5.14. A decrease in expenses and long-term debt, coupled with an increase in income from pandemic relief funds, led to a substantial increase in net position, resulting in the improved score.

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

- ASUN hosted gubernatorial candidate Sarah Huckabee Sanders for a tour of its signature High Voltage Lineman Technology, Commercial Driver Training, and Nursing programs.
- ASUN renamed its High Voltage Lineman Technology Building and hosted a ceremony in honor of its 18-year partnership with the Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas. More than 125 community members and representatives from the electric cooperatives were present for the combined ceremony and annual advisory committee meeting.
- For the first time in two years, ASUN hosted in-person advisory board meetings for programs on each of its three campuses. Faculty, students, and local business and industry partners were invited to participate in discussions regarding program content, curriculum, training quality, and industry needs.
- ASUN hosted its Quarterly Board of Visitors meeting. Chancellor Moore updated Board members on the 2022-2027 Strategic Plan, the high school summer bridge program, and other activities ongoing at the college.
- The Mary Ann and Sidney Arnold Family Charitable Fund has committed to match donations for one year with the goal of establishing a \$100,000 endowed scholarship in memory of Franky Frans, husband of ASUN employee Vicki Frans. The Franky Frans Shining Light Scholarship will provide a full-tuition scholarship for a student at ASUN-Marked Tree each year.
- ASUN continues to build the pipeline from elementary to postsecondary education through its community engagement initiatives:
  - ASUN-Marked Tree hosted a luncheon for local high school administrators to create awareness and generate interest in academic programs. Eight administrators from high schools in the Marked Tree service area participated in the luncheon and toured ASUN's campus, where they learned about signature programs including Automotive Service Technology, Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology, Computer Networking Technology, Cosmetology, Energy Control Technology, Esthetics, and Nursing.
  - ASUN-Jonesboro hosted the Region Two Arkansas Migrant Student Advisory Council meeting. The AR Migrant Student Advisory Council is a component of the Arkansas Migrant Education Program, a federally funded program that serves children of families who move to Arkansas seeking seasonal work in the agricultural and fishing industries. The program is designed to support students who face socioeconomic struggles imposed by a migratory lifestyle. ASUN recruiting, admissions, financial aid, and ASUN program faculty addressed approximately 30 students at the annual meeting.
  - As part of the Downtown Newport Entertainment Series, ASUN hosted the arts and crafts tent at Kids Fest. ASUN also sponsored its first Movies in the Park of the summer, featuring *Sing 2*.

### **ASUN Academic Program Notifications**

ASUN is changing the name of its Certificate of Proficiency in Hospitality Services to a Certificate of Proficiency in Culinary Arts. ASUN is changing the name of its Technical Certificate in Hospitality Services to a Technical Certificate in Culinary Arts.



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

**Spring 2022 Graduation**

ASU Mid-South's commencement was held on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Lehr Arena. In total, 543 degrees and certificates were awarded to 312 individual students. These numbers represent a 70.2 percent increase in credentials and a 44.4 percent increase in individual graduates over the previous spring.

**Greyhound Athletics**

Four student athletes signed transfer letters of intent at a signing ceremony held in the Reynolds Center Rotunda on May 11<sup>th</sup>. Those students included: Aailyah Lee (Delta State University); Meleanna Williams (Philander Smith College); J.T. Smith (Harding University); and Sam Smith (Delta State University). J.T. Smith is the only Greyhound athlete to start in every game for three straight years and to depart with two Associate Degrees, after receiving an extra year of eligibility due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Sophomore Sam Smith leaves as the only Greyhound to ever receive National Player of the Week honors. Both he and sophomore Aailyah Lee were named All-Americans at the end of their freshmen year.

**Teacher Education Program Success**

Ten students who recently completed their education degrees on the campus of ASU Mid-South have attained employment, to begin this fall. Eight of the 10 completed the Associate of Science in Education from ASU Mid-South, before transferring into Arkansas State University's Bachelor of Science program offered through the University Center. The other 2 students completed only the BSE program on our campus. The 8 ASE/BSE graduates are going into elementary school classrooms in Crittenden County (West Memphis and Marion), while the 2 BSE graduates will be going into classrooms in Cross and Mississippi Counties. We are proud of the continued success of this program, which is allowing us to fill a critical need for teachers in our community.

### **Goldsby Wild Game Dinner**

The Six Annual Tommy Goldsby Wild Game Dinner was held on March 12<sup>th</sup> at the Mark Pirani Farm Headquarters in Marion. This year's event, which was attended by 630 individuals from at least 7 states, saw a record number of sponsorships, with \$163,000 contributed by 49 corporate and individual sponsors. Additionally, it marked the event's first use of an online auction platform for the silent auction, resulting in 300 bidders and raising a total of \$134,000. Net proceeds from the event totaled \$285,000, making it the second most successful Wild Game Dinner in the event's history. As always, proceeds benefit the Tommy Goldsby Concurrent Student Scholarship Fund at ASU Mid-South.

### **ECACCC Training**

A new cohort of fifteen students from East Central Arkansas Community Correction Center (ECACCC) recently began training program on the campus of ASU Mid-South. This program is designed to provide the residents of the all-female facility with skills needed to obtain gainful employment post-release. The program, funded by a grant from the U.S. Department of Labor and offered in partnership with the Arkansas Department of Corrections, provides coursework and certifications in Work Ready Essentials, CPR/First Aid, Forklift Operations, and OSHA 10. Participants also have the opportunity to obtain the National Career Readiness Certification. This is one of the many opportunities that have been provided to residents of ECACCC since its relocation from Pine Bluff into the old Crittenden Regional Hospital Building in 2016. Previously, residents have been trained and certified in welding and forklift. Most all residents at the West Memphis campus of ECACCC are low-level drug offenders. According to a 2013 study by the RAND corporation, inmates who receive general education and vocational training have a 28 percent greater chance of becoming employed and 43 percent lower odds of returning to prison than those who do not.

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

ASU Mid-South has submitted letters of notification to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, expressing intent to offer online courses exceeding 50 percent in the following programs of study:

- AAS Emergency Medical Services
- AAS Health Studies
- AAS Hospitality Management
- AS Health Studies

The following Certificates of Proficiency for the recently reconfigured and approved Automotive and Diesel Maintenance program have also been submitted:

- CP Automotive and Diesel Maintenance (47.0600)
- CP Automotive and Diesel Engines Technician ( 47.0600)

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

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Arkansas State University Three Rivers

The Clark County Workforce Training Group, an alliance among Arkansas State University Three Rivers Workforce Development Office; Siplast Inc. in Arkadelphia; the Arkadelphia Regional Economic Development Area Alliance & Area Chamber of Commerce; and Henderson State University, was awarded an Office of Skills Development (OSD) Grant in the amount of \$421,315. This grant will be used to purchase equipment which will enable Millwright, Maintenance, and Electrical Workforce training in Clark County.

ASU Three Rivers' 2022 Commencement was held on May 9. This was the first traditional indoor ceremony held since 2019. The evening included nursing graduates pin, lamp, and pledge ceremony; associate and certificate graduates; Career Center-Malvern and Saline County Career Technical Campus graduates; and adult education completers; as well as, two certificates of completion in Welding presented posthumously. ASU Three Rivers celebrated 627 students who earned 888 certificates and degrees this year; with 206 graduates receiving multiple credentials, some as many as seven certificates and/or degrees. The youngest graduate was 14 (receiving a Certificate of Proficiency, Medical Terminology), while the oldest was 63 (receiving an Associate of Applied Science, Registered Nursing).

Phase II of restoration for The Historic Ritz Theatre is complete. A presentation was given on May 11 for an additional grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC). ASU Three Rivers was awarded \$861,277 for Phase III.

The Annual Academic Awards Ceremony was held on April 29, 27 students were recognized.

Full-time employees were recognized on May 6 at the annual Employee Service Recognition lunch. This event was moved outdoors last year in response to pandemic restrictions, and was ultimately found to be preferred among attendees. Twenty-three employees were recognized for their years of service; Associate Professor, Patty Weak, was recognized for 30 years of service to the College.

The ASU Three Rivers' Foundation is preparing for the Annual Golf Tournament to be held on May 23 at the Malvern Country Club.

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**Chancellor's Report  
Henderson State University**

**Campus Updates**

**475 Students Receive Degrees at Spring Commencement**

Approximately 475 undergraduate and graduate students received degrees at Henderson's spring commencement ceremonies on May 6.

KATV Feature Story: <https://bit.ly/HSUNursing>

Photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/getreddie/albums/72177720298817743>

**Caddo Center Project to Create Student Services Hub**

Caddo Building entered into the construction phase for renovations with grant funding provided by the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC). Admissions offices will be the anchor to create a one-stop shop for students. The ANCRC also just announced an additional \$1.4 million grant to move forward with the next phase of improvements to include financial aid, advising, and housing offices in Caddo Center.

**Grant Provides Alternate Path to First-Time Teacher Licensure**

Henderson will provide an alternative path for non-licensed employees working in Pre-K settings to earn first-time teacher licensure in Early Childhood Pre-K. The Early Childhood Pre-K Alternative Preparation Teacher Academy is funded by a \$356,337 grant from the Arkansas Department of Education for the 2022-23 school year.

**TRIO Program Serves 2,133 Henderson Students**

Henderson is host to seven TRIO programs. These programs served 2,133 students and brought \$2,195,500 in grants to Henderson for the 2021-2022 academic year. All seven programs continue to exceed annual performance review goals and have higher than average persistence and graduation rates.

### **Reddie Food Relief Program Receives \$1,000 Grant**

The Student Engagement Center received a \$1,000 grant from the Arkansas Hunger Relief Alliance to purchase equipment and food for the Reddie Food Relief program (on-campus food pantry). Paired with funding from the Reddie Student Emergency Fund and meal swipes donated by Sodexo, Student Affairs continues to expand its ability to assist students experiencing food insecurity.

### **Athletics Records 11th Consecutive Semester With 3.0 GPA Or Higher**

Henderson State's 450-plus student-athletes recorded a cumulative 3.19 GPA in the 2022 spring semester, marking the eleventh straight academic term with a GPA of 3.0 or better for the department. In total, 64 student-athletes were included in the May graduation ceremony, including six who earned a master's degree.

### **Women's, Men's Golf Win 2022 Great American Conference Championships**

Both Reddie Golf teams won conference titles at Hot Springs Country Club on April 10-12. The women won going away with a margin of victory of 39 strokes. The men's team defeated Southwestern Oklahoma State in a playoff hole by shooting 6-under with two eagles. Gracen Blount of the women's team, who was also Conference Player of the Year, won the GAC Individual Championship. Both teams advanced to the NCAA Regionals for the ninth-straight season.

### **Women's Golf Wins First Central Regional Title, Takes 9th at Nationals**

The Reddie women hosted the 2022 NCAA Central Regional Tournament at Hot Springs Country Club on May 2-4 and pulled away in the second and third rounds to win the Central Region crown for the first time in school history. It was just the fourth Central Region Championship in any sport in Henderson State history and advanced the Reddies to the NCAA DII National Championships for the second time ever. Henderson ended the year Top-10 nationally by finishing ninth out of 18 teams at the NCAA Finals. Gracen Blount won the region title as an individual and was named a First Team All-American at the National Championships.

### **Baseball Breaks Records, Advances to Second-Straight NCAA Tournament**

The Henderson baseball program had a terrific spring and set a new school record for wins (38) and conference victories (23). The Reddies finished second in the GAC and were the runners-up at the 2022 GAC Tournament in Hot Springs. Henderson earned an at-large bid and the No. 3 seed in the NCAA Central Region Tournament.

### **Musicians Win Solo Competition Awards at South Central Regional Event**

The Henderson Tuba Choir performed at the South Central Regional Tuba/Euphonium Conference at Oklahoma State University March 17-19, 2022. Junior Wesley Gangluff won second place in the undergraduate euphonium solo competition and freshman Dylan Denham won second place in the youth euphonium solo competition. Wesley also took second place in the euphonium excerpt competition.

### **Students Win Awards from Arkansas College Media Association**

Donovan Lee and Aaron Weatherford won first place for television sports reporting from the Arkansas College Media Association. Ethan Schmidt won second place for best radio interview. Donovan Lee, Sydney Bowman, J.T. Dickens, Madison Hardcastle and Izzy Oliver won first place for television breaking news, and Donovan Lee, Sydney Bowman, J.T. Dickens, Madison Hardcastle, Tyrone Tolbert Jr. and Izzy Oliver received honorable mention for television news reporting. The Oracle website also won a general excellence award.

### **Human Resources, Student Accounts Implement Banner Processes**

Human Resources implemented Banner's leave reporting, along with FY22 fiscal initiatives such as hiring freezes, furloughs, and salary rollbacks. In addition, staff coordinated the Shared Work Program for eligible employees and changed the TIAA retirement plan to allow for loans and hardship withdrawals. Student Accounts moved forward with its Banner implementation for billing and collection of student accounts receivables. Progress was noticeably made for graduating students' account balances and the utilization of the state's set off program for state income tax refunds for student debt owed to Henderson.