

ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION

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For the period ending December 31, 2019 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$3,906,864.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$3,230,789
ASU-Mountain Home	334,443
ASU-Beebe	36,130
ASU-Newport	269,091
ASU System Foundation	36,411

The Foundation reported net assets of \$96,887,806, representing an increase of 9.53% for the period ending December 31, 2019.

The market value of the ASU System Endowment Pool for the period ending December 31, 2019, was \$90,313,389.

The net rate of return for the period ending December 31, 2019, was 6.86%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$80,078,057
Mountain Home	5,064,568
Beebe	1,980,021
Newport	2,251,866
System Foundation	938,877
Total	<u>\$90,313,389</u>

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Capital Projects Report
March 6, 2020

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

ASU-JONESBORO

PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS AVAILABLE	STATUS
Marion Berry Parkway - Phase III	\$1,868,754	Project Closeout
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project - Phase 1	\$793,700	Design Phase
Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II	\$620,000	Project Closeout
Campus Site Lighting - Phase I	\$538,555	Substantially Complete
Campus Site Lighting - Phase II	\$450,000	Construction Phase
North End Zone/Football Operations Building	Red Wolves Foundation	Project Closeout
Armory Roof	\$1,000,000	Substantially Complete
Armory Electrical Upgrades	\$225,000	Construction Phase
Fine Arts 3-D Studio	\$7,000,000	Construction Phase
Student Union Acansa Dining Room	Food Svc Contract	Project Closeout
Acansa Dishwasher	\$775,078	Substantially Complete
Imboden Open Pavilion	\$144,000	Substantially Complete
Dyess Research Center	\$512,000	Design Phase
Agri Boiler Replacement	\$256,135	Design Phase
Fine Arts ADA	\$280,000	Design Phase
Campus Building Entrance Security - Phase I	\$475,300	Construction Phase
HPSS Basketball Court HVAC Replacement	\$573,650	Construction Phase
Campus Learning Spaces Renovation	\$250,000	Construction Phase
Lab Sciences West 1 st Floor Renovations	\$380,900	Construction Phase
Ed Comm Classroom Renovations	\$350,000	Design Phase

1. Marion Berry Parkway - Phase III

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

Status: Phase III work provides for the extension of University Loop West under the north bridge to connect with West Aggie Road. The roadway project was substantially complete in August 2017. The Multi-Use Trail is substantially complete. Final close out with the Arkansas Department of Highway and Transportation will be completed by July 2020.

2. Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications

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

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

3. Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project – Phase I

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

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

4. Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II

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

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

5. Campus Site Lighting - Phase I

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

Status: The Phase I project funding will address exterior lighting improvements on East University Loop and East Aggie Road. ASU in-house projects crews, along with JOC contractors, will begin work Summer 2019 with completion by December 2019.

6. Campus Site Lighting - Phase II

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

Status: The Phase II project funding will address exterior lighting improvements on Marion Berry, West Aggie Road, and portions of the west parking lot. ASU in-house projects crews, along with JOC contractors, will begin work Summer 2020 with completion by Fall 2020.

7. North End Zone/Football Operations Building

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

Status: The project will provide a 64,777-square-foot, football-operations facility in Centennial Bank Stadium. The new football operations building will house a locker room; strength, conditioning, and sports medicine centers; a players' lounge; equipment room; coaching and administrative offices; team meeting rooms; a history and heritage showroom; and a team film room. The new North End Zone will house loge seating, outdoor restrooms, and food and beverage venues. The North End Zone was substantially completed in September 2018 with the football operations building substantially completed in August 2019. Project closeout will be complete by March 2020.

8. Armory Roof

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

Status: This project scope is to remove and replace the lower flat roofs on the Armory and add a standing seam metal roof to the existing barrel roof. This project was substantially completed in July 2019. Window replacement scope is currently being reviewed for inclusion by Arkansas Building Authority as a potential amendment to the Revolving Loan Fund.

9. Armory Electrical Upgrades

Architect/Engineer: Pettit and Pettit
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Summer 2020
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project scope is to upgrade electrical service to meet capacity needs and safety code compliance. Phase I scope will be complete Summer 2020.

10. Fine Arts 3-D Studio

Architect/Engineer: WER
Contractor: Clark Contractors
Expected Completion: April 2021
Funding: Arkansas State University Foundation

Status: The new three-dimensional arts facility is a pre-engineered building that will house the 3-D Arts Program at A-State. The building will accommodate studios for ceramics, wood shop, sculpture and metal fabrication; faculty offices; student studios; an indoor art gallery; and outdoor service yard. Total heated/cooled square footage is anticipated to be 17,500 square feet with an 8,500 square-foot, partially covered, outdoor service yard. Clark Contractors completed sub-contractor bidding and provided an amended Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in October 2019. Construction is to begin early Summer 2020 with anticipated completion in Spring 2021.

11. Student Union Acansa Dining Room Renovation

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

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

12. Acansa Dishwasher

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

Status: The project scope is to replace the existing dishwasher and associated equipment, as well as to make repairs to the sewer lines, ceiling, and floor tile. The dishwasher was substantially complete by August 2019. Project closeout will be complete by April 2020.

13. Imboden Open Pavilion

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

Status: The project scope is to build an open Pavilion, with the road and parking lot to be used for swift water training at the site. This project was substantially complete in October 2019.

14. Dyess Research Center

Architect/Engineer: Cahoon Steiling
Contractor: Bailey Contractors
Expected Completion: July 2020
Funding: Grant Funded

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

15. Agri Boiler Replacement

Architect/Engineer: Petit & Petit
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Summer 2020
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope is to replace the boilers and update the water-heating system controls for the Agri Building. This project is in design phase.

16. Fine Arts ADA

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

Status: This project is early design phase. Preliminary design is under review. Construction will begin in Summer 2020.

17. Campus Building Entrance Security – Phase I

Architect/Engineer: NA
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: September 2020
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project scope is to upgrade the campus building entrance with access controls and electronic lock latches. Construction will begin in Summer 2020.

18. HPESS Basketball Court HVAC Replacement

Architect/Engineer: Petit & Petit
Contractor: RGB Mechanical
Expected Completion: September 2020
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope is to replace the HVAC rooftop units for the HPESS basketball courts. Construction will begin in Summer 2020.

19. Campus Learning Space Renovations

Architect/Engineer: Various
Contractor: Various
Expected Completion: August 2020
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project is in the construction phase. The project scope will address multiple student-learning space renovations and upgrades.

20. Lab Sciences West First Floor Renovations

Architect/Engineer: TBD
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: December 2020
Funding: Capital Renewal Fund

Status: The project scope of Suite 154 converts an existing engineering lab (no longer warranted) into a student conference room/learning space and new faculty offices. Engineering students currently do not have access to a conference/seminar room for project meetings, collaborative learning, student presentations, group meetings, and other functions. The projected growth and needs of the College of Engineering & Computer Science (CECS) warrants additional faculty and staff; however, there are currently no vacant or convertible office spaces. The scope of Suite 154 and Suite 130 addresses the need for additional office spaces, and the corridor renovations provide finished upgrades and student gathering/collaborative learning furniture. The expected completion date is December 2020.

21. Ed Comm Classroom Renovations

Architect/Engineer: Insourced staff
Contractor: Insourced staff/various subcontractors
Expected Completion: December 2020
Funding: College of Communications Departmental Funds

Status: Renovate classrooms 105,106,107,201,202,205, and 338 in the Education and Communications building. The scope of work is to be determined at this point, but will include all interior finishes and IT upgrades.

ASU-BEEBE

PROJECT TITLE
None at this time

FUNDS AVAILABLE

STATUS

ASU-MOUNTAIN HOME

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail	\$604,000	Design Phase
ASUMH Amphitheatre	\$450,000	Planning

1. ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Fall 2020
Funding: Grant, Auxiliary, University Reserves

Status: ASUMH received notice in December 2018 of a grant award of \$76,000 from the Arkansas Department of Transportation for the creation of a walking/biking trail on the main campus. This trail was originally conceived in the 1999 Master Plan for the campus. The trail is anticipated to be approximately 1.7 miles in length. It will be a ten-foot wide asphalt surface, except the creek area will be concrete, with a biking lane stripe. Architect/Engineering firm selected was Polk, Stanley, Wilcox. The Cultural Resources Survey is complete, and the design work is approximately 60% complete. The final drawings and specifications for bidding should be finished by early-summer. The total cost for design and construction is approximately \$600,000. Deductive bid alternatives will allow design elements to be eliminated or deferred for future construction based on funds available. Phase 1 funding reflects \$76,000 from the Arkansas Department of Transportation grant, and Auxiliary funds of \$100,000 and \$200,000 from Plant and Loan. A pending planned gift will provide repayment of funds to Auxiliary and University Reserves in the future. Construction is planned for Fall 2020.

2. ASUMH Amphitheatre

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

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

ASU-NEWPORT

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

ASU MID-SOUTH

PROJECT TITLE

None at this time

FUNDS AVAILABLE

STATUS

ASU THREE RIVERS

PROJECT TITLE

None at this time

FUNDS AVAILABLE

STATUS

**Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees Report**

**Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University-Jonesboro
March 6, 2020**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH

Academic Affairs and Research:

- National Conference of Undergraduate Research: Arkansas State University will be well-represented at the National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR) 2020 in Bozeman, Montana, on March 25-28. Twenty-two of our undergraduate student-researchers have had their work accepted for presentation at this prestigious interdisciplinary research conference.
- Evaluating Faculty Support: The Provost invited a distinguished guest, Dr. Laura Cruz (Penn State University), to campus to review our programs for supporting faculty in teaching and scholarly pursuits through the design of a robust Teaching and Learning Center. It is the Provost's goal to ensure that we are providing the appropriate programs, resources, and technology to support teaching and learning objectives for our students both inside and outside the classroom.
- Learn@State: Learn@State is scheduled for March 4, 2020. Dr. Saundra Yancy McGuire will attend as the featured luncheon keynote. Dr. McGuire is the Director Emerita of the Center for Academic Success, Professor Emerita in the Department of Chemistry, and retired Assistant Vice Chancellor at Louisiana State University. She is an internationally recognized chemical educator, author, and lecturer who has travelled the globe promoting strategies to help students, including those underrepresented in science and math professions, to be successful in their coursework and careers. Prior to joining LSU, she spent eleven years at Cornell University, where she received the coveted Clark Distinguished Teaching Award. Her best-selling book, *Teach Students How to Learn*, was published by Stylus in 2015. In addition to A-State faculty concurrent sessions, Dr. McGuire will also host morning and afternoon workshops.
- Changes to Academic Programs: The following curricular actions were recently approved by the AHECB:
 - Doctorate of Nursing Practice, Nurse Anesthesia, to be offered via distance (less than 50% online)
 - Deletion of the Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.), Certificate of Proficiency (C.P.), Technical Certificate (T.C.) in Crime Scene Investigations, and the A.A.S., C.P., and T.C. in Law Enforcement Administration
- Graduate Admissions Proposal: A proposal to modify University graduate admissions has been submitted to the Shared Governance Oversight Committee (SGOC). The proposal advocates for the following changes:
 - Award unconditional admission to applicants who have earned a previous graduate or post-baccalaureate professional degree from a regionally-accredited (U.S.) institution
 - Base graduate admissions decisions on the last sixty (60) hours of completed coursework (undergraduate, graduate, or combination) for applicants without a previously earned graduate post-baccalaureate professional degree

Student-Learning Assessment Update:

- Recent successful visits with full accreditation include the following:
 - Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs affirmed our Ed.S. Mental Health Counseling program
 - Council on Academic Accreditation in Communication Sciences and Disorders reaffirmed our M.S. Communication Disorders program
 - Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions affirmed our Paramedic program
 - Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology reaffirmed our B.S. Radiologic Sciences-Radiation Therapy program
 - Council on Social Work Education reaffirmed our B.S. Social Work program
- Specialized accreditation site visits in Spring 2020:
 - Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing for our AASN, BSN, and MSN programs
 - Commission on Accreditation of Athletic Training Education initial accreditation for our M.S. of Athletic Training program
- ADHE Program Reviews - Program and discipline experts from the following universities will be on campus to review our Ph.D. programs (and related M.S. and M.A. programs) in Spring 2020:
 - Ph.D. Environmental Sciences – Mississippi State University and Tennessee Tech University
 - Ph.D. Molecular Biological Sciences – University of Nevada-Reno and University of Kansas
 - Ph.D. Heritage Studies – Middle Tennessee State University and Goucher College
- Testing Center - The Testing Center has expanded its licensure exams to include the following:
 - Fundamentals of Engineering Exam
 - Arkansas Real Estate Exam
 - Arkansas Foundations of Reading (teacher education licensure)
 - All Pearson Virtual University Enterprises tests

Retention and Completion:

- Identify student populations most at risk for attrition - A review of student populations most at risk for graduation indicates that students who are conditionally admitted to A-State struggle to graduate. While the one-year retention rate for this group has increased (44% to 64%), their graduation rates remain low (30%).
 - A comprehensive living-learning model is designed and scheduled for implementation in Fall 2020.
 - The design includes tutoring within the residence halls, coupled with intrusive academic coaching.
 - This model mirrors similarly designed and very successful programs at A-State.
 - An increase in graduation of this subpopulation will improve A-State's overall rates.
- Develop Comprehensive Support Services
 - Nationally, institutions that have made large gains in student retention have adopted holistic advising practices. Advising is no longer focused specifically on course selection and registration.
 - Focus is on proactive outreach to students in their moment of need. The Wilson Advising Center is in the beginning phase of utilizing data to identify students in need of academic support, instead of waiting for students to self-identify. A scheduled trip to Georgia State University took place on February 20-21 to study this model, so that A-State can put this plan in place by Fall 2020.

- Review of High Challenge Courses - Academic colleges are reviewing courses that a high percentage of students struggle to complete. One example is College Algebra.
 - Math Department, in conjunction with Undergraduate Studies, has curriculum that embeds support services and remediation directly into content
 - Allows math remediation students an opportunity to enroll directly into College Algebra without taking remediation the semester before
 - Allows summer bridge program for math-success skills for Summer 2020.
- Flexible Credit Opportunities
 - Creative and flexible credit opportunities for students with professional work experiences
 - Prior Learning Assessment (PLA) practice employed by universities to grant credits based on evaluation of their college-level knowledge and skills gained through practical work experiences
- Co-curricular Advances
 - Hands-on, curriculum-related activities to bolster student retention
 - Expanding experiences such as student research, internships, presentations, study abroad, and other real-world application for students to add to their resumes

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions:

- The following were approved by AHECB for A-State at the January 31, 2020, meeting:
 - New Certificate Program
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Bone Densitometry
 - Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Medical Imaging and Therapy
 - Existing Degree Programs Offered by Distance Technology
 - Certificate of Proficiency, Swift Coding (100% online)
 - Graduate Certificate, Nursing Administration (100% online)
- The following were submitted for first notification to AHECB for A-State at the January 31, 2020, meeting:
 - Letter of Intent – New Off-Campus Instruction Center
 - A-State University Center at ASU Three Rivers
 - A-State University Center at ASU-Newport
- The following will be submitted to the AHECB for A-State at the April 24, 2020, meeting:
 - New Certificate Program
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Jazz Studies
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Statistics
 - Graduate Certificate, Statistics
 - Reconfiguration of Existing Certificate/Degree Program to Create New Degree
 - M.S., Mathematics reconfigured to create M.S., Statistics
 - B.S., Civil Engineering; B.S., Technology; B.S., Agriculture; and B.S., Management reconfigured to create B.S., Land Surveying and Geomatics
 - B.S., Civil Engineering; B.S., Agriculture; and B.S. Management reconfigured to create A.A.S., Land Surveying and Geomatics
 - Name Change of Existing Certificate, Degree, Major, Option, or Organizational Unit
 - Technology program and associated degrees, A.S., and B.S., to be renamed Engineering Technology

- Existing Certificate or Degree Program Offered at Off-campus Location
 - B.S., Global Supply Chain Management to be offered at Arkansas State University Campus Queretaro
 - B.S., Marketing to be offered at Arkansas State University Campus Queretaro
- The following will be submitted for first notification to AHECB for A-State at the April 24, 2020, meeting:
 - Letter of Intent – New Off-campus Instruction Center
 - A-State University Center at Black River Technical College

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Online:

- Fall Graduates – 733 (50% of the total graduating class)

International Programs:

- Working on signing transfer agreements with Horizon Business and Technology College, Sri Lankan Institute of Information Technology, Chandigarh University

Study Abroad:

- The following faculty-led programs are scheduled for Summer 2020:
 - Art in Paris, Dr. Katherine Baker, Art and Design—14 enrolled
 - The Alps-Germany and Switzerland/Global Student Leadership Program, Leadership Center—16 enrolled
 - Global Classroom, Counseling (one-week program), Dr. Rebekah Cole, Psychology and Counseling—three enrolled
 - Global Classroom, Community Tour—12 enrolled
 - Global Classroom, Multiple Disciplines (three-week program)—45 total enrolled (some have more than one program chosen)
 - Business, Patricia Robertson—10 enrolled
 - Media—Mary Jackson Pitts—16 enrolled
 - History—Ed Salo—10 enrolled
 - Strategic Communications—Manu Bhandari—three enrolled
 - Service Learning—Courtney Bracy and Lisa Bonds-Brown—one enrolled
 - Unknown—nine enrolled
 - Spanish Immersion in Costa Rica, Gabriel Horowitz, World Languages—14 enrolled
 - International Sport Marketing in Greece, Shane Hunt, Business (athletics program)—22 enrolled
 - Tropical Ecology/Bat Ecology, Than Boves and Tom Risch, Biology—three enrolled (still accepting applications until March 1)
 - Water Mission Trip—seven enrolled
 - Other Programs/Affiliate Partners—14 enrolled

University Center

- The Arkansas Department of Higher Education approved the first step in creating University Centers at ASU Three Rivers and ASU-Newport.

Mexico:

- Dr. Thilla Sivakumaran, Executive Director of Global Engagement and Outreach, was named Interim Vice Rector.

DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Notable Accomplishments

- Received a Bronze rating from *Military Friendly* schools

Speaking Engagements/Meetings:

- Provided diversity training for an active department chair search
- Attended initial Black Alumni fundraising drive meeting

Strategic Diversity Initiatives:

- A-State INSPIRE Fall 2019 student cohort had a 91% retention rate
- Student Diversity Recruitment team visited three Arkansas high schools, yielding 129 information cards from prospective students
- Developing a diversity training dashboard to streamline diverse training process on campus

Community Engagement:

- Provided sponsorship for the 7th Annual Delta Health Disparities Conference and Community Kwanzaa Luncheon
- Provided resources for the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc.-Theta Upsilon Chapter

Multicultural Affairs & Inclusive Excellence

- Events/Programs
 - Hosted the Native American Heritage Festival
 - Held the Winter Multicultural Student Graduation ceremony
 - Hosted the Multicultural Center Spring Welcome Back
 - Hosted Non-traditional Student Week
 - Hosted first-ever Veterans' Day Recognition Ceremony
 - Partnered with Office of Title IX on Domestic Violence Awareness event
- Met with several multicultural and diverse student organizations
- Provided diversity training for First Year Experience classes

Access and Accommodation Services (formerly Disability Services)

- Office name updates are 90% complete throughout campus
- Course substitution policy updated
- Academic Success and Access Program has 15 students completing the program with a 98% success rate
- Updating the Adaptive Testing policy
- Administered 958 exams during the fall semester in the Alternative Testing Program

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT UNIT REPORT

Admissions:

- As of February 17, ongoing recruitment efforts have yielded 6,078 admission applications in Slate and 3,475 admitted first-time freshmen.
- Recent and upcoming recruitment events include:
 - Red Wolves in the Rock, a drop-in mixer for high school students, was held February 8 at the ASU System Office. Thirty-two students attended, accompanied by family and friends. Students met with faculty and staff for Q&A, and were among the first students to register for New Student Orientation. Attendees also received a complementary ticket to the A-State vs. UALR men's basketball game after the event;
 - Red Wolves on the Ridge, a recruitment event at A-State, was held February 22. More than 141 students, not including parents, were scheduled to attend;
 - Camp College, March 11;
 - Transfer Preview Day, March 20;
 - Create @ State, April 22;
 - A-State Connection, April 24.
- Other recruitment initiatives include the following:
 - During the first two weeks of February, Admissions sent a total of 99,538 emails and 2,918 text messages to prospective students. These figures do not include additional emails sent to high school counselors and parents. By the end of February, students will receive eight more emails and two texts, and counselors will receive multiple email messages. These communications do not include the ongoing communication campaigns regarding application completion, financial aid, and housing;
 - A-State students were invited to apply for the 2020-2021 Chancellor's Ambassador program;
 - Two hundred incoming freshmen were invited to apply for the Chancellor's Leadership Council;
 - Transfer coaches were hired for placement at the University of Arkansas at Hope-Texarkana and East Arkansas Community College;
 - Registration and communication processes for New Student Orientation were built in Slate for use by Dean of Students and Academic Affairs and Research. This functionality is in addition to traditional Slate processes, such as admissions applications, collecting student records, and sending communications to prospective students.

Financial Aid and Scholarships:

- As of February 5, over \$54 million has been awarded to students for the Spring 2020 semester.
- Recent and upcoming financial aid events include:
 - Recruitment event in Central Arkansas at A-State System Office in Little Rock;
 - Banner Federal Student Aid Workshop in Conway;
 - FAFSA Fill Out Night at Greene County Tech in Paragould;
 - Campus Preview Day at A-State (collaboration with A-State Admissions);
 - Third Annual Financial Aid Fair;
 - ASU Mid-South Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program Orientation;

- Mountain Home Associate of Applied Science Nursing Program Orientation;
- H.O.W.L. (Helping Our Wolves Learn) Transition Program Interviews;
- Banner Financial Aid Assessment (two-day event).

Records and Registration (Registrar):

- The following semester-end tasks were completed for Fall 2019:
 - Finalized fall semester certifications for student athletes;
 - Assisted Academic Affairs and Research with the December 2019 commencement ceremony;
 - Awarded 1,451 degrees;
 - Awarded 2,358 Dean's and Chancellor's certificates;
 - Provided input to standardize the academic calendar;
 - Implemented the first semester of Wait Listing, which allows students to add their names to a waiting list for openings in courses that are closed due to maximum enrollment. Students are notified and given the option to register when an opening in the course becomes available;
 - Participated in a Banner Student Process review in preparation to move to the Cloud.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Leadership Center:

- The Student Activities Board partnered with Sodexo to host a Winter Wonderland/Late Night Breakfast. The event was a late night, pre-finals breakfast that was filled with student activities. There was a huge ice-skating rink located outside the Student Union with snow machines to make it feel like the perfect winter night. Inside, there was an ornament-painting station as well as holiday-themed games that students could play while waiting in line for breakfast. The A-State choir sang Christmas carols and A-State Improv put on a mini show to showcase their latest work. Once the students entered the cafeteria, they had the option to continue on to breakfast or create a few Christmas cookies.
- Professional staff members attended the Association of Fraternity/Sorority Advisors Conference in Anaheim, California.
- The Student Government Association, Student Activities Board, and Volunteer A-State teamed up to stock the A-State Food Pantry in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service on January 20. Students from each leadership group went shopping for some of the most-needed items at the pantry, then visited the pantry to stock the shelves in preparation for the start of the semester.
- Ready Education provided us with the A-State App's annual efficacy report on January 24. Since its inception in April 2018, the app has been downloaded 19,960 times. During the last year, students opened the app an average of 756.6 times per year, and 2,206 unique students used the app weekly. The campus wall was viewed 363,710 times (up 11%), and 69,643 conversations (up 23%) were engaged in within the app. It was also encouraging to learn that 966,474 total campus resources were engaged with the app, reassuring our staff that students are looking to technology like this for guidance in their college journey.

- The Student Government Association began its series of Dear A-State Forums, designed to allow students the opportunity to voice concerns about various topics. The first forum was held January 28, regarding Academic Enhancement & Campus Climate. Featured discussions about Access & Accommodation Services were held on February 11. The remaining forums were held February 25 (Racial & Minority Groups) and March 10 (LGBTQIA+).
- Student Activities Board partnered with A-State Athletics to host our 22nd Annual Pack Pride Day! This day is full of school spirit and basketball. Our A-State men's basketball team played South Alabama. We gave out t-shirts, mini basketballs, and rally towels at the game as well as a voucher for a free popcorn and drink to the first 200 students. Every year there is a spirit competition between student organizations which always draws a huge crowd to the games and keeps the energy alive from start to finish.
- The Interfraternity Council (IFC) hosted its first annual spring informal recruitment informational session for potential new members. IFC fraternities distributed a record number of open bids for a spring semester, and IFC anticipates 50 open bids to be extended.
- Panhellenic hosted its first annual Panhellenic Chapter Leadership Retreat, where chapter executive boards gathered to team-build, learn about resources, meet with respective officers from other chapters to discuss issues and ideas, and learn about healthy conflict resolution and confrontation skills.
- In partnership with the Special Olympics of Arkansas, Volunteer A-State hosted a Polar Plunge on February 11 that raised over \$900. Money raised at the event allows Special Olympics athletes in the state of Arkansas to compete locally, nationally, and internationally in a variety of sports. Volunteer A-State was named the 2020 Top-Fundraising Team.
- Volunteer A-State hosted the semester blood drive with the American Red Cross on February 18 and 19.
- Up 'til Dawn hosted back-to-back events on February 17 and 18 with a No More Cancer Rally at the Chancellor's residence and the annual Celebrity Waiters Benefit Night. Students gathered at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Damphousse to raise funds and awareness for St. Jude through a variety of fundraising challenges. The next evening, US Pizza donated 10% of its proceeds (5 p.m.-10 p.m.) to the cause as local "celebrities," including Marybeth Byrd, Cory Jackson, Destiny Quinn, and St. Jude patients waited tables.
- The Student Activities Board hosted a Valentine's Day themed Silent Disco on February 13. This event was held in Centennial Hall with DJ King Vick providing the latest tunes. Students were provided a set of headphones that allowed them to choose to listen to three different stations. Andy's Frozen Custard donated mini ice cream cups for students to enjoy, and Coca Cola donated its products as well.
- The Red Wolf Center and Student Activities Board collaborated to host a Bubble Soccer tournament on February 4. Students competed with other students who were not already on a team. Several Spike Ball games were also set up for students to enjoy, along with massage tables to help relieve midterm stress.
- On February 25, the Student Activities Board hosted Crawfish on the Lawn in celebration of Fat Tuesday.
- Greek Life took 19 students to the annual Association of Fraternal Leadership & Values Conference in Indianapolis, Indiana.

- Up 'til Dawn will host its final event on March 6 at the Red WOLF Center. Students will pull out their best Hawaiian shirts for this luau-themed night of games, food, music, and more to celebrate the amount A-State has raised for St. Jude this year!

Housing:

- A total of 2,918 residents reside on campus this spring.
- Housing hosted a number of student resident events during the spring semester, including Casino Night, College Feud Gameshow, Bingo, Study Breaks, Welcome Back the Pack Events, Game Nights in the Student Union, Super Bowl Party, Black Is Beautiful, and watch parties for the "Bachelor."
- In an effort to improve communications, University Housing started monthly residential services with campus stakeholders that impact the residential student experience.

Campus Recreation:

- Intramural sports hosted multiple event options for students during the spring semester, including basketball 3-point shot competition, basketball, bowling, wiffle ball, walleyball, and bubble soccer.
- Students have the opportunity to participate in various activities through the Red WOLF Center. Activities include a rock climbing wall, daily fitness classes, weight room, basketball courts, intramural sports, and club sports.
- All club sports are active and continuing to recruit additional members. Club Sports include: rugby, spirit squads, eSports, softball, ultimate Frisbee, archery, shooting sports, and swim team.
- Rugby Club Sport defeated the number one ranked Life during the home field match-up in February.

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Counseling Center:

- Counseling Center provided 41 outreach activities for this time period, including the following:
 - Alcohol and chemical education for students training for Office of Student Conduct referees, December 10;
 - *Residential Advisor Training* for Residence Life: Student Interventions and Self-Care, January 10;
 - *Stress Management Training* for Access and Accommodation Services staff members, January 22;
 - *Stress Management Training* for A-State Restart students, February 18-19;
 - *Depression and Anxiety Awareness Week* with daily educational offerings and live depression and anxiety screening, January 27-31;
 - *Eating Disorders Awareness Week* with daily educational offerings, March 2-6;
 - *HealthRhythms 101* course offering, a one-hour credit course offered through Undergraduate Studies, January 13 through March 2;
 - *Stress Management 101* course offering, a one-hour credit course offered through Undergraduate Studies, January 13 through March 2.
- The Counseling Center completed 94 new clinical intakes from December 7 through February 7. Ongoing services provided during this period include the following:
 - Teacher Education admission screenings – 12
 - Making Connections Career Awareness assessments – 7

- Online mental health screenings – 144 (Depression – 23, Eating disorder – 10, Bipolar disorder – 18, Generalized anxiety – 26, Post-traumatic stress – 8, Alcohol abuse – 1, Substance abuse – 2, Well-being – 6, Other – 50)

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

First National Bank Arena (FNBA):

- FNBA named a Prime Site Award winner by the industry publication “Facilities and Event Management” for the second consecutive year
- Upcoming events: Monster Trucks on March 14, 2020, and Lauren Daigle on March 21, 2020

Budget Planning/Development:

- Minimum Wage Adjustments: The second phase of the state-mandated, minimum-wage increase to \$10.00 went into effect January 1, 2020. All temporary and part-time employees were adjusted as appropriate within Banner HR and NBAJOBS. All full-time classified and non-classified employees were evaluated to insure salaries were in compliance with the minimum wage requirements.
- Budget Planning: The A-State campus is in the early stages of budget development for fiscal year 2021. The status of the FY20 operating budget was analyzed to provide insight into balancing year-end financials and begin building FY21 operating budgets.

Office of Title IX & Institutional Equity:

- Launched online supplemental Title IX training materials for First Year Experience students through Blackboard; this information was follow-up from the in-person training conducted at the beginning of September each year with approximately 1,400 first-year students (January 2020).
- Office of Title IX and Institutional Equity has been formally invited and has accepted the opportunity to assist with the Review of the Sexual Violence-Related Programs and Services (SV-RPS) at Arkansas Tech for 2019-2020.
- A-State Title IX Coordinator facilitated Title IX Compliance training for all faculty/staff at ASU-Newport for Spring 2020, in partnership with ASU System Legal Counsel.

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS):

- Delivered a webinar presentation on laboratory safety for the Collegiate Safety, Health and Environmental Management Association
- Director achieved status as a Certified Industrial Hygienist
- Organized a creek cleanup
- Assisted Henderson State University in development of lab safety protocols and communicated with the state until A-State received a new radioactive materials license

Human Resources:

- Open enrollment for benefits conducted for all employees during the month of November
- Performance evaluations assigned and started in January for non-classified employees, chairs, deans, and vice chancellors

Training & Development:

- Hosted 32 new staff members for Part 1 and Part 2 of Orientation for the months of November, December, and January

Payroll Services:

- W-2 process completed and W-2s made available and uploaded to the SSA, State of Arkansas, and State of Virginia, as required
- Implementation of the new 2020 W-4, due to new IRS guidelines involving extensive testing and changes to the Banner system set-up for both federal and international tax codes
- Established new deduction for High Deductible Health Care, Flexible Health Saving Account, and reactivated the deduction for Facilities Management Uniforms
- State of Arkansas will establish new tax table effective March 1 as IRS has changed one of the new tax tables that will require testing within the next month
- Effort Certification has been established for Fall semester and will be tested in the cloud environment.

Red Wolf Wellness:

- The Red Wolf Wellness Achievement program ended with 445 achievements earned by faculty and staff members participating in the program. (Achievements included fitness participation, completing a health screening or annual wellness visit, completing a health risk assessment, creating a wellness plan, and participation in wellness events.)
- Completed the four-Week Faculty and Staff Team Step Challenge with 19 faculty/staff teams logging 22,679,095 steps total.
- Coordinated with Gearhead and St. Bernards to host the Healthy Heart 2-Miler Walk/Run event on campus February 8. This is the first event in our Get In Gear Fitness Series 2020.
- The A-State Archery Club and Coach Spencer Bradley have been selected for the USA Archery Club Excellence Program. The Club Excellence Program is a unique nine-month learning experience available to select USA Archery clubs and their coaching staff. A-State Archery is one of only six universities selected in the country to participate in the program.

University Safety and Emergency Management (USEM):

- During the month of November, the Office of Safety and Emergency Management secured \$24,300 in donations to the public access defibrillator program from the Garrett Uekman Foundation and worked with the Dean of Students to rewrite fraternity fire code guidance.
- Coordinated communications regarding changes to allow direct 911 dialing in compliance with Kari's Law.
- Developed a personal emergency plan guide for Access & Accommodation Services and completed annual fire alarm testing.
- Finalized defibrillator cabinet installs and worked with fire alarm contractors to program enhancements to the campus emergency alert system into voice automated fire panels.

Information and Technology:

- Uniform ERP for All System Campuses: Budget/Cost forecast to add Henderson is in progress. Data Standardization/Governance process is active on each campus. Moving ASUJ on-premise systems to the cloud is on track for completion in April and will stabilize through June with all functions operating

in the cloud. Current Ellucian work is focused on configuring the multi-entity framework using ASUJ as a template that will allow all System campuses to begin their 18-month effort starting July 2020.

- Henderson State University (HSU): Working with Admissions to define integration needs into existing ERP as interim. This will include accepting all undergrad and graduate student applications via the Slate CRM, finally automating a cumbersome manual process. Use of existing ERP will continue until we can move HSU to Banner. Work is focused on stabilizing the existing ERP and Financial Aid. Budget/cost forecast to add HSU into the Banner roll-out is in hand and being analyzed for approval.
- Campus Projects:
 - Updates and upgrades to audio-visual technology is complete in Centennial Hall and the Student Union auditorium.
 - WiFi updates are complete in the Neil Griffin College of Business and will progress through all academic buildings this semester.
 - Campus-wide WiFi and network updates are complete.
 - Currently upgrading IT Security end-point protection on all desktops across campus.
 - Various other projects are in progress across campus.
- System-wide CIO Efforts:
 - ASUJ provided support to ASUMH over the holidays to stop and clear out a Ransomware attack. Major systems were locked down at ASUMH and were recovered. About 5% non-mission critical systems remain locked and will be lost. ASUMH is working with Legal and Insurance to recoup expenditures.
 - All System campuses IT directors met at ASUMH to discuss lessons learned from the Ransomware attack. Many take-away items were created with the most important being a standard minimum list of IT security tasks/tools/procedures that have to be in place at each campus going forward.
- IT Security Reminder: Please continue to be diligent and on the lookout for suspicious emails and malicious websites. If in doubt, don't click.

Fiscal Operations:

- Controller's Office: The office began implementation of Synario, a financial modeling, planning, and intelligence platform.
- Treasurer's Office: The office is leading the effort within the finance offices to review the University's internal controls over its financial practices.
- Business Services and Risk Management: A policy management initiative began with meetings of key individuals in departments that will be involved with implementing new policy management software. Once implemented, the software will provide a work-flow process for creating and maintaining accurate, updated policies and procedures and providing access to them through a highly usable online platform.
- Procurement/Contract Administration and Strategic Sourcing: Procurement has been busy with the Pcard/Concur Project. Several RFP/RFQs have been or are being prepared for new contracts coming due. Efforts continue on the implementation of new contract management software.

Delta Center for Economic Development:

- The Delta Center has started a “Business Professional Series” of non-credit education and training classes. The project management online course started in January. Participants gain the hours needed to take the Certified Associate in Project Management (CAPM) exam through the Project Management Institute. This course will be offered every seven weeks. Additional project management online courses will be made available soon that will provide the hours needed to sit for the Project Management Professional (PMP) exam as well as continuing education hours to maintain their certification. A grant writing and administration half-day beginner’s course is scheduled for March, and a company in Jackson County has requested Human Resources training. The Delta Center is working on a proposal with Dr. Kim Hester.
- The Delta Center facilitated a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) analysis in Osceola and has partnered with Dr. Bill Roe to produce a strategic plan for music heritage development in the city. The Delta Center is also working with the Mountain View Chamber of Commerce on an economic impact analysis. Dr. Gauri Guha is assisting.
- The Delta Center raised \$100,000 in capital through a private investor for a member of A-State Innovate and tenant of the Lab/Catalyst. The funding is to scale the business.

University Police Department:

- Four members of the department received lifesaving awards at the annual fall department meeting in December. Award recipients received a certificate and lifesaving commendation bars.

Auxiliary Services:

- Through the second quarter, we have a 6.3% increase in commissions over last year. Meal plan prices increased overall by 5% last year (the bulk of the increase was due to adding an additional week of board operations due the additional week in the academic calendar).

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Advancement Services:

- For the second quarter of the fiscal year, October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, the University recorded a total of 7,893 gifts and commitments from 3,585 individual donors for a total of \$2,653,778. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges.

Alumni Relations:

- To date, \$77,090 has been received from the Fall Phonathon session. We are currently working on fulfillment of outstanding fall pledges. Spring Phonathon will commence March 7, 2020.
- Applications for the 2020 entering freshmen License2HOWL scholarships have been collected and are now with the selection committee. Seven recipients will be selected to receive \$5,000 annual awards with an option to renew in successive years if they continue to meet the criteria.
- Alumni Association membership dues saw an increase on January 1, 2020. This is the first dues increase for the alumni association in over two decades. All new and renewing members will receive a special gift along with their membership materials. Here is the new breakdown:

- First year after graduation - FREE
- Recent Grad (first five years after graduation) - \$20
- Single - \$40
- Joint (with spouse) - \$60
- 1924 Sustaining Life Member - \$1,924
- The third annual Alumni Day at the Races will be held March 7 at Oaklawn in Hot Springs, Arkansas.
- Red Wolves on the Rooftop will be held on May 5 at the ASU System Office in Little Rock.
- A new alumni engagement event is in the works with the Endangered Wolf Center in Eureka, Missouri. Save the date for July 17. More details will be coming later.

Career Services:

- 191 recruiters from 105 companies/school districts/graduate programs/military branches attended the STEM and Agriculture and All Majors Fairs. Sixty-four of the recruiters were Arkansas State University alumni. Forty-nine companies were seeking interns, and 691 students attended.
- Career Services implemented the Intern of the Year program in the fall of 2019. Joseph Branch, a senior computer science major, was selected as A-State's first Intern of the Year. He completed his internship experience at Hytrol Conveyor Co., Inc. This award qualified Joseph for a national award.

Marketing and Communications:

- The office of Marketing and Communications created a new collaborative campaign for A-State's annual United Way drive, resulting in four special videos highlighting the community connections between the University and served agencies of United Way. The office also took the lead on the inaugural Mike Watson Lecture Series, hosting *Shark Tank's* Daymond John in late October.
- Digital Creative Media produced 41 original videos during the quarter, including packages for the annual Johnny Cash Heritage Festival, highlight packages of the Camellia Bowl experience for fans and alumni, and production of a livestream from the Arkansas State Capitol for the UpSkill coding announcement.
- In support of ongoing new admissions initiatives, Marketing coordinated efforts for traditional media pick-up of the new 8-7-0 Plan for students with distinct financial needs.
- Publications & Creative Services (PCS) fulfilled 270 jobs during the quarter, including the completion of promotional materials for Red Wolves Athletics. While the number was down from the same quarter of 2018, this was in part due to the resignation of one graphic designer. One major project completed by PCS was the rebranding and relaunch of the Beck Center for Veterans with a new name and logo.
- Social media remained steady. Facebook held a 116,470 page likes following, similar to last fall. Within the social numbers, our Instagram audience continued to grow with the main University account up 9.8 percent in this last quarter. More than 40 percent of our followers are 24 years of age or younger. Video continued to lead the way with 93,838 total minutes viewed via Facebook, and while streaming of Fall Commencement once again led the way with 15,300 minutes, the video package from the Camellia Bowl had 9,600 minutes viewed.
- The impact of direct messaging through the Emma marketing platform continued to increase. The Daily Digest relaunch that began last quarter is now complete.

ATHLETICS

Football:

- The Red Wolves were bowl eligible for the ninth consecutive season and for the 12th time over the last 15 years. A-State won the Camellia Bowl, making its appearance in nine straight bowl games for the 14th longest streak in the nation and third longest among the Group of 5.
- Senior wide receiver Omar Bayless was named one of 12 semifinalists for the Biletnikoff Award, issued annually to the top receiver in the Football Bowl Subdivision, regardless of position. Also, Omar was the first A-State player since 1987 to be named All-America by the Associated Press (AP), American Football Coaches Association (AFCA), Football Writers Association (FWAA), *Sporting News* or Walter Camp.
- Omar Bayless was named the Sun Belt Conference Player of the Year, and Layne Hatcher was named Freshman of the Year. Sixteen different players were named All-Sun Belt, including six first-team selections.
- Football Head Coach Blake Anderson was the winner of the 2019 Capital One Orange Bowl-Football Writers Association of America Courage Award, while also being named the Grant Teaff Coach of the Year by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

Volleyball:

- Redshirt sophomore middle blocker Timber Terrell was named Second Team All-Sun Belt Conference.

Women's Bowling:

- The Red Wolves are ranked fourth in the country in the National Tenpin Coaches Association Poll.

Women's Soccer:

- Juniors Sarah Sadoma and Julianna Coates were named to the 2019 United Soccer Coaches Southeast Region Team.

Track & Field and Cross Country:

- The men's and women's cross-country teams were both named to the US Track & Field & Cross-Country Coaches Association All-Academic Team. Bennett Pascoe and Pauline Meyer earned All-Academic Athlete honors due to their top-25 regional finishes.

Baseball:

- Senior pitcher Jack Jumper was named 2020 Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference.

Academic:

- A-State held its 2019 Fall Commencement ceremony at First National Bank Arena, and 19 more student-athletes from the Red Wolves' NCAA intercollegiate sports programs have now earned their college degrees.
- The Red Wolves placed 226 student-athletes on the Fall 2019 Athletics Director's Honor Roll, while breaking the single-semester school record for the highest all-department GPA with a 3.1015.

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Arkansas State University-Beebe**

Future Business Leaders of America Basic Training

Future Business Leaders of America Basic Training was held on the ASU-Beebe campus on December 6. The event was coordinated by the Business Department faculty from the Heber Springs and Beebe campuses, and approximately 160 students and their advisors attended. The event prepared the students for state competition. Business-related competitions included banking and financial systems, business ethics, entrepreneurship, graphic design, hospitality management, public speaking, website design, marketing, publication design, job-interview skills, and impromptu speaking. Business professionals judged the events, the Admissions Office registered students and provided campus tours, and the ROTC students assisted with parking and helped students find the event locations.

ROTC Commissioning Ceremony

ASUB student and ROTC cadet, Ashley Reeves, was commissioned as Second Lieutenant (C/2nd Lt) during a December 12, 2019, ROTC Commissioning Ceremony held in the Owen Center Auditorium at ASU-Beebe. Captain Diego Ramirez gave the welcome, and Major Joseph Loar spoke briefly before guest speaker Lieutenant Colonel Harold D. Williams was introduced and presented the Commissioning Oath to Cadet Reeves.

Hosting Local Chambers

During the month of December, ASU-Beebe hosted three area Chambers of Commerce for their regular monthly meetings. On the Beebe campus, both the Cabot Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and the Beebe Chamber of Commerce held their monthly membership meetings on campus and received updates from ASUB. On December 11, 2019, the Searcy Regional Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors held their annual Retreat and New Director Orientation on the Searcy campus. Attendees heard an extensive ASUB update from Chancellor Methvin and Dean of Career Education Dr. Cheryl Wiedmaier. The group ended their day with a tour of several programs from Campus Operations Manager LaShanda Owens.

SGA Constitutional Reform

February 10-14, 2020, the ASUB Student Government Association held a special election requesting approval by the student body of an amendment to the SGA Constitution that would modernize the structure of the organization. With 10.55% of the students voting (ASGA reports 4.5% is the national average), the constitutional amendment was ratified by the student body, receiving 91.95% of the votes cast.

The constitutional amendment provides for the following: (1) authorizes the creation of student senates of Heber Springs and Searcy campuses; (2) establishes an Intercampus Leadership Council for coordination between campuses; (3) allows for caucus-style elections during the fall elections; (4) combines the Committee on Ethics with the Election Commission for better accountability; and (5) allows new student senates to adopt campus by-laws for more flexibility.

Creation of the ASU-Beebe Student Hope Emergency Fund

Each year, many students experience an unexpected financial crisis, such as a house fire, death in the family, or a loss of income. Through the foresight of the ASUB Student Government Association (SGA) members, faculty, and the Institutional Advancement Office, the Student Hope Emergency Fund has been established to offer timely relief to help ease a student's burden through a one-time award. Chancellor Methvin charged SGA with drafting the guidelines for the management and distribution of funds. A dedicated fundraiser has also been established to support the fund. The first Dish of Hope Fundraiser and Silent Art Auction will be held April 23, 2020, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Dr. Eugene McKay Student Center on the Beebe campus. Participants at the Dish of Hope Fundraiser will enjoy an evening of good food, camaraderie, and music, and will leave with a handmade dish. Tickets are \$20. Students, area artists, and friends of the college were invited to participate in the Makers Days events, where they handcrafted the donated dishes. Makers Days were held the afternoons of February 20 and March 5 in the England Center Ceramic Studio. Donated dishes will be on display the week prior to the April 23 event in the Stephens Room in the McKay Student Center on the Beebe campus. Art faculty member Lisa Floryshak was instrumental in designing the fundraising event.

African-American History Month

The Student Activities Council hosted a variety of opportunities for the ASUB community to celebrate African-American history throughout the month of February. The month's activities were organized in a partnership between the Office of Student Life, the Student Activities Council (a student-led committee advising on campus activities), the Student Leadership Experience, and the Black Excellence Association (a student organization). For example, the Student Activities Council highlighted historical African-Americans from Arkansas history in a display in the Dr. Eugene McKay Student Center. Each week, five new Arkansans were profiled. In addition, a screening of *Harriet* was held on the evening of February 10, 2020, in the Science Building Lecture Hall. Other events included Black History Jeopardy, a campus Peace Walk, and an awareness program called "How Diverse Is Your Universe?"

Concert/Lecture Series Presents Laurence Juber

ASUB welcomed two-time Grammy-winner Laurence Juber to the stage for a free lecture and a concert on February 18, 2020, as part of the ASUB 2019-2020 Lecture/Concert Series. Guitarist Juber is a solo performer, recording artist, composer, and arranger. He was first recognized as lead guitarist in Beatle Paul McCartney's Wings, with whom he won a Grammy. Juber has since established himself as a world-renowned guitar virtuoso and entertainer. His lecture, "History of the Fingerstyle Guitar," focused on the dominant technique for fretted instruments since the mid-15th century. Following his concert, Juber signed autographs and visited with the appreciative crowd for more than an hour.

ASUBeConnected

ASUB has been ASUBeConnected with our communities since the last board meeting by participating in, attending, or hosting the following events:

- Cabot Chamber of Commerce Banquet, January 23
- Jacksonville Chamber of Commerce Banquet, February 4
- Heber Springs Chamber of Commerce Banquet, February 6
- ASUB Heber Springs faculty and staff volunteered and worked in the concession stands during basketball season at area schools

ASUB Academic Program Notifications

ASUB has made curriculum revisions to the following programs:

- Associate of Applied Science in Computer Systems and Networking Technology
- Associate of Applied Science in Computerized Machining Technology
- Technical Certificate in Community Policing
- Technical Certificate in Computer Systems and Networking Technology
- Technical Certificate in Computerized Machining
- Technical Certificate in Criminal Investigation Science
- Technical Certificate in Diesel Technology
- Technical Certificate in Law Enforcement
- Technical Certificate in Wildlife Enforcement
- Technical Certificate in Health Information Technology
- Certificate of Proficiency in Community Policing
- Certificate of Proficiency in Computer Fundamentals
- Certificate of Proficiency in Computerized Machining Technology
- Certificate of Proficiency in Criminal Investigation Science
- Certificate of Proficiency in Diesel Technology
- Certificate of Proficiency in Health Information Technology
- Certificate of Proficiency in Law Enforcement
- Certificate of Proficiency in Wildlife Enforcement

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- Truck Party

The 4th Annual Truck Party will be held at ASUMH on March 5. This party raises funds to be used to support student scholarships and equipment needs on campus. The event is anticipated to be attended by approximately 400 people and includes a dinner, entertainment, prizes awarded, plus silent and live auctions. Net proceeds are expected to exceed \$30,000.
- Mountain Home Charity Golf Classic

The Mountain Home Charity Golf Classic is again being planned for this summer. The event will take place on June 10 and 11. Tournament proceeds are used to support the ASUMH Technical Center programs and students. More than 50 teams are expected to compete in this event, which traditionally raises approximately \$25,000.
- Business and Industry Training

Business and Industry training initiatives have been very active in recent months. ASUMH has conducted a number of non-credit courses designed to provide job seekers with additional skills for the workplace. Courses have included Ready to Weld, Emergency Medical Responder, Wilderness Emergency Medical Responder, HVACR Refresher Classes, Basic Measurements and Hand Tool Skills, Industrial Sewing, and Composite Construction. These courses are typically conducted over a few weeks and class sizes range from 10 to 20 students each.
- Performing Arts Series

ASUMH is completing its ninth Performing Arts season this spring. Each of the past nine seasons have contained approximately eight performances with annual attendance approximating 5,000 persons. *Georgia on My Mind: The Music of Ray Charles* will be presented on March 1 and *The Choir of Man* will conclude the season on March 12.
- Reorganization

The need to increase our enrollment and retention has necessitated a reorganization of some of the staff positions. These changes will allow for the recruitment and retention of more students. These changes are as follows:

 - Move Financial Aid/Admissions staff member to purchasing position
 - Reassign duties of Director of Operations to include foundation accounting and payables
 - Move Cashier to Financial Aid/Admissions position

- Reassign Vice Chancellor of Operations duties to include Physical Plant/Information Technology/ and Director of Career Pathways
- Move Recruiter to Admissions
- Move Director of Human Resources to Director of Student Success
- Change part-time Institutional Research position to full-time
- Move Funeral Science Director/Faculty Position to full-time faculty
- Hire new Director/Faculty Funeral Science
- Hire new Recruiter
- Hire new Cashier
- Hire new Chief Finance Officer

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

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) faculty and staff are currently engaged in several initiatives to increase completion rates and accelerate completion:
 - ASUN will implement new business hours starting this spring. During peak season, campuses will be open until 6:00 p.m. twice per week and one Saturday morning per month in order to better accommodate students visiting campus for assistance with admissions, advising, financial aid, etc.
 - ASUN recently hired a licensed counselor to provide mental health services to students (and employees). The counselor will be able to assist students with a variety of issues, such as domestic/dating violations and addiction, which could impact their ability to complete their course of study.
 - ASUN recently hired a case manager to facilitate its Arkansas Delta Workforce Opportunities for Rural Communities (ADWORC) grant. ASUN anticipates a high rate of completion in the program, due to the short-term nature of the training, completion incentives paid for by the grant, and the specialized support of the ADWORC case manager.
 - ASUN is establishing a call center to more effectively and efficiently direct students to the resources they need. Callers will have the option to select from a menu or connect with a live operator. Callers will be directed to the website for issues that can be handled more effectively online. ASUN will hire and train additional part-time staff to decrease wait times and transfers to voicemail.
 - At this time last year, ASUN was one of five schools in Arkansas selected to receive intensive coaching through Achieving the Dream to implement a Holistic Student Support Model. ASUN has since had two site visits and a full year of training. During the most recent site visit, members of faculty and staff institution-wide met to conduct a “communication audit” – a review/analysis of all correspondence sent to students. The team is working to develop a streamlined plan for more targeted, effective communication. With one additional site visit and six months of training to go, ASUN is well on its way to providing comprehensive, wrap-around support from recruitment through degree completion.
 - Starting this fall, ASUN students will receive their financial aid package for the entire year at the start of the fall semester (rather than applying separately for summer aid). This will allow students to more effectively plan their course load and expenditures for the year.
- ASUN’s fall program pass rates were outstanding:
 - 100% of ASUN Arkansas Rural Nursing Education Consortium students successfully completed the program.
 - 100% of Cosmetology students passed their AR State Board practicum.
 - 100% of our inaugural Aesthetics class passed their AR State Board practicum.
 - 100% of Automotive Service Technology students passed their ASE certifications.

- ASUN has been working hard to continue building the pipeline from high school to college:
 - ASUN welcomed 55 students from Harrisburg and Newport High Schools for a preview day. The students competed in a quiz bowl, toured the campus, participated in a question/answer session, and enjoyed a meet-and-greet with ACE the Aviator!
 - ASUN welcomed 100 concurrent students from Northeast Arkansas Career and Technical Center to participate in an immersive “day in the life of a college student” experience. Participating programs included Culinary/Hospitality, Advanced Manufacturing, Industrial Maintenance, and Welding.
- ASUN students are taking proactive measures to help other students succeed. The Surgical Technology Student Organization has established a Clinical Scholarship Fund. The scholarship is designed to aid Surgical Technology students with financial challenges that occur during clinical assignments requiring travel. The scholarship will be awarded in increments of \$175.00 per week (for up to four weeks) while the recipient is on clinical rotation. Scholarship funds may be applied toward housing, fuel, and meals. The class worked hard to fundraise for the scholarship and awarded its first recipient in February.
- Thirty-one participants in ASUN’s Adult Education Program earned their GED in 2019. Of those students, 94% were reading below the 8th grade level. ASUN’s Adult Education instructors are doing an excellent job addressing the unique needs and challenges of our program participants.
- ASUN is one of 190 institutions selected by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in experimental changes to the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program. Selected institutions will be allowed to use FWS funds to support students working in the private sector and students completing work required by their academic programs, such as student teaching and clinical rotation. The goal of the program is to allow more students to gain on-the-job experience with employers in their field of study.

Strategic Priority 2: Institutional Excellence

- The Fall 2019 edition of “LitPub” has been released! Your digital copy is available at: https://adobeindd.com/view/publications/c5e2d39b-557b-49ad-8708-0a74b8bfd97c/9rwn/publication-web-resources/pdf/AsunLitPub_DIGITAL_VIEW_Volume_II_Issue_I_Fall_2019.pdf?fbclid=IwAR2fxslpOAKcK886OXjyiYHMQ8-oY2KNWF8aew0vgwlr3GX8Q8mb1jK_DE8)

Strategic Priority 3: Community Engagement

- It is high school competition time at ASUN:
 - ASUN hosted the Regional Science Olympiad. There were 111 students from seven schools in attendance.
 - Arkansas State University-Newport at Marked Tree hosted its annual Energy Control Technology Skills Competition. This competition provides high school students the opportunity to demonstrate skills and knowledge in procedures and applications, both practical and theoretical. Fifteen students from five high schools participated. Students who placed first, second, and third, respectively, received \$6,000, \$4,000, and \$2,000 scholarships to ASUN.

- Arkansas State University-Newport at Jonesboro hosted its 11th Annual Weld-a-thon. Fifteen area high schools sent three-person teams to compete for more than \$30,000 in prizes. Students on the top three teams received scholarships of \$6,000, \$4,000, and \$2,000 to ASUN, plus prizes donated by industry partners.

ASUN Academic Program Notifications

HLC guidelines state that any place geographically separate from a main or branch campus where instruction takes place and students can complete 50% or more of the courses leading to a degree program, 50% or more of any Title IV Eligible certificate, or 50% or more of any degree completion program must be identified and approved as a formal "Location." ASU-Newport, having been granted approval to participate in the Location Notification Program, will be submitting applications for the addition of five area high schools as ASUN locations. The following five (5) high schools participate in long-standing concurrent education partnerships with ASUN and either meet or are approaching the threshold of criteria listed above for the Associate of Arts in General Education and the Certificate of General Studies:

- Brookland High School
- Harrisburg High School
- Jackson County Consolidated High School
- Riverside High School
- Trumann High School

**Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees Report
March 6, 2020**

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

New Executive Assistant to the Chancellor

Claudia Ohneck was recently hired as Executive Assistant to the Chancellor, replacing Emilee Sides, who was named Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance on December 19. Claudia has been an employee of ASU Mid-South for eleven years, having served both as an Administrative Assistant and, more recently, as the Program Compliance Officer and Accountability Specialist for many of our recent state and federal grants programs. She has additional experience as a legal secretary and paralegal, and also worked for a number of years in the Lt. Governor's Office in the State of Missouri. Claudia's vast knowledge and experience, combined with her pleasant demeanor, attention to detail, and familiarity with all aspects of our college and our community, make her a great fit for this position and a great representative for our college.

Student Success

Since 2015, ASU Mid-South has implemented many changes in a campus-wide effort to improve student retention and success. Those changes included: a renewed focus on student engagement; elimination of late registration; implementation of eight-week mini-terms; reduction in the required developmental course sequence; adding certificates, where possible, at momentum points of 15, 30, and 45 credit hours; limiting Associate Degrees to sixty credit hours, with exceptions for those programs requiring more hours due to accreditation or industry standards; modifying institutional scholarship requirements to allow eligible students to access scholarships for both part-time and summer enrollment; and the development and implementation of professional development designed to promote and reward quality academic advising. As a result of these changes, ASU Mid-South is proud to have received an increase in funding through the productivity model for each of the past three years, despite declining enrollment.

Improved IPEDS Graduation Rate

A metric used to measure an institution's productivity at the federal level is the Integrated Postsecondary Data System (IPEDS) annual graduation rate survey. The IPEDS bases its graduation rate metric on cohorts of first-time entering, degree-seeking students, who enroll full-time during their first term. By definition, IPEDS cohorts do not include concurrently enrolled high school students, students who transfer into an institution, or those who begin their studies as non-degree seeking students. In 2015, faculty and staff made a campus-wide decision to move the institution from a culture solely focused on access to one equally focused on completion. We are pleased to report that the most recent IPEDS graduation rate survey (based on the 2016 cohort), resulted in the highest graduation rate in the institution's history, at 23.8%. That rate reflects a one-year increase of 11.2% (up from 12.6% the previous year). For comparison, the most recent data available indicates the national average graduation rate for two-year colleges is 28.6%, while the average for two-year colleges in Arkansas is 29.5%.

Future Fit Training for Advanced Manufacturers

ASU Mid-South is partnering with the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) to bring Future Fit to eastern Arkansas. Future Fit is an AEDC sponsored training program, developed in collaboration with ten manufacturing companies in western Arkansas and initially piloted by the University of Arkansas Fort Smith. Its purpose is to close the work-readiness skills gap for individuals seeking employment in entry-level manufacturing positions, specifically Production Operator/Assemblers and Mechanical Repair Technicians. The curriculum includes 120 clock hours of combined hands-on and online instruction, and will be taught by experienced, advanced manufacturing faculty, utilizing high-tech Amatrol™ simulators and Tooling U-SME™, the industry leader in online manufacturing training. AEDC is covering both the equipment and the instructional costs. Targeted populations include recent high school graduates, veterans, unemployed or underemployed individuals, and the re-entry population (non-violent).

Black History Month

As a predominantly black institution, ASU Mid-South strives to provide quality Black History Month programming to its students each year. This year is no exception, as students took field trips to the Underground Railroad Museum in Memphis on February 6, the National Civil Rights Museum, and the play *Harriet Tubman: One Woman's Journey*, both on February 20. In addition, the ASU Mid-South's Sandra C. Goldsby Library featured a month-long poster exhibition, entitled "City of Hope." This exhibition, organized by the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service (SITES), in collaboration with the National Museum of African American History and Culture, examined the Poor People's Campaign—a grassroots, multiracial movement that drew thousands of people to Washington, D.C., for 43 days between May and June 1968. It featured a series of newly discovered photographs and an array of protest signs and political buttons collected during the campaign and was designed to help visitors engage and contextualize the historical significance and present-day relevance of the Poor People's Campaign. ASU Mid-South's Black History Month celebration culminated with an on-campus performance by Jonathan Blanchard on February 25. Blanchard, a self-described soul singer, songwriter, and preserver of the Negro Spiritual, brought to life the iconic music that was an essential component of the Civil Rights Movement.

NISOD Excellence Award Winners

Each year, faculty and staff at ASU Mid-South nominate individuals to receive National Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards. Recipients are selected from the slate of candidates by the Chancellor's Cabinet. Typically, two awards are given annually – one for an outstanding faculty member and one for an outstanding staff member. However, this year, three individuals were selected. Diesel Maintenance Technology faculty team, Johnny Powell and Brad Rowe, each received faculty awards for their dedication to their profession and their love of students. Together, they have brought stability and expert content to a program that is vital to a major driver of our local economy, the transportation sector. The Staff Award went to Emilee Sides, former Assistant to the Chancellor and current Associate Vice Chancellor for Finance. Her nominator cited the fact that Emilee is always pleasant to deal with, efficient in her responsibilities, and well-respected by everyone on campus.

ASU Mid-South Greyhound Athletics

ASU Mid-South's men's and women's basketball teams will be closing out their regular seasons this month. The Greyhound women, in their first year with Head Coach Mercedes Corona, have battled injuries most of the year and are currently 7-19, despite averaging 61 points per game. The men are currently 21-7, having achieved their fourth consecutive 20-win season in early February. The Greyhound's all-time leading scorer, point guard Jalen Lynn, scored his 1,000th career point in a February 3 matchup against Crowley's Ridge College Junior Varsity. Teammate Zach Byrd set two records of his own the same night, earning the single game record for rebounds of 20 and the season record for double-doubles at eight. On February 17, Zach became the first Greyhound player to record a triple-double, with 12 points, 10 rebounds, and 10 assists in a 93-55 Greyhound victory over UA Cossatot. The Region II Tournament will be held March 1 on the campus of Harding University in Searcy.

Tommy Goldsby Memorial Wild Game Dinner and Auction

The fifth annual Tommy Goldsby Memorial Wild Game Dinner and Auction will be held Saturday, March 7, at Pirani Farms in Marion. This unique event combines hunting, fishing, and farming interests, with beer, bourbon, and gourmet food, donated by local hunters and fisherman, and prepared by former Top Chef Competitor Ernie Mellor. Funds raised at this event benefit the Tommy Goldsby Scholarship for Concurrent Students in Crittenden County.

Men of Color Conference

ASU Mid-South joined the National Consortium on College Men of Color (NCCMC) in the fall of 2015. The NCCMC supports postsecondary institutions in building the capacity necessary to advance outcomes for college men of color, including African-American, Latino, Southeast Asian, Native American, and Pacific Islander men. To support the mission of NCCMC, ASU Mid-South will be hosting its third annual Men of Color Conference on April 17. This conference provides opportunities for dialogue and professional development in support of collective sense-making, organizational learning, and change. This conference attracts educators and students from across Arkansas, North Mississippi, Western Tennessee, and beyond. Featured speakers this year include Willie "Satellite" Totten, former Canadian and National Football League player, and College Football Hall of Fame member, and the current Quarterbacks Coach at Mississippi Valley State University, as well as ASU Mid-South alumnus and former Greyhound, Marquavious Smith.

Newly Endowed Scholarships

Delaware North, parent company of Southland Casino Racing, recently announced the establishment of three fully endowed scholarships at ASU Mid-South, each of which will honor a former Southland board member. The scholarships, named for late board member Cortez Kennedy and recently retired board members, Hershel Owens and Frank Martin, will be endowed at \$125,000 each (\$375,000 total, to be paid over five years). Southland also committed an additional \$5,000 per scholarship per year (\$75,000 total, to be paid over five years) to fully fund the scholarships during the interim period. The total commitment of \$450,000 to ASU Mid-South represents the largest of Southland's three major gifts announced as part of their *2020 Transformational Initiatives*, focusing on Education, Community, and Health.

Art Exhibit

ASU Mid-South is partnering with DeltaArts and Mid-South Health Systems to present the seventh Annual Art and Soul Art Exhibit. The exhibit, which opens March 19, is entitled "A Creative Journey toward Recovery." It features incredible works by the patients and clients of Mid-South Health Systems. The exhibit, which is made possible by the Rocky Smith Endowment for the Arts, is located in the Donald W. Reynolds Center and is free of charge and open to the public.

Arkansas State University
Board of Trustees Report
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Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University Three Rivers

- Arkansas State University Three Rivers' new College Welding program (now in its second semester) continues to be popular, with 13 students enrolled in Gas Metal Arc Welding I.
- Director of Concurrent Enrollment, Tara Bratton, has joined the board of the National Alliance of Concurrent Enrollment Partnerships (NACEP), by personal invitation of the NACEP President.
- The Practical Nursing Program (PN) is conducting 12-hour, night-shift clinicals this semester for the first time.
- The Career Center certified 44 students in OSHA 10 General Safety, 32 students in OSHA 10 Construction, and 45 students in Healthcare Provider CPR during the fall semester.
- Title III/Distance Education installed the first of two internally designed Lecture Capture/Web Conferencing classrooms. The first system is working correctly, costs 70% less per room than vendor-designed and installed classrooms, and has the same functionality.
- Workforce Development began the West Fraser Qualified Millwright and the West Fraser Qualified Electrician Training Programs in Spring 2020. ASU Three Rivers currently has 51 week-long classes totaling 1,664 hours scheduled for the 2020 calendar year, with a projected revenue of \$204,000.
- As of Spring 2020, the New Student Orientation is completely online. All new students have been given instructions for accessing and completing the orientation on Blackboard. The pre- and post-tests were built into the online modules, and students must score at least 80% on the final quiz for the orientation to be complete. Holds are placed on the students' accounts until they have completed the online orientation. Students were to complete the online orientation by January 28; however, they will continue to have access to the modules until graduation. This provides them the opportunity to review and reference information as needed. Additionally, this will allow the data collected to be captured in Blackboard and aligned with Institutional Student Learning Outcomes and Co-Curricular Student Learning Outcomes.
- TRIO exceeded all objectives in its 2018-2019 Annual Performance Report.
- ASUTR Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) had the second highest number of completers in the state, as well as 98.28% of its ASUTR CPI students entering employment.
- The Career Pathways Fall Community Project included maintenance staff, CPI staff, and students coming together to deliver a truckload of bottled water, which students had collected during the fall semester, to the residents of Carthage, Arkansas, who have been experiencing a water shortage since the summer. Ninety-five cases of water and fourteen one-gallon jugs of water were delivered to the local fire station for distribution to the residents. Crystal Geyser also donated fifty-four cases of water. The only well serving this small Arkansas town collapsed over the summer, leaving residents without a water source.
- We are working with Educause to finalize the change of our domain name to asutr.edu.
- College-wide rebranding efforts continue.

- The chart below compares the Spring 2020 enrollment progression, as of February 20, 2020, to the official Spring 2019 data.

Enrolled Status	Spring 2020*	Spring 2019	Spring 2020*	Spring 2019
	Count	Count	SSCH	SSCH
Continuing	419	415	4245	4263
First Time in College	34	30	315	240
High School	496	526	2493	2606
Readmitted	65	70	605	595
Transfer	78	66	833	648
Unclassified	15	16	154	138
Total	1,107	1,123	8,645	8,490

- ASUTR received the Higher Learning Commission Board of Trustees' final letter approving alignment with the ASU System. Currently, we are writing a follow-up report for the focused visit occurring on April 27-28.
- Saline County Career and Technical Education Center groundbreaking has been set for March 9, at 9:30 a.m.
- ASUTR received a Preservation Grant from the National Trust for Historic Preservation to be used to produce a plan for the restoration and renovation of the Historic Ritz Theatre in the Historic Downtown District of Malvern.