

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM FOUNDATION

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For the period ending April 30, 2019 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$11,553,087.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$10,808,107
ASU-Mountain Home	116,353
ASU-Beebe	267,730
ASU-Newport	306,657
ASU System Foundation	54,240

The Foundation reported net assets of \$96,682,800, representing an increase of 15.91% for the period ending April 30, 2019.

The market value of the ASU System Endowment Pool for the period ending April 30, 2019, was \$84,222,083.

The net rate of return for the period ending April 30, 2019, was 4.86%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$75,403,094
Mountain Home	4,365,928
Beebe	1,853,451
Newport	2,054,532
System Foundation	545,078
Total	<u>\$84,222,083</u>

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Capital Projects Report
March 8, 2019

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

ASU-JONESBORO

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Marion Berry Parkway - Phase III	\$1,868,754	Substantially Complete
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project	\$750,000	Design Phase
Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II	\$620,000	Construction Document Phase
Campus Site Lighting - Phase I	\$538,555	Construction Phase
North End Zone/Football Operations Building	Red Wolves Foundation	Construction Phase
Armory Roof	\$1,000,000	Construction Phase
Fowler Center Fire Alarms	\$100,000	Construction Phase
Fine Arts 3-D Studio	\$7,000,000	Bid Review Phase
Kay's Hall Chiller	\$772,852	Construction Phase
Kay's Hall Showers	\$119,070	Construction Phase
Student Union Acansa Dining Room	Food Svc Contract	Construction Phase
Acansa Dishwasher	\$660,437	Construction Phase
Imboden Open Pavilion	\$144,000	Construction Phase

1. Marion Berry Parkway - Phase III

Architect/Engineer: Jacobs Engineering
Contractor: Asphalt Producers
Expected Completion: March 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 December 2019.

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 2021
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 2021.

3. Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project

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. Conceptual designs are under review with potential parking garage entrance and circulation modifications.

4. Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II

Architect/Engineer: Morris and Associates
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: October 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 in the summer of 2019 with completion planned for December 2019.

5. Campus Site Lighting - Phase I

Architect/Engineer: Pettit and Pettit
Contractor: In-house Projects Crew/JOC Contractors
Expected Completion: August 2019
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The Phase I project funding will address exterior lighting improvements on campus. Pettit and Pettit Engineers has provided a preliminary plan. The final design is complete. ASU in-house projects crews, along with JOC contractors, will begin work in the summer of 2019 with completion by December 2019.

6. 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 player's 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. Unusually high precipitation occurring winter/spring 2019 has affected the schedule; however, substantial completion is planned for August 1, 2019.

7. 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 is scheduled to be completed by July 2019.

8. Fowler Center Fire Alarms

Architect/Engineer: Pettit and Pettit
Contractor: Advanced Cabling
Expected Completion: August 2019
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project scope is to remove and replace the fire alarm system at the Fowler Center. This project is scheduled to be completed by August 2019.

9. Fine Arts 3-D Studio

Architect/Engineer: WER
Contractor: Clark Contractors
Expected Completion: April 2020
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 an outdoor service yard. Total heated/cooled square footage is anticipated to be 17,500 square feet with an 8,500 square-foot comprising a partially covered, outdoor service yard. Clark contractors completed sub-contractor bidding and provided a Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in late May 2019, which is under administrative review. Pending GMP acceptance, construction is anticipated to begin in June 2019.

10. Kays Hall Chiller

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell
Contractor: RGB
Expected Completion: August 2019
Funding: Capital Renewal Fund

Status: The project scope is to remove the existing water-cooled chiller and replace it with two new air-cooled chillers outside the building with provisions to connect the district chilled-water loop to Kays Hall. The project is scheduled to be complete by August 1, 2019.

11. Kays Hall Showers

Architect/Engineer: NA
Contractor: All Surface Resurfacing
Expected Completion: August 2019
Funding: Capital Renewal Fund

Status: The project scope is to clean, repair, and coat 123 showers in Kays Hall. Work will commence during the summer of 2019 with an expected finish date of August 1, 2019.

12. 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 is a 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 the Spring 2019 semester and will be substantially complete by August 1, 2019.

13. 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, along with repairs to the sewer lines, ceiling, and floor tile. The dishwasher and repairs will be finished this summer, and the remaining equipment will be replaced during the winter break in December.

14. Imboden Open Pavilion

Architect/Engineer: Brackett-Krennerich
Contractor: Baldwin and Shell
Expected Completion: August 2019
Funding: Grant funded

Status: The project scope is to build an open Pavilion, road, and parking lot to be used for swift-water training at the site. The project is scheduled to be completed by the summer of 2019.

ASU-BEEBE

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUB-Searcy Welding Ventilation Project	\$410,000	Design Phase

1. ASUB-Searcy Welding Ventilation Project

Architect/Engineer: WER Architects/Planners / EECI
Contractor: Not Yet Bid
Expected Completion: August, 2019
Funding: Design – University Reserves
Construction – University Reserves

Status: This project seeks to address inadequate ventilation in the facilities that house the welding program on the ASUB-Searcy campus. The current ventilation system will be replaced with an integrated system that includes exhaust at each welding station and general exhaust for the welding lab. The project will also address HVAC concerns throughout the space. In addition, the current welding lab will be reconfigured to accommodate 34 five-foot welding spaces.

ASU-MOUNTAIN HOME

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail	\$375,000	Design Phase

1. ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Spring 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 one mile in length. It will be a ten-foot wide asphalt surface with a biking lane stripe. Architect/engineering selection is underway. The total cost for design and construction is anticipated to be less than \$375,000. The balance of the funding necessary to complete the project will come from the auxiliary fund (\$100,000) and the plant and loan fund (\$200,000). A pending planned gift will provide repayment of funds to auxiliary and University Reserves in the future. Project completion is expected in early 2020.

ASU-NEWPORT

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Student Community Center Renovation	\$945,000	Construction Phase

1. Student Community Center Renovation

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell & Associates
Contractor: Bailey Contractors, Inc.
Expected Completion: June 2019
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope is to renovate existing square footage to create a student one-stop area that provides enhanced student services including admissions, registrar, financial aid, student accounts, advising, and tutoring. It will also address growth by providing eight new office spaces, including the location of the Chancellor's Suite and a Vice Chancellor's Suite to house administration in closer proximity to students. This project was scheduled to begin March 2019 with completion by the end of July 2019.

ASU MID-SOUTH

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

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Chancellor's Report
June 6, 2019**

Arkansas State University-Jonesboro

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH

Academic Affairs and Research:

Faculty Achievement Awards and Retiring Faculty were honored April 9, 2019 at the 41st Annual Faculty Awards Ceremony. Nine retiring faculty, representing more than 244 consecutive years of service, were recognized. In addition, faculty were recognized for 15, 20, 25, 30, and 40 years of service.

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions:

- The following were approved by AHECB for A-State at the April 19, 2019 meeting:

New Option, Emphasis, Concentration, or Minor

- Undergraduate Certificate, Graphic Communication
- Undergraduate Certificate, Corporate Media
- Undergraduate Certificate, Media Ministry
- Undergraduate Certificate, Sports Production

Reorganization

- Establishment of Administrative Unit, School of Media and Journalism

Deletion/Inactive or Reactivation

- Deleting minors in Creative Media Production, Graphic Communications, and Sports Media

- The following will be submitted to the AHECB for A-State at the July meeting:

New Option, Emphasis, Concentration, or Minor

- Undergraduate Certificate, Marketing Analytics
- Undergraduate Certificate, Health Communication
- Undergraduate Certificate, Health Coaching
- Undergraduate Certificate, Public Relations and Advertising
- Undergraduate Certificate, Debate and Forensics

Reorganization

- B.A., Psychology (online only)
- DNP, Doctor of Nursing Practice (existing program offered online)

Deletion/Inactive or Reactivation

- Deleting Graduate Certificate, Adult-Gerontology Clinical Nurse Specialist
- Deleting Graduate Certificate, Healthcare Emergency Management
- Inactivating B.S.ENGR., Engineering

Institutional Accreditation:

No Higher Learning Commission visits or reports were due in 2018-19, and there are no interim or monitoring reports required for 2019-20.

Specialized Accreditation: Successful Visits in 2018-19:

- ABET reaffirmed accreditation for the BS in Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Civil Engineering for six years.
- NASM reaffirmed accreditation for all undergraduate and graduate Music Programs.
- Ed.S. Mental Health Counseling had an excellent visit, but we are waiting on the official letter.
- M Communication Disorders had an excellent visit, but we are waiting on the official letter.
- AAS Paramedic had an excellent visit, but we are waiting on the official letter.

Specialized Accreditation: Visits in 2019-20:

- G.C. Play Therapy
- B.S., C.P. Radiologic Sciences
- B.S. Social Work
- A.A.S., B.S.N., M.S.N., G.C., D.N.P. Nursing
- M.A.T. Athletic Training

ADHE Program Review: 2018-19:

- No reviews were conducted in 2018-19

ADHE Program Reviews: Visits in 2019-20:

- Ph.D. Environmental Sciences
- Ph.D. Molecular Biological Sciences
- Ph.D. Heritage Studies

GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

Online:

- Launched Master's in School Counseling – Total spring enrollment: 70 graduate students.
- Launched Master's in Strategic Communication – Total spring enrollment: 13
- Spring Online Enrollment
 - Total – 5,243 (37% of total enrollment at A-State)
 - 2,453 in-state
 - 2,779 out-of-state
 - 11 international
 - Spring graduation – 908 potential graduates
- Open Educational Resources (OER) - Arkansas State University is encouraging faculty to utilize OER in their online classes to improve the student experience and also to enhance opportunities for

developing a diverse portfolio of educational resources within the course. The key benefit for students is the reduction of the financial burden, as it lessens or eliminates the cost of course materials, including textbooks (physical or e-book). Arkansas State University currently has 40+ online courses offered through A-State Online that utilize OERs. With additional workshops and information readily available to interested faculty, there is a dedicated initiative in place to expand this across all online programs offered at A-State. Faculty are encouraged to implement OER, not only to benefit students but also because they are eligible for the stipend offered (\$500 per credit hour). Programs that are primarily using OER currently include Communication Studies, Strategic Communication, General Studies, Sociology, and Political Science.

- VoiceThread - Arkansas State University has acquired a site license for VoiceThread, a “next-level” tool that is directly integrated within the Blackboard LMS. VoiceThread increases engagement and interaction within the online environment by offering discussion board/thread settings through audio or audio/visual communication. There are currently 20+ online courses at ASU that have implemented VoiceThread for assignments, discussion boards, portfolios, etc. In the fall of 2019, a Faculty Mentor program will be rolled out to encourage a campus-wide implementation of VoiceThread, with each college having a representative to promote this tool. Programs that are successfully using VoiceThread include School Counseling, Reading, Nursing, Sports Admin, and Engineering.

International Programs:

- Spring Festival - International Programs held its second annual Spring Festival, inviting all international students, domestic students, faculty, staff, and community members to come and celebrate international culture. There were 300 in attendance who experienced Asian fare of noodles, rice crackers, and mochi (a Japanese rice cake), watched performances of traditional dances, learned and participated in a traditional Vietnamese bamboo dance, and participated in games and small workshops
- Post-Graduation Employment - In the spring term, there were more than 160 students on active Optional Practical Training (OPT). This is the work authorization international students receive from the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services upon graduation. Notable companies that the students work for are A-State, Walmart, Cyient, Hytrol, City of Jonesboro, Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield, Amazon, J.B. Hunt Transport Inc., Big River Steel, Microsoft, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC), PayPal, and Fed-Ex, among others.

Study Abroad:

- Semester or one-year exchange - 13 students went abroad for the 2018-19 academic year.
- Faculty-led - 130 students will participate in faculty-led study-abroad programs this summer. Locations include Japan, Ireland, Costa Rica, Spain, and Germany.

DIVERSITY AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Speaking Engagements/Meetings:

- Gave presentation on faculty diversity at the National Association of Diversity Officers in Higher Education Conference.
- Attended the College Board diversity roundtable to discuss recruitment and retention strategies for diverse populations.
- Convened the University Community Engagement Task Force.

Strategic Diversity Initiatives:

- Two employee resource groups were organized, the Black Faculty and the Staff Association and the Hispanic Faculty and Staff Association.
- A-State ADVANCE Faculty Diversity Initiative hosted several mentoring workshops for the cohort.
- Student Diversity and Recruitment Team invited students from JA Fair High School in Little Rock, Arkansas, for a campus tour and 30 students attended with all seniors completing an application.

Community Engagement:

- Submitted an application for the elective Carnegie Community Engagement Classification.
- Hosted the 2019 Excellence in Diversity Awards Reception where three individuals received recognition for their commitment to diversity.
- Provided sponsorship for the following community events:
 - KLEK-LP 102.5 F.M. Women and Minority Business Showcase
 - Jonesboro Young Professional Network Leadership Conference
 - Jonesboro Black Professional Network Black History Month Quiz Bowl
 - KHARIS 2019 Nonprofit Summit
 - Third Annual CASA Carnival & Chili Cook-Off
- Provided resources for the Transitional Youth Services ACT Information Workshop.
- Provided sponsorship for the following student organizations:
 - Black Student Association 50th Anniversary Celebration
 - A-State Association of Black Social Workers
 - A-State African American Students Association
 - A-State Gender and Sexuality Alliance

Multicultural Affairs:

- Arkansas State University Museum observed Black History Month by hosting several events.
- A veteran student council was established.
- Multicultural Affairs and Disability Services collaborated to provide an accessibility panel in March. Overall, the event was intended to provide an educational forum on ways to make campus more accessible for all. A panel was moderated by Dr. Christine Wright and student speakers shared their stories.

- In April, Multicultural Affairs partnered with the Title IX office and the student Title IX advocacy group to host a debriefing event on sexual misconduct. The event provided statistics and information about sexual assault and how to support survivors.
- A-State Connection was held on the weekend of April 26-27 on the A-State campus. Twenty-four high-school students attended. A-State Connection is an overnight diversity recruitment program designed for high achieving high school juniors from underrepresented racial/ethnic backgrounds. Students will receive information about A-State resources and tips on how to successfully navigate college.

Disability Services:

- Accommodations letters sent to faculty members: 1,250 as of 4/29/2019.
- Disability Services proctored exams for 68 students, with a total of 262 hours for alternative testing purposes. A total of 180 final exams were proctored.
- Disability Services will participate in a pilot program called Note Effect for the summer and fall of 2019. This program is aimed at increasing note-taking skills and facilitating the note-taking accommodation offered through many disability-services offices on college campuses.
- Fifty-one students have used the golf cart program, and 1,543 contacts were made by golf cart drivers to facilitate access to the classroom. Contacts include pickups and drop offs to buildings.
- Disability Services is continuing to collaborate with the Study Abroad Program and a university partner in France to facilitate a semester abroad for a blind student.
- Disability Services staff attended the "Running on Empty": AR-Ahead 2019 spring conference April 10-12 at Mount Magazine in Paris, Arkansas, where Dr. Jenifer Rice-Mason won the Teresa Haven Distinguished Professional Service Award.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Admissions:

- Plans are underway for the next large-scale admissions event, "Pack Preview," in October, which coincides with A-State's Homecoming. It will be the largest and most significant recruiting event of the fall semester. The Homecoming date was chosen to provide opportunities for interaction between prospective students and A-State alumni, faculty, staff, and current students.
- Twenty-six students were selected for the Chancellor's Ambassadors program for the 2019-2020 academic year. Four students were named to the executive board for Chancellor's Ambassadors for the year.
- Throughout the months of April and May, admissions counselors attended numerous high school ceremonies to award prospective students with A-State scholarships. Those accepting a scholarship were presented an oversized check displaying the four-year total of their award.
- The Welcome Center hosted 12 large group visits and provided approximately 500 individual students with a campus tour and official presentation about A-State.
- More than 3,400 "admit packs" were mailed to committed students during the spring semester.

- The Office of Admissions currently is undergoing major process changes with the implementation of Technolutions Slate, a customer-relationship management platform that will streamline communication and modernize the way students are recruited.
- Admissions staff members are collaborating with the A-State Alumni Association staff to develop an Alumni Admissions Program. This initiative is designed to gain greater access to communities and schools, allowing A-State to develop more meaningful relationships with prospective students. Training for the program is scheduled to begin this summer.
- Admissions processing staff members continue to provide a one to two-day turnaround time for all document processing.
- Admissions processors continue to contact applicants who have not yet signed up for a New Student Orientation session.

Financial Aid & Scholarships:

- “Financial Aid Night” presentations were made at the following area high schools: Jonesboro; Nettleton; Valley View; Brookland; Paragould; and Bay.
- Financial Aid and Scholarships staff members provided support at numerous campus events, including Registration Day, Honor Orientation Resource Fair, Registration Events, Transfer Connect Seminar, FAFSA Frenzy, CAP Presentation (Alpha Kappa Alpha), A-State Connection, and Treasurer Table Mondays.
- More than \$50 million in financial aid was disbursed to current students for the 2019 spring semester.
- Financial Aid and Scholarships continues to work with the University retention group to process and eliminate debt for students who owe less than \$1,000, thus allowing them to register for fall semester 2019.
- Pack Support Completion grants were processed for students who will graduate this spring and have a balance of less than \$500.
- Scholarship processing and award offers continue for fall 2019 new freshmen. Federal and state financial aid award processing for current and returning students for the 2019-2020 academic year is underway.
- The department recently received notification of the 2016 three-year draft cohort default rate for A-State, which is now at 5.9%, the lowest ever achieved by the University.

DEAN OF STUDENTS

Campus Recreation:

- Spring semester group-fitness classes included Spin, Turbo Kick, Abs, and Yoga. Fitness challenges included Fit 6 and WOLF Strong.
- Tyler Clark was hired as the new Club Sports Trainer.
- Spring Intramural sports included 5v5 basketball, 3-point contest, basketball challenge, 3v3 basketball, arena football, indoor soccer, dodgeball, tennis, spikeball, ultimate Frisbee, volleyball, softball, walleyball, and 11v11 soccer and bowling.

- The Rugby Team competed in the national quarter finals of the 7's. The final rankings for the 2019 season ranked A-State Rugby sixth.
- The Spirit Squads competed at NCA/NDA College National Championships. The Cheerleading squad placed sixth in the Small Coed 1A Division.
- The Softball Team placed second in Regionals and qualified for Nationals. The team is headed to Columbus, Georgia, to compete in the national tournament.
- The Red WOLF Center hosted several special events throughout the spring semester, including self-defense classes, basketball tournaments, and the Greek Stroll Competition.
- The annual Community College Basketball Tournament was held in the spring. Participating institutions included East Arkansas Community College, Arkansas State University-Mountain Home, Arkansas State University-Mid South, Arkansas Northeastern College, Phillips Community College-Stuttgart/DeWitt, and Phillips Community College-Helena.

Residence Life:

- Housing conducted priority room sign up in April. Currently, 895 first year students and 1736 returning students are confirmed for the fall 2019 semester.
- New Residence Life full-time staffing structure was created to better support student development and create community within the residence halls. New staff positions include Associate Director of Residence Education, Assistant Director (live-on required), and six Residence Life Coordinators (live-on required). Staff will begin employment in July 2019.
- Residence hall summer renovations/updates include the following; refurbished showers for Kays Hall and University Hall; updated lobby (paint, flooring, furnishings) for Kays Hall; balcony restoration for Kays Hall; and updated common space (paint, furnishings) in University Hall.

Leadership Center:

- Student Government Association elections were held in March. Erika Tuck, President, and Drew Roberson, Vice President, will serve for the 2019-2020 year.
- In March, Danny Vivar was selected to serve as the President of the Student Activities Board for the 2019-2020 year.
- Greek Life hosted the annual Greek Week events. Activities included a basketball tournament, service projects in the Jonesboro community, and a partnership with IMPACT to promote Sexual-Assault Awareness Month.
- The Student Activities Board hosted Spring Fest in April in collaboration with Greek Life, Residence Life, and Student Diversity Initiatives. Events included a concert featuring Waka Flocka Flame.
- The Food Pantry served approximately 400 students, faculty, and staff during the spring semester.
- New Student Registration transitioned to a comprehensive New Student Orientation program. The college-specific, full-day program provides incoming students and parents a more in-depth opportunity to interact with faculty/staff, learn about campus resources, and create a fall course schedule. The new platform offers an opportunity to welcome new students to the A-State community and demonstrates our commitment to student success. Sessions began in April and continue through June.

- Day of Caring was hosted in April with students serving at various non-profit locations around the Jonesboro community.
- Distinguished Service Award and Wilson Award recipients were honored in April. Landen Crancer, Oliver Dozier, Thomas Hamaker, Jon Mark Horton, Tanisha Tak, and Starr Taylor received the Distinguished Service Award. Thomas Hamaker was honored as the 2019 Wilson Award recipient.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

First National Bank Arena (FNBA):

FNBA hosted ASU and several local high school commencement ceremonies.

Facilities Management (FM):

- Hotel & Conference Center: The record winter precipitation has delayed the hotel completion date to early September 2019. However, progress has been notable this spring.
- FM Organization: The first year of operations consolidation of Facilities Management and Residence Life provided improved campus maintenance and operations efficiencies through reduction of staff vacancies. A new Director of Landscape Services was named in March.

Office of Title IX & Institutional Equity:

- Facilitated a training for all graduate student employees in the College of Science and Mathematics related to Title IX and mandatory reporting.
- Facilitated a two-day training for the new Student Affairs/Title IX Coordinator at ASU-Querétaro related to Title IX investigations and compliance.
- Created and implemented five campus-wide programs through imPACT for the A-State campus and community related to Sexual Assault Awareness Month; this includes many on-campus and off-campus partnerships.

Environmental Health and Safety (EHS):

- Conducted laboratory inspections in Laboratory Science West, citing significant improvement in the condition of the labs over the previous year.
- Completed work on comprehensive laboratory safety training and posted online.
- Conducted workers' compensation training for Facilities Management personnel.

Human Resources:

- Began annual evaluations of Deans, Vice Chancellors, and the Provost.
- Began annual evaluations of classified and non-classified employees.

Payroll Services:

- Time Clock Plus Integration is targeted to go-live on July 1, 2019. Pilot testing is tentatively scheduled to begin in May with three days of training for the pilot-test group to be held earlier. Dual payrolls will be running in the month of June.
- Physical time clocks have been configured and will be utilized during the pilot testing. The Mobile App functionality will be available for all employees, but will require the employee to have the GPS tracking feature enabled on their phone.

Red Wolf Wellness:

- A-State joined St. Bernards Healthcare and Gearhead Outfitters, Inc. as presenting sponsors of the Get in Gear Fitness Series.
- Red Wolf Runners – Walk/Run Club was created this semester. Participants receive training plans and prepare for upcoming Get in Gear Series events.
- A-State Archery Club – The club received \$550 this semester and club members raised more than \$1,000. The club submitted its application to become an official club sport on campus, planning to become a competitive collegiate archery team and attracting students to A-State to compete in the sport of archery.
- Launched the A-State Faculty & Staff Team Step Challenge. Gift cards are awarded to the top teams and players. Twenty teams are competing in the challenge with 137 players.
- Began another 12-week Weight Watchers workshop on campus.

University Safety and Emergency Management (USEM):

- Installed Automated Extended Defibrillators in Dean B. Ellis Library, Student Union, Lab Sciences, Education & Communications, and Fine Arts.
- Placed Bleeding Control Stations in Dean B. Ellis Library, Student Union, Lab Sciences, Agriculture, Red W.O.L.F. Center, Education & Communications, Fine Arts, Art Annex, Computer Science & Math, HPES, and Delta Center.
- Evaluated Arkansas Children's Reunification Plan table top exercise. FNB and Childhood Services leadership attended as observers and debriefed the Shelter Unit Leader upon returning to campus.
- Conducted Severe Weather Awareness training for Facilities Management.

Information and Technology (ITS):

- IT Security – We are experiencing new types of spoof email campaigns. Executive-level emails are being spoofed (not hacked – but faked). Most are being caught before they get too far. We are training different departments and holding open IT security training sessions each week throughout the summer.
- Moving Banner to the Cloud – Research is underway to move the Jonesboro Banner instance to the Cloud. The benefits include less time spent on updating and replacing physical hardware, which allows infrastructure staff to spend more time on other tasks. Added benefits are frequent updates/patches to the software and highly secure data repositories without system down time.

Disaster recovery response time goes from days/weeks down to hours – the Cloud creates an immediate secondary instance/back up, creating a fully operational Banner hot site for the campus.

- ASUJ Chief Information Officer Henry Torres continues to host weekly meetings with the other system campus IT leaders. The group continues to create opportunities to leverage investments between campuses and to better contain costs. The group held a one-day IT Disaster Recovery and Data Backup meeting on the ASUJ campus to create shared services and improve IT planning and execution.

Fiscal Operations:

- Controller's Office: The office is currently working on the implementation of Concur Phase II.
- Treasurer's Office: In international tax compliance, 23 workshops were held to assist 114 students in filing their returns. A new student billing format was developed to provide a clearer view of students' charges and payments. Process improvements are in progress for third party student billing and graduate assistant waiver forms. Cash handling training is being transitioned to Blackboard, which will allow easier tracking of employees who handle University funds outside the Treasurer's Office. Training will be required on an annual basis.
- Business Services and Risk Management: Risk Management is currently working with three other departments to update liability insurance requirements for contractors, vendors, and third-party facility users, bringing requirements up to recommended industry standards. Renewal of the international student health insurance policy was expedited with expanded coverage for international student athletes.
- Procurement/Contract Administration and Strategic Sourcing: Procurement combined with Contract Administration and Strategic Sourcing. Implementation has begun on new contract management software.

Delta Center for Economic Development:

- Submitted a collaborative proposal with the University of Alabama and the University of Louisiana-Monroe to the Delta Regional Authority in response to the Request for Proposals to administer the Delta Leadership Institute.

University Police Department (UPD):

- The department has successfully launched ECite and ATLAS in its patrol units. These are components of MOVE AR, a software suite provided by the Arkansas State Police. ECite allows officers to electronically scan driver and vehicle information and issue state citations to district court. The citation uploads to the court system automatically via live data link and reduces paperwork and officer time logging tickets with the court daily. ATLAS is the mobile version of the Arkansas Crime Information Center. It allows officers to scan and validate driver's license, vehicle registrations, and also run vehicle license plates from the in-car computer in each unit. Printers installed in the units are used to provide the violator with a printed citation.

- The Arkansas Crime Information Center (ACIC) presented an award to the agency for the Most Improved Data Quality from the 2015 to the 2018 consecutive audits during the ACIC conference in May.

Auxiliary Services Unit Report:

- A 3.6 million remodeling project fully funded by Sodexo for the Acansa Dining Hall has been approved with work starting May 13.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Advancement Services:

- For the third quarter of the fiscal year, January 1, 2019, through March 30, 2019, the University recorded a total of 7,365 gifts and commitments from 3,346 individual donors for a total of \$2,510,423. The overall giving total includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges. Included is a \$1,000,000 commitment by the Judd Hill Foundation to establish the Judd Hill Student Research and Innovation Endowment Fund. This brings the overall total giving to \$14.1 million for the year. We are expected to record more than \$15 million for the fourth best giving year in our history.

Alumni Relations:

- The spring Phonathon campaign was held January 31-March 13. As of the end of March, \$79,734 had been received for the spring session. This is a 62 percent fulfillment rate on pledges received. A total of \$156,549 in gifts for both campaigns had been received as of March 31. The fiscal year goal is \$200,000.
- The committee reviewed 350+ Licsense2Howl applications and awarded seven incoming A-State freshmen annual awards of \$5,000.
- Membership numbers for the Alumni Association are on the rise. As of March 31, we had 5,603 members. 1924 memberships were the focus for the third quarter, adding 22 new 1924 members since, 2018.
- Alumni Day at the Races was held on April 6 at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs.
- Our first Alumni Bark at the Park event was held in April at Tomlinson Stadium.
- Red Wolves on the Rooftop took place at the ASU System office in Little Rock, with more than 100 guests in attendance.
- Gradstock: In May, the Final Party was hosted in conjunction with the Student Philanthropy Council at the Cooper Alumni Center for graduating seniors.

Career Services:

- Career Services hosted two career fairs during the month of March. A total of 779 students and 130 vendors participated, with student participation increasing by 37 percent at the All Majors Fair with a record number of vendors participating (the largest ever in Reng Student Union history).

- Approximately 2,243 student contacts were made through classroom presentations, after-hours workshops, career fairs, and special events.
- Twenty-six students were interviewed for internships and full-time opportunities as Career Services hosted the following companies on campus: Sodexo; ArDot; ArcBest; Cintas; and BKD. During resume drops, 70 student resumes were submitted to the following companies: Anchor Packaging; ArDot; Auto Owners Insurance; Hytrol; Insight; Jonesboro Unlimited; RABO; Roberts McNutt; Rusken Packaging; Cintas; BKD; and Tiger Correctional. A total of 65 students attended employer workshops with Arkansas Children's Hospital; TDot; and Mindful Marketing.

Marketing and Communications:

- Assisted with the promotion and logistics for the Riceland Distinguished Presentation Series appearance of former President Bill Clinton. The sold-out event included a special VIP meet-and-greet session, as well as President Clinton's public speech, which was captured on video to be viewed by students, faculty, and staff who were unable to attend.
- Assisted the ASU System Office with the live streaming of the vote at the combined meeting of College of the Ouachitas (COTO) and ASU Board of Trustees to announce COTO's decision to join the ASU System. In addition to the live video stream, packages were created to commemorate the decision.
- Another high-profile event was the launch of the Hytrol Materials Handling Laboratory at the Arkansas Biosciences Institute, which also included live streaming, media availability, and donor relations' videos and releases. Creative Services played a role in assisting Hytrol's marketing team in placing appropriate co-branding in the new laboratory.
- Along with the support for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day events on campus and Black History Month, Marketing and Communications also created new materials to help launch the third annual Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure.
- Statistics include 31 total video productions by Digital Creative Media and 333 jobs handled by Creative Services. On social media, trends from previous quarters continue with relatively flat growth in Facebook following and engagement, but there are significant gains for Instagram (up 21% to 14,394) and Twitter (up 3% to 45,217) over the same quarter in 2018.

ATHLETICS

Track & Field:

- The women's team won the Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Track & Field Championship, its fifth as a member of the Sun Belt Conference and its first since 2015.
- Jim Patchell was named the Sun Belt Conference (SBC) Women's Outdoor Track & Field Coach of the Year. He has now been named an SBC Coach Year seven times.
- Eight men and eight women will represent the Track & Field program at the NCAA West Region Preliminaries May 23-25 at Hornet Stadium in Sacramento, California.

- Freshman sprinter Jermie Walker was named the Sun Belt Conference Indoor Men's Newcomer of the Year. The Red Wolves also had a total of 15 members of its men's and women's teams earn All-Sun Belt recognition.

Men's Basketball:

- The United States Basketball Writers Association (USBWA) announced its 2018-19 Men's All-District Teams, and senior guard Ty Cockfield was a USBWA All-District VII selection. He was also named Second Team All-Sun Belt Conference and National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) All-District 24 as a second-team selection.

Women's Basketball:

- Jonesboro native Matt Daniel was named Head Women's Basketball Coach and introduced to the public at an April press conference inside First National Bank Arena.
- Sophomore forward Peyton Martin was named Third Team All-Sun Belt Conference.

Women's Bowling:

- A-State earned an at-large bid to the 2019 NCAA Championships, marking its 12th consecutive appearance in the tournament.
- National Tenpin Coaches Association (NTCA) named Julia Huren Third Team All-America, while Leah Glazer, Denishya Waller, and Taylor Davis each earned Honorable Mention All-America recognition.

Men's Golf:

- The Red Wolves claimed their first-ever Sun Belt Conference championship and earned the league's automatic bid to the NCAA Championships. A-State made its first appearance in the NCAA Championships since 2002.

Women's Golf:

- Sophomore Maria Jose Atristain Vega was named to the Sun Belt Conference All-Tournament Team, helping A-State post its best ever team score at the league's championships and finish in fifth place out of 11 teams.

Baseball:

- Head coach Tommy Raffo won his 300th career game when A-State defeated SEMO on April 16.

Women's Tennis:

- Sophomore Pornpawee Pramethong was named Second Team All-Sun Belt Conference.

Volleyball:

- Santiago Restrepo, who made eight NCAA Tournament appearances with Oklahoma and owns 400 career victories, was named the Red Wolves' head coach on April 15.

Athletics:

- Hosting the 7th Annual “State Awards,” the Athletics Department brought all of the Red Wolves together at First National Bank Arena to celebrate their academic success, athletic achievements, and community service for the 2018-19 year.
- The 2019 version of the Arkansas State Coaches Caravan featured stops in Memphis, Bentonville, and Jonesboro during the month of May and closed out the tour in Little Rock on June 3.
- The most recent NCAA data (2017-18) reflected a school-record Academic Progress Rate (APR) score of 979 for the Red Wolves.

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

Lindsey Scholarship Established

ASU-Beebe is proud to announce the establishment of a privately funded scholarship to honor the career of Jeannie Lindsey, a retired faculty member who served at ASU-Beebe for 37 years. The scholarship was established to benefit those who might otherwise not be eligible for scholarship aid.

Faculty-Led Field Trips

Several ASU-Beebe students and faculty members spent eight days earlier this year on a faculty-led World History field trip to El Salvador. Under the leadership of faculty member Eddie Supratman, ASU-Beebe has been collaborating with the Catholic University in Santa Ana, El Salvador (UNICAES), the U.S. Embassy, and the Nawat indigenous village on several projects. This is a direct result of this type of field trip. Mr. Supratman stated, "Everyone in the group has been transformed by this trip, from UNICAES students, English Access students, the orphans, and our very gifted ASU-Beebe students. It was a once-in-a-lifetime experience with long-lasting impacts for these students. They have represented themselves, ASU-Beebe, and our country well on this trip." An additional faculty-led field trip to El Salvador and one to Taiwan are scheduled for the summer 2019.

Skills USA

ASU-Beebe sent a group of 26 students to participate in the Arkansas SkillsUSA competition held in Hot Springs in April. The students from the ASU-Beebe Searcy Campus captured five 1st place awards, two 2nd place awards, and two 3rd place awards.

Vanguard Technical Support Center

ASU-Beebe held a grand opening ceremony and ribbon cutting for the new Vanguard Technical Support Center (VTSC) on April 18. The Center, located in the Abington Library, provides technical support and assistance to students, faculty, and staff in a walk-up and face-to-face environment with extended hours of access. The VTSC is also available by phone to assist the other ASU-Beebe campuses in Searcy, Heber Springs, and the Little Rock Air Force Base. This initiative is one of many which are supporting ASU-Beebe's strategic goal, "Strong from the Start."

Campus Cares Challenge Canned Food Drive

The ASU-Beebe Student Government Association took action this spring in creating the Vanguard Food Pantry to assist students who are experiencing food insecurities. ASU-Beebe's SGA leaders issued a challenge to faculty and staff to collect more non-perishable food items for the pantry than students collected before. As an additional incentive, if students donated more canned foods than the faculty and staff, Dr. Methvin agreed to kiss a pig at a celebration event; however, if faculty and staff collected more, SGA president Ashton Warner agreed to do the same. The Campus Cares Challenge Food Drive

resulted in 2,653 canned items being collected. Since the goal of 1,200 items was exceeded by more than two-fold, both SGA President Ashton Warner and Chancellor Jennifer Methvin kissed a pig.

Annual Student Awards Dinner

ASU-Beebe presented several honors and awards during the annual Student Awards Dinner. The prestigious Citizenship Award, based on a student's overall academic and leadership qualities, was presented to Ashton Warner and to Kristopher Johnson. The award has been presented annually to exceptional students since 1959. Dr. David Jones, Professor of English in the Division of Arts and Humanities, was recognized with the SGA Outstanding Faculty Award, and Andrea Cole, Development Officer, received the SGA Outstanding Staff Award.

Employee Appreciation Celebration

Arkansas State University-Beebe celebrated its valuable employees with an Employee Appreciation Celebration for faculty and staff in May at the Dr. Eugene McKay Student Center on the Beebe campus. A group of 63 members of the ASU-Beebe faculty and staff were recognized for years of service to the institution's various campuses. Additionally, ten employees were recognized for service as they transition to retirement. Thanks to 50 generous donors from the ASU-Beebe service area, employees enjoyed competing for some remarkable door prizes, and each employee received a gift bag.

ASUBe Connected

The ASU-Beebe Family has been fulfilling our strategic goal, "ASUBe Connected," since the last Board of Trustees meeting by participating in, attending, or hosting the following events: the Beebe Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Heber Springs Chamber of Commerce Banquet, White County Single Parent Scholarship Fund Spring Reception, NEA Arkansas Angus Association Annual Dinner, Cabot Chamber of Commerce Member Cookout, Lonoke Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Cabot Chamber Honors Luncheon, and Cabot/Jacksonville Joint Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

ASU-Beebe Program Notifications

- ASU-Beebe's current Technical Certificate in Automotive Technology requires 39 credit hours, which obliges students to complete 22 credit hours in the spring semester. This places all students in the program in an overload status and makes completing the credential extremely difficult. The program has worked with its Advisory Committee to reduce the Technical Certificate from 39 credit hours to 35 credit hours while still providing the necessary workplace competencies.
- ASU-Beebe's current Certificate of Proficiency in Diesel Technology and Technical Certificate in Diesel Technology are primarily made up of four credit hour courses. By reducing some of these courses to three credit hour courses, while still covering the required material, additional course work may be added to the curriculum. Working with its Advisory Committee, the program has reduced the Certificate of Proficiency in Diesel Technology from 12 credit hours to 11 credit hours and the Technical Certificate from 34 credit hours to 33 credit hours, while providing additional workplace competencies that meet the needs of business/industry.
- ASU-Beebe has worked diligently with its Advisory Committee to continue to develop the curriculum for its emerging Industrial Technology program. The existing curriculum is currently comprised of

primarily four credit hour courses. The program faculty, with the blessing of their Advisory Committee, has reduced the credit hours from four to three for their courses. This has allowed them to add two additional courses to the Industrial Technology curriculum. The Certificate of Proficiency in Industrial Technology has been reduced from 16 credit hours to 15 credit hours. Additionally, the Technical Certificate in Industrial Technology has been reduced from 38 credit hours to 33 credit hours, while more effectively meeting the needs of business/industry.

- ASU-Beebe's current Technical Certificate in Power Sports Technology requires two General Electronics courses that primarily cover household electronics. By changing the curriculum to require a more appropriate Transportation Electronics course, the program will better meet the needs of business/industry. The program has worked with its Advisory Committee to reduce the Technical Certificate in Power Sports Technology from 31 credit hours to 30 credit hours while more effectively meeting the needs of business/industry.

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

1. Stock Gift to Support ASUMH

Arkansas State University-Mountain Home has received a gift of stock, valued at more than \$200,000 from Dr. Ed and Lucretia Coulter, to establish the Ed and Lucretia Coulter Performing Arts Endowment. The endowment is designated for a holiday/fall seasonal show as a part of the Performing Arts Series at ASUMH.

2. Silver Anniversary

ASUMH will begin its 25th year of service on July 1, 2019. A number of events will take place throughout the 2019-2020 academic year to celebrate our silver anniversary.

3. Red, White and Blue Festival

The Red, White and Blue Festival will be held on the ASUMH campus June 28 and 29. This marks the 20th year of this celebration that brings 8,000 people to our campus to enjoy the festival and fireworks.

4. ASUMH Golf Tournament

The Mountain Home Charity Golf Classic will be held on June 8 and 9 at Big Creek Country Club. The tournament is a three-person scramble, which is flighted after the Saturday round. Lunch is served to players on both days and a dinner party is provided on Saturday night. The proceeds from the tournament will benefit the ASUMH Technical Center.

5. New Mascot

ASUMH has been identified as the TrailBlazers for nearly 20 years. However, a mascot has never been designated along with the TrailBlazer name during this time. A committee, chaired by Joe Miles and composed of faculty, staff, and students, has met over the past seven months to develop a name for our mascot. The result of their work has produced the ASUMH mascot, the TrailBlazer Owls.

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

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Each year the Department of Career Education, Adult Education Division/GED® Testing Program recognizes those who were among the top 25 scorers on the GED® test. This year, two students from ASUN Adult Education achieved this distinction.
- ASUN student Maya James was one of only fifteen Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society (PTK) members to be awarded the Hurst Review NCLEX Scholarship to cover the cost of NCLEX exam fees and study materials.
- ASUN's PTK held its Spring Induction Ceremony and welcomed 17 new students to the chapter. The Chapter also received a 2018 REACH Reward for excelling in membership development, with a membership acceptance rate of 17.9% (exceeding the regional rate of 16.1% and international rate of 14.4%).
- ASUN made an excellent showing at Skills USA, taking home 15 medals. Three students from ASUN's IGNITE Academy secondary center earned silver medals in welding. Three ASUN gold medal winners will compete in nationals.
- ASUN placed first in five categories at the Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) state competition, qualifying four students for the National Leadership Conference.

Strategic Priority 2: Institutional Excellence

- ASUN has instituted a new process for recognizing student progression. When a student reaches 15, 30, and 45 hours, and when the student completes a program, he/she will receive an exclusive "Milestone Sticker" and letter from the Chancellor recognizing his/her advancement along the pathway to success.
- ASUN has nearly completed the remodel of its Student Community Center which will now feature a student services one-stop called "The Hangar." The remodel also created an additional seven office spaces and two conference rooms.
- ASUN has completed its first Literary Publication since 2001. Faculty members Emily Pasmore and Tina Fuentes spent months collecting written works from faculty, staff, students, and community members. ASUN is proudly distributing copies of the publication around the community and electronically at: https://issuu.com/asunewport/docs/asunlitpub_volume_i_issue_i_digital_7046c632568d4b?e=0

Strategic Priority 3: Community Engagement

- ASUN received more than \$20,000 of in-kind donations from community partners this quarter. The donated equipment will help support ASUN's academic programs, namely Collision Repair and Welding.
- ASUN has completed the exploratory phase of its 2019-2022 Strategic Planning. ASUN hosted meetings on each of its three campuses for faculty, staff, and students. ASUN also hosted community meetings on

each campus. Finally, Chancellor Massey conducted a focused session with students to seek input. In all, more than 122 faculty, staff, community members, and students participated in the strategic planning process.

- The ASUN Arboretum groundbreaking ceremony was held on April 17. More than 100 community members and employees attended the ceremony.
- The ASUN Board of Visitors held its quarterly meeting on May 1.
- ASUN is hard at work recruiting and building the pipeline from K-12:
 - ASUN hosted Applied Science Expos in Jonesboro and Marked Tree. More than 70 high school students participated in hands-on projects to acquaint them with, and hopefully spark an interest in, Applied Science programs.
 - ASUN-Marked Tree hosted competitions in Automotive Service Technology, Collision Repair Technology, and Computer Networking Technology for high school students. Students competed in written and skills-based assessments. First, second, and third place winners received scholarships and prizes.
 - ASUN Career Coaches sponsored an Allied Health Career Exploration Camp. Nearly 100 high school students received an introduction to, and hands-on experiences in, the Emergency Medical Technician/Paramedic, Certified Nursing Assistant/Phlebotomy, Nursing, and Surgical Technology programs.
 - ASUN hosted a Career and Technical Education Completer Event in which more than 200 students from area schools received career and technical certificates, as well as a tour of ASU-Newport and a bag of ASUN swag.

ASUN Academic Program Notifications

ASUN has no new academic program notifications this quarter.

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**Report from Chancellor Debra West
Arkansas State University Mid-South**

Graduation

ASU Mid-South awarded 91 associate degrees and 433 certificates to 363 graduates at its 2019 commencement, held on May 9. Following a tradition begun last year, this year's program, which included the singing of the national anthem, an invocation, a dramatic reading, and the commencement address, was led entirely by graduates from the Class of 2019.

2019 Wild Game Dinner & Auction

The fourth annual Tommy Goldsby Memorial Wild Game Dinner & Auction, held in March, was a great success. This year's event attracted over 40 corporate sponsors, and more than 600 people were in attendance. The net proceeds from this year, which directly benefit the Goldsby Concurrent Student Scholarship Program, totaled \$252,000.

A Promising Place to Work

ASU Mid-South was selected as a "2019 Promising Places to Work in Community Colleges" award winner by the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD). This award was given for ASU Mid South's "best-in-class student and staff recruitment and retention practices, inclusive learning and working environments, and meaningful community service and engagement opportunities."

Work Ready Community

In May, Crittenden County became only the 11th county in Arkansas to achieve certification as an ACT Work Ready Community. To date, residents of Crittenden County have earned 2,122 ACT® WorkKeys® National Career Readiness Certificates (NCRC), and 64 employers are now recognizing or recommending the ACT® WorkKeys® NCRC for job seekers. Of the total number of certificates awarded (including 82 bronze, 150 silver, 51 gold, and 14 platinum), 292 were earned by graduates of ASU Mid-South. ASU Mid-South students earned more platinum-level certificates than did any other category of test-taker. The NCRC allows individuals to demonstrate foundational workplace skills in three categories – applied math, graphic literacy, and workplace documents. Designation as an ACT® Work-Ready Community provides economic developers another tool in attracting business and industry.

Board Appointments

ASU Mid-South Chancellor Dr. Debra West has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of several organizations, including the Southland Gaming and Racing Board (Arkansas), DeltaArts (Crittenden County), and Girl Scouts Hearts of the South (Tennessee, Mississippi, and Crittenden County, AR). Dr. West was also recently reappointed to the Executive Council of ADHE's Presidents Council, joining

co-chairs ASU System President Dr. Chuck Welch and Dr. Steve Rook of College of the Ozarks. Finally, Dr. West was elected and, in July, will join ASU-Newport Chancellor Dr. Sandra Massey on the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Community Colleges.

Big River Crossing Swale Bridge Project

The Welding Department of ASU Mid-South has recently completed two of the thirteen swale bridges commissioned by the City of West Memphis for a pedestrian and biking trail on the Arkansas side of the Big River Crossing. These 2,000-pound, steel bridges will allow walkers, runners, and bikers to traverse the shallow drainage swales that bisect the trails of the Big River Crossing. ASU Mid-South's welding faculty and welding-fabrication students are engaged in this project, which provides students with real-world experience in welding and fabrication, while also serving as a rewarding community service project.

Ambulance Donation

On April 4, Andy Tacito, owner of LifeLine EMS in Crittenden County and an ASU Mid-South (formerly Mid-South Community College) EMT alumnus, donated a fully-functioning, 2011 ambulance and professional stretcher to Arkansas State University Mid-South for use in its Emergency Medical Technician program. Glenn Faught, lead faculty for the EMT program, says that the donated ambulance and stretcher will give ASU Mid-South students a distinct advantage, in that they will be better prepared for the job, have a greater level of assurance, and receive a more direct experience by working inside a moving ambulance from day one.

Delta Market

This summer, ASU Mid-South and Delta Cuisine are once again hosting the Delta Market, Crittenden County's only farmer's market. It will be open every Saturday from June 1 through September 8, from 9AM until 1PM, and will feature music and a variety of local produce, specialty foods, food trucks, art, and craft vendors.