

**Arkansas State University System
Board of Trustees
September 15, 2023**

ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.

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For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$6,779,919.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$5,272,097
ASU-Mountain Home	710,508
ASU-Beebe	314,532
ASU-Newport	295,148
ASU-Three Rivers	174,029
ASU System Foundation	13,604

The Foundation reported net assets of \$116,310,834, representing an increase of 7.40% for the period ending June 30, 2023.

The market value of the ASU System Foundation Endowment Pool for the period ending June 30, 2023, was \$114,471,037.

The net rate of return for the period ending June 30, 2023, was 9.77%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$97,854,734
Mountain Home	5,622,737
Beebe	2,252,636
Newport	2,800,527
Three Rivers	1,132,572
Red Wolves Foundation	1,921,916
System Foundation	<u>2,885,915</u>
Total	<u>\$114,471,037</u>

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Capital Projects Report
September 15, 2023

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

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<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Nursing Elevator	317,216	Closeout Phase
Arkansas Hall Fan Coils	286,000	Design Phase
University Hall Fan Coils	273,000	Design Phase
Collegiate Park HVAC	340,800	Construction Phase
Caraway Rd. Closure Improvements/Parking Deck Ent.	1,600,000	Design Phase
Loop Trail Phase III	875,000	Bidding Phase
Library Elevators Modernization	500,376	Inspection Phase
Campus Lighting Phase III	714,573	Substantially Complete
Lab Science West Fire Alarm Replacement	328,590	Construction Phase
First National Bank Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement	830,953	Phase I Complete
College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement	529,151	Substantially Complete
Misc. Bldg. Site Demolition	4,008,109	Demolition Begun
Arkansas Biosciences Institute 1 st Floor Exhaust Upgrades	893,063	Construction Phase
National Pan Hellenic Council Lounge	427,237	Closeout Phase
Kays Hall Shower Valves	325,380	Closeout Phase
Quapaw Rd. Closure	298,870	Construction Phase
Stadium West Parking Lot Lighting	297,144	Closeout Phase
Dean St. Lighting and Cameras	463,131	Closeout Phase
Ed Comm-5 Classroom Reno-Lounge	350,000	Substantially Complete
Equine Ctr. Parking Lot Lighting and Cameras	345,645	Construction Phase
December 2022 Freeze Damage Remediation	3,243,164	Construction Phase
ABI Cage Washer	560,299	Construction Phase
ABI Boiler Replacement	249,988	Substantially Complete
Student Union Security Access	455,631	Construction Phase
Library Security Access	420,959	Construction Phase
Kays Hall Elevators	254,187	Construction Phase
Dyess Roof Replacement	250,000	Planning Phase
Tyronza Grain Bin Remodel	1,200,000	Design Phase
Windgate Art + Innovation	20,000,000	Design Phase

1. Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell Architects-DCI Engineering
Contractor: Nabholz Construction
Expected Completion: Village Exterior Repairs–November 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Exterior building repairs to the Village began in June 2014 with Nabholz Construction. This work will be phased over multiple years, but the projected completion date is planned for November 2024.

2. Nursing Elevator

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: KONE Elevators and Escalators US
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project is complete, pending project closeout documents.

3. Arkansas Hall Fan Coils

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers
Contractor: RGB Mechanical/Other
Expected Completion: Summer 2025
Funding: TBD

Status: The scope is to replace the existing fan coil units with new units. This will be a multi-year phased project. Disposition of this project is pending the completion of the campus Master Plan update.

4. University Hall Fan Coils

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers
Contractor: RGB Mechanical/Other
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: TBD

Status: The scope is to replace the existing fan coil units with new units. This will be a multi-year phased project. Disposition of this project is pending the completion of the campus master plan update.

5. Collegiate Park HVAC

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers
Contractor: RGB Mechanical
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope is to replace the remaining R-22 units with new 14 SEER R-410A units. This is be a multi-year phased project. The phasing plan was updated, to add Summer 2024, following the December 2023 freeze damage at Collegiate Park.

6. Caraway Road Closure Improvements/New Parking Deck Entrance

Architect/Engineer: Crafton-Tull
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Phase I expected to begin Summer 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This multi-phase project will update and replace the current sidewalk, steps, retaining walls, and building signage, thus improving ADA access between the buildings on the east side of Caraway Road and the parking deck. Phase I is a new entrance to the parking deck that will be added south of the closed portion of Caraway Road.

7. Loop Trail Phase III

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

Status: Phase III is planned to extend the existing campus trail system into the northeast quadrant of the campus and will connect the Fowler Center, baseball facility, and residence halls to the campus core. It will encompass approximately one mile of twelve-foot-wide paved trail surface that will offer pedestrians and cyclists a transportation and recreational path separate from vehicular facilities. Bidding for Phase III is underway. Initial bids were considerably higher than the project budget. The scope of work has been updated and a second round of bidding has begun.

8. Library Elevators Modernization

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: KONE Elevator and Escalators U.S.
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The library tower has two traction elevators to access its floors. One elevator was installed with the original construction in the early 1990s (Otis); the second was installed around, or following, the year 2001 (Thyssen Krupp). Electronic controls on both elevators have been updated and maintained over their life cycle. In the fall of 2020, the Thyssen Krupp elevator controls began to fail. In the spring/early summer of 2021, it became evident that the obsolescence of the Thyssen brand/support would lead to the necessity of finding alternative sourcing of elevator controls. The scope of this project is to completely replace the controls for both elevators. The project also includes mechanical upgrades and fire alarm upgrades. KONE has experienced material delivery delays that have extended the project's completion date. Work is substantially complete and the inspections are underway.

9. Campus Lighting Phase III

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

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

10. Lab Science West Fire Alarm Replacement

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: Johnson Controls Fire Protection
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: University Reserves

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

11. First National Bank Arena Air Handler Unit Replacement

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

Status: The scope of this project is to remove one existing Air Handler Unit (AHU) and replace it with one new AHU, which has dehumidification capabilities, and to refurbish one existing AHU. The original phase of this project is complete. A new phase, to refurbish the remaining air handlers, is in development to begin in 2024.

12. College of Business Ventilation Air Unit Replacement

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

Status: The scope of this project is to remove and replace the ventilation air unit with one that has dehumidification capabilities. The new equipment is currently installed and running. This project is substantially complete, pending project closeout.

13. Misc. Building Site Demolition

Architect/Engineer: WER
Contractor: Meadows Contractors
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: University Reserves

Status: Demolition of the Fine Arts Center annex is complete and the site restoration is underway. The HPESS pool building demolition is 85 percent complete. Asbestos abatement in the University Circle houses has begun.

14. Arkansas Biosciences Institute First Floor Exhaust Upgrades

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

Status: The scope of this project is to provide a stand-alone exhaust system for the west wing of the first floor of the ABI building.

15. National Pan Hellenic Council Lounge

Architect/Engineer: AMR Architects
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The current Counselling Area in the Student Union is being renovated into a space for the National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC). The project is substantially complete, pending the delivery of a few remaining pieces of furniture and close-out documents.

16. Keys Hall Shower Valves

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

Status: This maintenance project will replace 121 shower valves. Construction is complete and final close out documents are pending.

17. Quapaw Road Closure

Architect/Engineer: Pickering
Contractor: Meadows Construction
Expected Completion: December 2023
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of this project is to install an island that will permanently close Quapaw Road where it intersects with University Loop East. Construction has begun.

18. Stadium West Parking Lot Lighting

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

Status: The scope of this project is to provide lights for the West Parking Lot at the football stadium. Construction is complete. Closeout documents are in process.

19. Dean Street Lighting and Cameras

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: RGB
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: Security Fees

Status: The scope of this project is to provide lighting upgrades and cameras on Dean Street. New lighting is installed and working. Delivery delays have postponed the camera installation.

20. Ed Comm-5 Classroom Reno-Lounge

Architect/Engineer: AMR Architects
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: College of Communications Departmental Funds

Status: The five classrooms are complete. The remaining funds are being used to renovate the Student Lounge. The classroom portion of this project is complete. The lounge remodel is expected to be complete in September.

21. Equine Center Parking Lot and Cameras

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: RGB
Expected Completion: December 2023
Funding: Security Fees

Status: The scope of this project is to provide lighting and cameras for the Equine Center parking lot. The lighting is installed, but camera delays have affected installation.

22. December Freeze Damage Remediation

Architect/Engineer: Morris AE, Inc.
Contractor: Burrows Construction, Baldwin and Shell, RGB Mechanical Contractors
Expected Completion: October 2023
Funding: University Reserves/Insurance Claim

Status: Construction has begun to restore freeze-and-water damage in the FNBA Arena, Collegiate Park Apartments, ROTC Living Learning, North Park Quads, Delta Center, Village Apartments, Kays Hall, ZTA Sorority House, Centennial Tower, and E. Smith Hall. Cabinet delivery has delayed completion at Collegiate Park Apartments. All other areas are substantially complete.

23. ABI Cage Washer

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

Status: The original cage washer has reached its end of life. A new washer has been ordered and is expected to arrive Winter 2023.

24. ABI Boiler Replacement

Architect/Engineer: Pettit and Pettit
Contractor: RGB Mechanical Contractors
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The heating boilers in ABI have failed. The new boilers are installed and the rental boilers have been removed.

25. Student Union Security Access

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture
Contractor: Ditta Door, A State ITS
Expected Completion: June 2024
Funding: University Reserves/Access and Security Fee

Status: The project upgrades exterior entrances for lock down and electronic access, and adds additional cameras. Parts and materials have been ordered.

26. Library Security Access

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture
Contractor: Ditta Door, A-State ITS
Expected Completion: June 2024
Funding: University Reserves/Access and Security Fee

Status: The project upgrades exterior entrances for lockdown and electronic access, as well as adding additional cameras. Parts and materials have been ordered. Construction has begun in earnest with considerable progress over the summer. Delivery of some parts is still pending.

27. Kays Hall Elevators

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: KONE
Expected Completion: June 2024
Funding: University Reserves

Status: This project upgrades the building's original elevator controls and electronics, in order to meet current code requirements. Construction is complete. Closeout documents and final adjustments are pending.

28. Dyess Roof Replacement

Architect/Engineer: WER
Contractor: Baldwin and Shell
Expected Completion: December 2023
Funding: TBD

Status: The wood shingles are past their design life. This project replaces the existing shingles and addresses water damage inside the building from the leaking roof.

29. Tyronza Grain Bin Remodel

Architect/Engineer: Revival Architecture
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: June 2024
Funding: ANCRC Grant

Status: This project converts space in Tyronza into interpretive space and new accessible restrooms. Construction is underway on documents/design.

30. Windgate Art+Innovation

Architect/Engineer: WER
Contractor: Clark Contractors
Expected Completion: August 2026
Funding: Windgate Grant

Status: This project creates an Art +Innovation building to house functions from both Art and Engineering . The project is in the design phase.

ASU-Mountain Home

PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS AVAILABLE	STATUS
ASUMH Amphitheatre	\$600,000	Planning
ASUMH Tech Center Expansion	1,707,000	Construction
ASUMH Trail Lighting and Landscaping	420,000	Design

1. ASUMH Amphitheatre

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

Status: This project has been put on hold. The cost of the project exceeds the funding.

2. ASUMH Technical Center Expansion

Architect/Engineer: Architecture Plus
Contractor: Gregory Construction
Expected Completion: Fall, 2023
Funding: Grants

Status: A Regional Workforce Development grant, with \$808,000 included for construction, as well as a grant from the Arkansas Office of Skills Development, with \$699,000 for construction, has been received. Expanding the Tech Center will support the ASUMH boat manufacturing, injection molding, and extrusion manufacturing with an additional 6,300 square feet. Construction began in February 2023.

3. **ASUMH Trail Lighting and Landscaping**

Architect/Engineer: Halff Associates
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: ARDOT TAP Grant, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project encompasses a walking/biking trail on the Mountain Home campus. The project is funded by a Transportation Alternative Program grant from the Arkansas Department of Transportation and 20% matching institutional funds.

ASU-NEWPORT

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails NP Phase I	\$162,000	Substantial Completion
White River Hall Flood Repair/Renovation	246,000	Substantial Completion
Commercial Driver Training Driving Range Repaving	464,000	Substantial Completion
ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails MT Phase II	103,000	Design
ASUN Memorial Walking/Biking Trails NP Phase II	106,000	Design

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

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell and Associates
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: ARDOT Trails Grant, Institutional Reserves

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

2. **White River Hall Flood Repair/Renovation**

Architect/Engineer: NA
Contractor: All-Clean Restoration Services
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: Insurance proceeds 60%/reserves (deductible) 40%

Status: This project scope is to repair damage caused by burst pipes in late December 2022. It includes removal and replacement of flooring, ceiling tiles, and drywall.

3. **Commercial Driver Training Driving Range Repaving**

Architect/Engineer: Brackett-Krennerich Architects
Contractor: Redstone Construction Group, Inc.
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: Regional Workforce Grant

Status: This project is to repair and repave the Commercial Driver Training Truck Driving range on the Newport campus. The range is used for off-road skills development and is being funded by a Regional Workforce grant.

4. ASUN Walking/Biking Trails MT Phase II

Architect/Engineer: Brackett-Krennerich Architects
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: ARDOT Trails Grant, Institutional Reserves

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

5. ASUN Walking/Biking Trails NP Phase II

Architect/Engineer: Brackett-Krennerich Architects
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: ARDOT Trails Grant, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project encompasses Phase II of the Memorial Walking/Biking trail on the Newport campus. The project is funded by a Recreational Trails grant from the ARDOT and 20% matching institutional funds.

ASU MID-SOUTH

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
FedEx Aviation Maintenance Finish-out	\$1,971,000	Construction
Reynolds/University Center Chiller Replacement	1,500,000	Design

1. FedEx Aviation Maintenance Finish-out

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
Contractor: Wagner General Contractors
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: PBI Grant, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project is to complete the finish-out phase of the mezzanine level of the FedEx Aviation Maintenance Building. The project will complete the 7,000-square-foot facility by adding two classrooms, additional restrooms, an elevator, and a student lounge area. The construction is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

2. Reynolds Center/University Center Chiller Replacement

Architect/Engineer: WER Architects
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: Endowment Funds, Institutional Reserves

Status: This project is to combine and upgrade the chillers for the Reynolds Center and University Center. The architects and contractors are working through the final design phase, with contract documents expected to be completed by the end of August.

ASU THREE RIVERS

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Ritz Theatre Renovation–Phase III	\$861,277	Construction Phase
Ritz Theatre Renovation–Phase IV	1,261,977	Design Phase
New Nursing Building	8,000,000	Design Phase

1. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase III

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC
Expected Completion: Fall 2023
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, is funding Phase III renovations, which include installing fire protection and alarm systems, continued work on electrical and mechanical systems, lobby renovations and purchase of a TV shop. Construction has been completed. Currently, negotiation for the purchase of the TV shop is ongoing.

2. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase IV

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC
Expected Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, is funding Phase IV renovations, which include audio and visual systems, house and stage lighting, auditorium renovations, and seating.

3. New Nursing Building

Architect/Engineer: Lewis Architects Engineers
Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC
Expected Completion: Fall 2024
Funding: Federal Department of Health and Human Services Grant

Status: Lewis Architects' engineers have been meeting with Administration and Nursing faculty regarding design features of the Nursing Building. Clark Contractors, LLC, has been chosen as general contractors.

HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Caddo Center (Phase II)	\$1,400,000	Design Phase
Barkman House	850,000	Design Phase
Caddo Center (Phase III)	1,191,606	Construction Phase

1. **Caddo Center (Phase II)**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Fall 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) FY2023-2024 Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant is funding adaptive preservation of the Caddo Center as a one-stop shop for students. These funds from the ANCRC, to adapt the shell of the Caddo Building, will allow continuation of the preservation of the historic Caddo Center, and provide space for Admissions, Financial Aid, Housing, and Advising and Tutoring. This will improve the impression created upon entering the campus and will expand the number of persons viewing the artifacts and the associated information highlighting their importance to the history of Arkansas. This project is currently in the design phase and will be bid by August 2024.

2. **Barkman House**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Nabholz
Completion: Summer 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) FY 2023-2024 Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant is funding adaptive preservation of the Barkman House. The grant will include new roofing, repairing all historic wood on the exterior of the building, adding insulation and duct repairs, painting, and structural repairs. This grant, awarded in May 2023, is in the design phase.

2. **Caddo Center (Phase III)**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Kinco Constructors
Completion: Spring 2024
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) FY 2023-2024 Grant

Status: Construction has begun and is expected to be completed by April 2024. The grant funding is to preserve the Caddo Center as a one-stop shop for students. This Phase VI grant will allow space for Financial Aid, Student Accounts, and Housing.

**Arkansas State University System
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**Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University**

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH

Academic Affairs and Research

- Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Calvin White Jr. welcomed faculty back to begin the fall semester on August 17, 2023, sharing his vision for Academic Affairs and Arkansas State University. Provost White also recognized recent faculty achievements, including the following:
 - The appointment of Dr. Nikesha Nesbitt as Dean of University College;
 - The appointment of Dr. Travis Marsico as Vice Provost for Research, Innovation, and Discovery and Executive Director of the Arkansas Biosciences Institute;
 - Numerous publications, presentations, news articles, University press releases, and 12 newly funded grant proposals totaling \$2.5 million in FY23.
- The Office of the Provost will be rolling out several new initiatives designed to increase efficiency across the academic unit, including the following:
 - Streamlining teaching schedules with the ultimate goal of centralized scheduling;
 - Reviewing budgets, particularly teaching overloads, in an effort to increase budgetary efficiency;
 - Authorizing Arkansas State Online Services and the Office of the Registrar to rejoin the Academic Affairs division, as part of strategic realignment efforts.
- Beginning September 1, the Registrar's Office began reporting to the Associate Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research, strengthening the partnership that already existed between the two offices and improving efficiency through digitalization and high-level automation of routine processes. This realignment is expected to improve overall student experience by reducing bottlenecks at multiple touchpoints, such as course registration, class scheduling, course transfer, and other student service areas;
- Deciding for Research and Technology Transfer (RTT) to take a holistic approach to growing research with an audacious goal of increasing annual grant funding by 50% over the next eight years. Marsico announced a seven-point plan at the Fall Faculty Conference to make research growth a reality by providing the following:

1. An equitable workload policy that promotes research activity;
2. Development and delivery of customized grant development workshops;
3. Individualized investigator attention;
4. Bi-directional communication between RTT staff and investigators;
5. Efforts to promote and incentivize interdisciplinary teams and collaborations;
6. Soliciting direct feedback from faculty; and
7. Improved investigator cooperation with clearly outlined expectations for whatever

RTT needs from faculty members in the proposal development process.

- Finalizing the federal compliance document by the Office of Accreditation and Assessment. The document will be submitted with the institution's Assurance Argument, and involves working with campus partners to develop and distribute policies and training related to recruitment;
- Featuring in the cover story, "Where Johnny Cash Came From," by the Heritage Sites Program. This was published in *Humanities Magazine* Summer 2023, Volume 44, Issue 3, the official magazine of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions

The following were approved by Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB) for A-State at the July 28, 2023, meeting:

- **PROGRAM CURRICULUM REVISION**
 - Ed.S., Educational Leadership
 - B.S., Accounting
 - G.C., Curriculum Director
 - M.S., Nutrition and Dietetics
 - M.S.E., Curriculum and Instruction
 - M.S.E., Educational Leadership
 - M.S.N., Nursing
 - P.M.C., Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner
 - B.S., Dietetics
 - D.N.P., Doctor of Nursing Practice
- **PROGRAM DELETION/INACTIVATION OR REACTIVATION**
 - Inactivate, M.E.M., Engineering Management
 - Inactivate, M.S.E., Engineering
 - Delete, C.P., Digital Humanities
 - Delete, M.S.E., Social Science
- **NEW CERTIFICATE PROGRAM**
 - C.P., Business Fundamentals
 - G.C., Adult Education

- G.C., English as a Second Language
- **RECONFIGURATION OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE/DEGREE PROGRAM TO CREATE NEW DEGREE**
 - B.A.S., Organizational Supervision, and B.A., Psychology, to be reconfigured to create B.A., Organizational Leadership
 - B.S., Chemistry, Emphasis in Pre-Health Profession Studies, to be reconfigured to create B.S., Biochemistry
 - B.S., Business Administration, B.F.A., Art, Emphasis in Studio Art, and B.A., Theatre, Emphasis in Design and Technology, to be reconfigured to create B.S., Fashion Merchandising and Marketing
 - B.S., Accounting, and B.S., Information Systems and Business Analytics, reconfigured to create B.S., Information Systems Audit and Control
 - B.S.A., Agricultural Studies, Emphasis in GIS and Precision Agriculture, reconfigured to create B.S.A., GIS and Precision Agriculture
- **NAME OR CIP CHANGE OF EXISTING CERTIFICATE, DEGREE, MAJOR, OPTION, OR ORGANIZATIONAL UNIT**
 - Department of Criminology, Sociology, and Geography, to be renamed Department of Sociology and Criminology
 - B.S., Dietetics, to be renamed B.S., Nutrition and Dietetics
- **EXISTING CERTIFICATE OR DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED ONLINE**
 - B.S.E., Elementary Education
 - B.S., Dietetics
- **NEW DEGREE PROGRAM**
 - Doctor of Veterinary Medicine
- **NEW ACADEMIC UNIT**
 - College of Veterinary Medicine

There will be no submissions to AHECB for A-State at the October 27, 2023, meeting.

ATHLETICS

Athletics Administration

- Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics Jeff Purinton signed a new agreement that extends his contract to June 30, 2028;
- Taylor Hall was named Senior Associate Athletics Director for Compliance and NIL Initiatives;
- The Red Wolves posted the second-best finish among all Sun Belt Conference members in the final 2022-23 LEARFIELD Directors' Cup standings;
- The A-State women's programs finished 49th in the Capital One Cup standings, which was up 20 spots from 2021-22 and marked its fourth top-50 award all-time;

- The Athletics Department held its inaugural Football Kickoff Party, combining its traditional preseason banquet with the Helmets and Heels program, for a successful event held inside both the SAC and Centennial Bank Athletics Operations Center;
- Communication features and ticketing capabilities were enhanced, with the Athletics Department relaunching its mobile app powered by SIDEARM Sports and Ticketmaster;
- LEARFIELD appointed Slater Fuchs general manager of Red Wolves Sports Properties;
- The A-State Lettermen's Club will induct four new members into A-State's Hall of Honor during its annual banquet on September 22: Reggie Arnold, football; Aundrea Gamble, women's basketball; Brian McCann, men's golf; and Candon Powell, men's track and field.

Baseball

- The Department announced that head coach Tommy Raffo will return for the 2024 season,
- First baseman Brandon Hager was named Second Team All-South Region by the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA)/Rawlings.

Bowling

- Seven student-athletes earned Southland Bowling League All-Academic recognition.

Cross Country

- Both the men's and women's teams were picked to finish first in the Sun Belt Conference Preseason Coaches Polls.

Football

- Sophomore kicker Dominic Zvada was named Preseason First Team All-Sun Belt Conference;
- Junior safety Justin Parks was one of 110 FBS players across the nation named to the Wuerffel Trophy Watch List.

Women's Tennis

- Bringing with him 28 years of collegiate coaching experience, including 25 as a head coach, Sujay Lama was named head women's tennis coach.

Track and Field

- Bradley Jelmert and Aimar Palma Simo were both named Honorable Mention All-America;
- Pauline Meyer and Camryn Newton-Smith were both named outdoor First Team All-America, giving A-State multiple first-team honorees in the same season for the first time in program history.

COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

University Communications

- University Communications created new messages and collateral materials to support launch of a new scholarship plan in mid-September.

Digital Creative Services

- DCS shot and produced the annual launch video for the Homecoming theme;
- To begin the fall semester, DCS produced a dozen individual videos for traditional and social distribution, in order to highlight “Wolves Up Week.”

Creative Media Services

- Launched redesign process with Enrollment Management to create new themes and publications highlighting changes for 2023-24 recruiting materials for high school students;
- Completed special campaign items for Chancellor’s Office outreach project.

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Access and Accommodation Services

- The number of new students registered from June-August is currently 64, bringing the total registration number to 802.

AmeriCorps–A-State Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program

- The Neighborhood Red Wolves Community Engagement Program (NRWCEP) received an operational grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) for \$128,000.

Community Engagement

- Co-hosted the Fourth Annual Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging conference on June 9 with St. Bernards Health Care and NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine, with more than 100 registrants;
- The annual INSPIRE program was hosted in August with 73 participants. The week-long, extended, orientation program serves first-year students from underrepresented populations.

Diversifying Our Curing Community Program (DOCC)

- DOCC, a program for students interested in becoming a medical doctor, was named a recipient of the 2023 INSIGHT Into Diversity Inspiring Programs in STEM Award. Notification of the award was received June 13, 2023, with an embargoed announcement until August 15, 2023. The annual issue of INSIGHT Into Diversity Magazine, featuring 80 STEM programs, was published in September.

Multicultural Center

- Along with serving as a co-host for the Fourth Annual Diversity Conference, the Center staff also conducted five cultural diversity workshops during the summer months for various units on campus, including Project Heart students with NYIT.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT AND GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

New Student Enrollment

- A-State's overall fall head count enrollment increased 6%, and was highlighted by an increase in the number of first-time, first-year students, totaling 327 students (266 domestic; 61 international). The preliminary domestic first-year class for Fall 2023 is 1,451 students, compared to census enrollment of 1,185 in Fall 2022;
- Online enrollment continued its steady growth, approaching 6,400 students, with projections showing the enrollment will exceed 7,000 after the Fall 2023 semester starts in October;
- Growth on-campus and online offset a slight decline in on-campus returning students and at Campus Queretaro, leading to a record preliminary enrollment of 14,920 for Fall 2023. The Fall 2022 figure was 14,109, with the previous all-time mark of 14,144 from Fall 2017.

Online Programs

- The following new online programs were launched in Spring 2023:
 - B.A. in Organizational Leadership
 - B.S. in Fashion Merchandising and Marketing
 - B.S. in Nutrition & Dietetics
 - B.S.A. in GIS and Precision Agriculture
 - B.S.E. in Elementary Education
 - B.S.N. Accelerated
 - M.B.A. Emphasis in Accounting
 - M.S. in Organizational Leadership
- The operations of A-State Online moved to the Office of the Provost beginning Fall 2023.

Outreach and Early College Programs

- The concurrent high school enrollment has a positive increase, with enrollment currently at 706 students, an increase from 669 in fall 2022.

Study Abroad

- Six faculty-led trips were completed in Summer 2023, including travels to Scotland and Japan.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Auxiliary Services

- A Campus Choice Flex plan is being offered for all non-AOS undergraduate students. The Inclusive Access textbook pilot, designed to provide affordable access to required course materials for all students, was successful with 100% participation.

Delta Center for Economic Development (DCED)

- The Center completed a community resource dashboard, located on the DCED home page;
- The Arkansas Delta Women’s Leadership Academy starts in January, with sessions across the Arkansas Delta. Applications will be accepted in September, with selections for the first class in October;
- The Center partnered with the Neil Griffin College of Business to offer a “Leadership in Banking” instructional series.

Facilities Management

- **Judd Hill Farmers’ Market Expansion:** The expansion is complete and the new occupants have held a grand-opening event;
- **Windgate Hall Architectural Design (WER):** Clark Contractors was selected for construction management, and approval of their contract is in process. WER plans to report progress to the stakeholders in September;
- **Quapaw Road Closure:** The Quapaw Road closure project has begun and is expected to be complete in October of 2023;
- **Other Notable Projects:** Demolition and remediation plans at the Arts Annex demolition are 85% complete, with the campus indoor swimming pool demolition 50% complete. Dean Street lighting and restriping were completed in July 2023. The partial reroofing of Reng Student Union is complete, with the final phase expected to begin in May 2024.

Fiscal Operations

- The following reports were submitted to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education by the annual deadline, including the following: Series17-7A, FY24 budgeted revenues and expenditures; and Series 21-2, FY24 “Certification of Budgeted Athletic Revenue and Expenditures”. Additional FY23 reports included Fiscal Year End–Scholarship usage report, Carry-forward report, Final Temporary Salary Savings Report, FY23 Revenues and Analysis-Forecast, Institutional Scholarship Usage, and Residence Life and Student Union status reports.

Title IX and Institutional Equity

- In collaboration with the Division of Student Affairs and the Wilson Counseling Center, the Red Folder project was launched to provide a campus-wide resource to assist faculty and staff with providing resources and support for students in crisis;
- The office worked with Human Resources to design the Red Notebook, which will serve as an at-a-glance resource guide for on-campus and community resources for employees.

Training and Development

- Training and Development added two new courses to the Learn Center (Travel Training and P-Card Training), the office also coordinated Internal Audit training on campus; launched the pilot class of Leadership A-State; and 11 participants graduated.

University Police Department (PD)

- The PD received 36 Naloxone kits at no cost from the Arkansas Opioid Recovery Partnership. This new supply will replenish the kits currently used by the agency, which have been used or have expired.

University Safety and Emergency Management

- Along with hosting Severe Weather Awareness events for campus, USEM reviewed and developed Employee Assistant Programs for Childhood Development and the A-State Museum.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Leadership Center

- University Housing occupancy for Fall 2023 is 2,933 residents, with 779 classified as first-year students. This is an increase of 260 residents from Fall 2022, and the most in the post-pandemic period;
- The Grand Opening of the NPHC Lounge, located in the Student Union, was held September 5, 2023. The lounge offers a gathering space for the nine National Pan-Hellenic fraternities and sororities. Features include a meeting room, pool table, soft seating, dining area, and kitchenette. The NPHC Lounge offers-card swipe access, allowing the space to be utilized 24/7;
- Wolves Up Week events provided an opportunity for students to connect to campus. A total of 1,985 students scanned into events using the A-State App during the week. The week included various events on the Student Union lawn, a Silent Disco, and a commuter student meet-up.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Advancement Services

- For the fiscal year, July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, the University recorded a total of 25,957 gifts and commitments, from 6,820 individual donors, for a total of \$14,375,300. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges. A list of new endowments established this fiscal year is attached;
- There were 517 privately funded scholarships awarded to 431 students, totaling \$1,016,626.

Alumni Relations

- The Third Annual Day of Giving on April 11, 2023, resulted in \$944,439 in pledges and, as of July 14, 2023, a total of \$341,192 has been received. Almost 800 gifts were made by 608 donors;
- The 2023 Distinguished Alumni have been selected. Dr. Lynita Cooksey '79 of Jonesboro, Lucinda McDaniel '79 of Jonesboro, and Randall Pope '75 of Jonesboro

will be honored at the annual Distinguished Alumni Banquet on October 20 at Cooper Alumni Center;

- The 2023 Emerging Young Alumni have been selected. The five individuals to be honored this year are Kara Fowler '06 of Jonesboro, Melissa McDaniel '07 of Jonesboro, Mitchell Nail '07 of Jonesboro, Kristin Sullivan '08 of Jonesboro, and Dr. Linwood Whitten '20 of Houston, Texas. They were honored at a private luncheon on September 8 at Cooper Alumni Center;
- Alumni Association membership is up by a little over 700. The Alumni Association Board of Directors has set a goal of 100 new 1924 Sustaining Life Memberships by the end of fiscal year 2025. This goal coincides with the Association's 100-year celebration in 2024;
- Our alumni giving rate at the end of FY23 is 7.38%, which remains around the national average. The faculty and staff giving rate for A-State is currently 58% for FY23, which is well above the national average;
- The number of official A-State license plates, as of June 30, 2023, totals 5,230.

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

"Alumni Better Together Reunion" Planned for September

Arkansas State University-Beebe's "Alumni Better Together Reunion" is scheduled for September 21-23. This highly anticipated event will bring together alumni from all graduating years for a weekend filled with memorable experiences, reconnecting with friends, and celebrating the rich history of ASUB. The main event of the reunion will be a dinner and social event to be held on September 22, at the Centennial Bank Gymnasium in the Owen Center on the Beebe campus, starting at 5:00 p.m.

For more information and the most up-to-date schedule, please visit www.giveasub.com/alumnireunion, or contact the Institutional Advancement Office at 501-882-8855, or email Andrea Cole at give@asub.edu.

2023-24 Performing Arts Season

ASUB recently announced its Performing Arts Season, offering a diverse lineup that promises to captivate audiences and celebrate the magic of the arts. The season includes events in the Abington Library Series, the England Center Art Gallery, and our Lecture-Concert Series, along with performances by the ASU-Beebe Singers, Chamber Singers, Symphonic Band, and Theatre.

Season tickets are now on sale at <https://asub.ticketleap.com/>, providing an exceptional opportunity to experience the rich cultural offerings of ASUB. A complete list of events can be found at <https://www.asub.edu/performing-arts/>.

Additional Program Eligible for Workforce Challenge and ArFuture Grants

ASUB is pleased to share the news that several of its courses and programs are eligible for additional Workforce Challenge and Arkansas Future (ArFuture) grants. These grants are funded by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) and are designed to help students reach their goals of obtaining high-demand degrees and certificates that lead to high-paying jobs, while reducing out-of-pocket expenses for tuition and fees.

Associate Vice Chancellor for Academics, Dr. Blake Perkins, coordinated the work. He stated, "With the help of several faculty members in rounding up employee-needs surveys and industry letters of recommendation, we submitted applications to ADHE in March to significantly expand the number of eligible ASUB degrees and certificates on the state's approval list for students to access the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship and the ArFuture Grant."

For the ArFuture Grant, ADHE approved ASUB for the addition of 11 associate degrees, 12 technical certificates, and 10 certificates of proficiency. The ADHE also approved ASUB for the addition of 13 associate degrees, 13 technical certificates, 14 certificates of proficiency, and 15 noncredit certifications and CEUs to the eligibility list for the Arkansas Workforce Challenge Scholarship.

At the time of this writing, 21 students will receive ArFuture Grant funds this fall, representing a 17% increase in funding use. An additional 15 students will receive Workforce Challenge Scholarship funding, a 150% increase from Fall 2022. Academics, Admissions, and the Advising and Learning Center continue to collaborate to increase awareness about these funding opportunities. Growth is expected to continue.

A complete list of eligible programs is available at <https://www.asub.edu/scholarships/ar-higher-education-scholarships/>.

ASUB Academic Program Notifications

At the July 28 meeting of the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board, the following program actions and approved degree programs were corrected:

- Certificate of Proficiency in Air Conditioning (DC 1470, CIP 47.0201, blank credit hours) changed to Certificate of Proficiency in Air Conditioning (DC 1470; CIP 47.0201, 10 credit hours, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Certificate of Proficiency in Automotive Technology (DC 1460, CIP 47.0604, blank credit hours) changed to Certificate of Proficiency in Automotive Technology (DC 1460, CIP 47.0604, 18 credit hours, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Certificate of Proficiency in Emergency Medical Technician (DC 0015, CIP 51.0904, blank credit hours) changed to Certificate of Proficiency in Emergency Medical Technician (DC 0015, CIP 51.0904, 12 credit hours, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing Assistant (DC 4750; CIP 51.3902, blank credit hours) changed to Certificate of Proficiency in Nursing Assistant (DC 4750, CIP 51.3902, 19 credit hours, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Certificate of General Studies in General Studies (DC 0050, CIP 24.0101, blank credit Hours, 100% online) changed to Certificate of General Studies in General Studies (DC 0050, CIP 24.0101, 31 credit hours, 100% online, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Agriculture (DC 4300, CIP 01.0102, blank credit hours) changed to Technical Certificate in Agriculture (DC 4300, CIP 01.0102, 31-32 credit hours, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Early Childhood Education (DC 4497, CIP 13.1210, blank credit Hours, 90% online) changed to Technical Certificate in Early Childhood Education (DC 4497, CIP 13.1210, 42 credit hours, 90% online, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Public Safety (DC 0394; CIP 43.0103; blank credit hours) changed to Technical Certificate in Public Safety (DC 0394; CIP 43.0103; 33 credit

hours; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));

- Technical Certificate in Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology (DC 4310; CIP 47.0201; blank credit hours) changed to Technical Certificate in Air Conditioning, Heating, and Refrigeration Technology (DC 4310; CIP 47.0201; 34 credit hours; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Welding Technology (DC 4900; CIP 48.0508; blank credit hours) changed to Technical Certificate in Welding Technology (DC 4900; CIP 48.0508; 33 credit hours; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Health Information Technology (DC 4745; CIP 51.0707; blank credit hours) changed to Technical Certificate in Health Information Technology (DC 4745; CIP 51.0707; 33 credit hours; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Pharmacy Technician Science (DC 0320; CIP 51.0805; blank credit hours; 50% online) changed to Technical Certificate in Pharmacy Technician Science (DC 0320; CIP 51.0805; 31 credit hours; 50% online; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Paramedics (DC 4520; CIP 51.0904; blank credit hours) changed to Technical Certificate in Paramedics (DC 4520; CIP 51.0904; 40 credit hours; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Practical Nursing (DC 4661; CIP 51.3901; blank credit hours) changed to Technical Certificate in Practical Nursing (DC 4661; CIP 51.3901; 46 credit hours; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Entrepreneurship (DC 2520; CIP 52.0701; 21 credit hours) changed to Technical Certificate in Entrepreneurship (DC 2520; CIP 52.0701; 18 credit hours; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Technical Certificate in Computer Information Systems (DC 4445; CIP 52.1201; 30 credit hours; 100% online) changed to Technical Certificate in Computer Information Systems (DC 4445; CIP 52.1201; 28 credit hours; 100% online; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology (DC 0102; CIP 01.8301; blank credit hours) changed to Associate of Applied Science in Veterinary Technology (DC 0102; CIP 01.8301; 71 credit hours; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Associate of Applied Science in General Technology (DC 0517, CIP 30.9999, blank credit hours, 50% online) changed to Associate of Applied Science in General Technology (DC 0517, CIP 30.9999, 60 credit hours, 50% online, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology (DC 0850, CIP 48.0508, blank credit hours) changed to Associate of Applied Science in Welding Technology (DC 0850, CIP 48.0508, 60 credit hours, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Associate of Science in Business (DC 0308; CIP 52.0101, blank credit hours, 100% online) changed to Associate of Science in Business (DC 0308, CIP 52.0101, 62 credit hours, 100% online, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));
- Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems (DC 0040; CIP 52.1201; 60 credit hours; 100% online) changed to Associate of Science in Computer Information Systems (DC 0040; CIP 52.1201, 62 credit hours, 100% online; Fall 2023 (8/1/2023));

- Certificate of Proficiency in Computer & Networking Fundamentals (DC 3502; CIP 15.1202, blank credit hours, 50% online) changed to Certificate of Proficiency in Computer & Networking Fundamentals (DC 3502, CIP 15.1202, 16 credit hours, 50% Online, Fall 2023 (8/1/2023)).

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

Record Number of Mountain Home High School Students at ASUMH

In partnership with Mountain Home High School (MHHS), the Mountain Home Education Foundation, and the Mountain Home Promise, ASUMH has enrolled a record number of recent graduates. From the MHHS 2023 graduating class, 43% are now enrolled at ASUMH, with nine out of ten of those enrolling as full-time students.

Expansion of Robert L. Myers Technical Education Campus

Final phases of construction for the expansion of the Workforce Development Center at the Robert L. Myers Technical Education Campus are wrapping up as the Marine Manufacturing, Advanced Manufacturing/Mechatronics, and Welding programs move into their new and expanded spaces. The additional 7,000 square feet bring the building to a total area of 31,504 square feet of modern, clean, safe, and productive learning lab space for ASUMH's secondary- and post-secondary students.

2023/2024 Performing Arts and Lecture Series

ASUMH will once again bring high-quality performing arts and lectures to Mountain Home through the Arvest Concert Series, the Performing Arts Series, the Gaston Lecture Series, and the Terre Ware Book Author Lecture Series. Scheduled artists, authors, and lecturers include the following: A-State's own Marybeth Byrd; "Johnny Cash: The Official Concert Experience;" the Vienna Boys Choir; The Broadway Tenors; Janey Ivey; Big Bad Voodoo Daddy; the Glen Miller Orchestra; and best-selling author, Eli Cranor.

Commercial Truck Driving and Marine Manufacturing Programs

Two new technical programs are fully underway at ASUMH, as of Fall 2023. The Commercial Truck Driving program's first class is already at capacity, with future classes filling quickly. The Marine Manufacturing program has both secondary and post-secondary students learning side-by-side in a new facility with state-of-the-art equipment determined by industry partners.

Creation of Learning Commons Space

ASUMH has re-purposed existing space in Dryer Hall to create a Learning Commons, where students, faculty, and staff can learn and grow (through tutoring, professional development, co-working, mentoring, advising, etc.) in a comfortable and inviting common area.

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

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) held the High Voltage Lineman Technology Program (HVL) New Student Orientation on June 27. More than 100 individuals attended the orientation, and ASUN welcomed 40 new students to the program.
- Advanced Manufacturing and Cosmetology students and faculty represented ASUN at the National Skills USA competition in Atlanta, Georgia. ASUN student Emily Tracy won the gold medal in the Esthetics Division.
- The Collision Repair and Refinishing Technology and Automotive Service Technology (ASE) students completed their ASE Entry Level Certification Testing. These proctored tests are nationally recognized certifications that are the entry point for students to become ASE Certified technicians.
- The Agriculture Program produced a successful wheat crop this year. There were 396 bushels of wheat harvested and approximately 160 bales of wheat straw produced. A special thanks goes out to Sam and Alex Nicholson of B&G Agri for harvesting the wheat.

Strategic Priority 2: Employee Success

- Tonya Gates, Director of Prison Education Program Engagement/Assistant Professor of Psychology, has been appointed to serve on the State Corrections Subcommittee for the WAGE Program.
- Team ASUN, a group of 43 individuals, showcased their commitment to leading a healthier lifestyle by successfully reaching their goal of earning 20,000 or more points each in the yearly Blue & You Challenge!
- ASUN staff (agents) have started training to serve students at the ASU-Newport One-Stop Center. These agents will assist students in every process step, from admission application to course registration. The training program will continue throughout the summer and is expected to be completed by the start of Fall 2023.

Strategic Priority 3: Institutional Excellence

- ASUN has acquired the FANUC Collaborative Robotics Training System. This Training System offers students hands-on experience with cutting-edge industrial robotics technology. This state-of-the-art robot is designed to collaborate with human workers and handle light and repetitive tasks, such as material handling, small parts assembly, and palletizing applications. It is equipped with advanced sensor technology that automatically detects and stops after a collision with a fixed object or human worker, eliminating the need for a safety fence. The addition of this Robotics

Training System provides our students with an unparalleled opportunity to enhance their skills and prepare them for careers in advanced manufacturing and automation.

- ASU-Newport's Surgical Technology associate degree program was awarded continuing accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP). Our Surgical Tech Program was recognized for its exemplary compliance with the rigorous standards set by CAAHEP.
- ASUN has entered into a unique partnership with Unity Health in support of Aviator Sports Athletics.
- Jordan's is the official Travel Sponsor for Aviator Athletics.
- ASUN has recently introduced a new learning and performance management tool, called Bridge, which focuses on employee development. It aims to create a learning culture within the organization, support systematic onboarding, and facilitate consistent performance conversations. Management training commenced in July, and team training will begin at the start of the fall semester, led by campus managers.
- ASUN has partnered with TimelyMD, the leading virtual-health and well-being solution in higher education, to offer students free and equitable access to medical, mental-health, and basic-needs support through the TimelyCare platform. TimelyCare is a 24/7 virtual extension of campus-health and counseling-center resources to improve student well-being, engagement, and retention.
- ASU-Newport (along with A-State and Henderson State University) was selected to participate in the NASH NIC year-long project, working with systems nationwide to improve transfer-student success and eliminate gaps.
- ASUN recently launched an Honors Program. The program aims to foster a strong sense of community among students, encourage intellectual curiosity, and promote lifelong learning. The program provides social, academic, and cultural activities, including small seminar-style classes and honors contract courses in various fields. Additionally, the Honors Program encourages volunteer work and community service initiatives to fulfill the mission and role of the community college.

Strategic Priority 4: Community Engagement

- ASUN faculty and staff, along with volunteers from surrounding communities, participated in the Delta Arts Festival, held in downtown Newport at the Jane Parnell Performance Building.
- ASUN hosted the Jonesboro TECH STARZ campers on the ASUN-Jonesboro campus. Campers participated in a mini-project and learned about the technology and careers found within our industrial facilities. Students participated in discussions and activities about job opportunities and career paths and learned about programmable logic controllers, computer numerical controls, pneumatics, 3D printing, welding, bending, electrical, fluid power, and robotics.
- ASUN hosted the first advanced-manufacturing summer camp, Creating Advanced Manufacturing Pathways Program (CAMPP) Summer Camp for grades nine and ten. Eight students were in attendance. They utilized the opportunity to work with 3D printers and CAD/CAM programs and

to form and machine raw materials into a finished product. This was a grant-funded opportunity, financed through the Nuts-and-Bolts Foundation.

- ASUN hosted the UARK College of Engineering Summer Camps. This year they offered programs that serve students who are currently in first through eleventh grades. The programs were designed to introduce engineering through hands-on activities that are both fun and educational. The program, Inside Engineering Camp, is a week-long, day camp offered to current fifth through eighth-grade students. Students apply engineering concepts from multiple fields to real-world problems during this camp. This year's theme was "Olympics."
- ASUN hosted Aviator Exploration Camp from July 31 to August 2. Twenty campers participated in Virtual Reality Career Exploration, using VR headsets, High Voltage Lineman Demos, like pole climbing, and bucket-truck-adventures. They also tested their critical-thinking skills by participating in a Scavenger Hunt and exploring the vital nursing field through hands-on activities. Other options included rocket launches, crime scene investigations, landscape painting, and even a tasty adventure in Edible Soil experiments.
- ASUN hosted 47 participants during a multiple-day exploration of ASUN programs for the Jackson County literacy nonprofit, IMAD. This event engaged many of our faculty and presented programs for a successful experience.
- ASUN is the lead sponsor of Monster Night Dino Days in downtown Newport. The "Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed Exhibit" opened on July 8 with tons of activities and fun for kids of all ages and will remain on exhibit until September 24. "Dinosaurs: Fossils Exposed" is made possible by the Discovery Network, a statewide STEAM partnership, operated by the Museum of Discovery, in Little Rock, Arkansas. The Discovery Network was established through a Donald W. Reynolds Foundation grant.
- ASUN hosted a historic Aviator Expo event on August 26, at the Center for the Arts on the ASU-Newport campus. The event allowed us to introduce our first-ever student-athletes to the Newport community. Everyone in attendance enjoyed an evening full of exciting activities, great music, and food.
- ASUN hosted the "4th Annual Finish Sydney's Run 5K" on September 9. All proceeds support the Sydney Sutherland Memorial Scholarship at ASU-Newport.

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

Fall 2023 Enrollment Update

With enrollment for the second fall term not concluding until October 10, early Fall 2023 enrollment at ASU Mid-South has already surpassed the College's end-of-term enrollment for last fall. These enrollment gains are largely attributable to increases in secondary center enrollment, the addition of commercial driver training (CDT), and the addition of baseball.

Adult Learner 360 Survey

As part of the Advancing Delta Talent (ADT) grant initiative, the Council on Adult and Experiential Education (CAEL) administered two campus surveys—one to faculty and staff and the other to students. Areas assessed in the survey included the following: outreach; life and career planning; financing; assessment of learning outcomes; teaching and learning process; student support systems; technology; strategic employer partnerships; transitions (transfer); and adaptivity. The satisfaction scores of ASU Mid-South students were higher than those at many other colleges (both two-year and four-year) in all areas assessed. Top strengths mentioned included the comments below:

- If needed, I can conveniently access resources that help me improve my academic skills (e.g. Mathematics Lab, Writing Center);
- With the financial resources available, I can afford to complete my program of study at my desired pace;
- If needed, I can easily access technological support (e.g. Helpdesk);
- I know what I need to do to successfully complete my program of study.

UT Health Science Articulation

ASU Mid-South recently entered into a Partnership Enrollment Program (PEP) agreement with the University of Tennessee Health Science Center's College of Nursing in Memphis (UTHSC). This agreement guarantees admission to UTHSC's Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree program to any ASU Mid-South student who completes an Associate of Science in Health Studies degree with the required general education and pre-requisite science coursework; an overall grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher; and a minimum 2.67 GPA in Anatomy and Physiology I and II, and Microbiology (with labs). In addition to guaranteed admission, eligible students will receive a waiver of the admission fee and guaranteed enrollment deposit (GED),

among other benefits. Finally, once the four-semester BSN requirements are met, ASU Mid-South students may elect to bridge into the Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) or Ph.D. programs. The UTHSC College of Nursing's BSN program has been ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as the most highly-ranked BSN program in Tennessee on the list of pre-licensure nursing programs.

Workforce Training

- **HINO**

This summer, ASU Mid-South conducted a customized training program for employees of Hino Motors Manufacturing in Marion, Arkansas. The Marion facility produces axles and other suspension components for certain Toyota vehicles, as well as truck frame side rails for Hino trucks. A total of 150 HINO team members completed seven weeks of Gas Metal Arc Welding (GMAW) training at ASU Mid-South, each earning the AWS 2F (American Welding Society) certification. A few individuals even earned the higher 3F certification. Thirty-six percent (54/150) of the employees taking part in the training were women. Hino anticipates this training will enhance productivity by 60-65%; reduce rework defects by 95%; and increase the overall skills of weld-line team members by 90%.

Three faculty members from ASU Mid-South and one faculty member from Arkansas Northeastern College conducted this training, which occurred during some of the hottest days of the summer. In addition to providing the training, ASU Mid-South assisted Hino in obtaining a grant from the Office of Skills Development. That grant allowed the company to be reimbursed for 75% of the total cost of the training.

- **Steelmaking Bootcamp**

ASU Mid-South, along with ASU Newport, Black River Technical College, and East Arkansas Community College, is partnering with Arkansas Northeastern College to provide entry-level knowledge for those entering the steelmaking industry. Over the past few years, Mississippi County in Northeast Arkansas has become a significant steelmaking hub, allowing companies, such as Big River Steel/U.S. Steel, Nucor-Yamato Steel, Nucor Steel Arkansas, Highbar Steel, Tenaris, Majestic Steel USA, Lexicon, Atlas Tube, Arkansas Steel Processing, Ratner Steel, SMS Millcraft, Primetals, and others, to either expand current operations or construct new plants.

Subjects covered in the Bootcamp include: Teambuilding, First Aid/CPR, Radio Protocol, Steelmaking Processes, Preventive Maintenance, Math for Manufacturing, OSHA 10, Quality Basics for Operators, Mechanical Measurements, Proper Use of Tools, Anti-Harassment, Technical Math, Personal Financial Planning, Steel Mill Economics, Forklift Safety, Crane Safety, Hydraulics/Pneumatics, Basic Electrical Operations, and Fundamentals of Blueprint

Reading. Graduates of the two-week, 80-hour Bootcamp receive an OSHA-10 General Industry Certification, a First Aid/CPR Certification, and a Certificate of Program Completion.

This new collaboration brings together community colleges from across the Northeast region of the state to proactively work toward meeting future needs of the growing steel industry in Mississippi County. This training is made possible by a grant from the Office of Skills Development.

Greyhound Athletics

ASU Mid-South will begin the academic year with several new faces in its Athletics Program. In June, Coach Chris Parker, who recently completed his 13th year at ASU Mid-South, accepted an offer to become the Director of Athletics at Christian Brothers University (CBU) in Memphis, Tennessee. Parker helped start the Athletics Program at ASU Mid-South in 2010 and helped build the department from the ground up, serving first as Assistant Athletics Director, before taking over as Athletics Director in January, 2013. CBU is a member of the Gulf South Conference in NCAA Division II and competes in 17 sports, so it was a great opportunity for Coach Parker to advance in his career. Subsequent to his departure, Coach Parker hired ASU Mid-South's Head Women's Basketball Coach, Addie Lees, to join him as Head Coach of the Lady Buccaneers.

Vice Chancellor for Student Services, Jeremy Reece, quickly agreed to assume Athletic Director responsibilities on July 1. In his short tenure, he has already presided over some exciting new hires. These include the following:

- **Coach Cody Hastings, Head Men's Basketball Coach** – Upon Coach Parker's departure, Greyhound Assistant Coach Cody Hastings was immediately promoted to the head coaching position. Hastings begins his head coaching career in his fifth year at ASU Mid-South. Over the past four years, he has served as an assistant coach for both the Greyhound men's and women's basketball programs, electing to go full-time with the men's program this past season and helping the Greyhounds to their fifth Regional Championship in the last seven years, the Central Plains District Championship, and the program's second NJCAA National Tournament, where the 14-seed Greyhounds finished eighth in the nation! Hastings has assisted both nationally ranked men's and women's programs in winning regional and division championships, including an incredible turnaround of the 2020-21 women's program, which was capped by a 25-2 record and a seventh-place finish at the NJCAA National Tournament. Hastings will also serve as Assistant Athletics Director in 2023-24, after being involved in all facets of the

Department the last two seasons. Prior to his arrival in West Memphis, Hastings served as Graduate Assistant Coach at Howard Payne University in Brownwood, Texas, while earning his Master of Business Administration degree. In addition to his coaching responsibilities, Hastings is also a full-time faculty member at ASU Mid-South, teaching College Success and Career Preparation.

- **Coach Tysia Manuel, Head Women's Basketball Coach** - Coach Manuel comes to West Memphis from Claremore, Oklahoma, where she served as an assistant coach at Rogers State University for the past two seasons. Before Rogers State, Manuel spent two seasons at Texas A&M Commerce as an assistant coach, where she helped guide the Lady Lions to an impressive 42-7 record and a pair of NCAA Tournament bids. She began her coaching career as an assistant at Butler Community College (BCC) in El Dorado, Kansas, where she had also played as a student. In her two seasons at BCC, she helped guide the Grizzlies to a 49-15 record, a conference championship, a Region VI Championship, and to the Sweet 16 in the NCAA Tournament, all of which were program firsts. In addition to her coaching responsibilities, Manuel is also a full-time faculty member at ASU Mid-South, teaching Physical Education.
- **Jalen Lynn, Assistant Men's Basketball Coach** – Coach Lynn will be entering his first season as an assistant coach at ASU Mid-South, following a tremendous playing career. He began his collegiate playing career at ASU Mid-South in 2018-19, and is the first-and-only 1,000 point scorer in school history, having scored a total of 1,172 points during his time as a Greyhound! Lynn is also the first-and-only Greyhound player to score 40 or more points in a single game, a feat he accomplished twice. He also holds the record for the most 3-pointers made in a game, when he went 12-15 from beyond the arc against Western Kentucky on January 31, 2019. Lynn was a two-time First-Team All-Region Player, as well as a Third-Team All-American in his sophomore season. He is a recent graduate of Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma, where he helped the Crimson Storm to a 48-15 overall record and an NCAA Division II National Tournament Sweet 16 appearance. In addition to his assistant-coaching responsibilities, Lynn will be serving as an ASU Mid-South College and Career Coach, working with students in the West Memphis School District.
- **Bryce Bartlett, Assistant Baseball Coach** - Coach Bartlett comes to ASU Mid-South from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, where he has been on staff for the previous two seasons, most recently as the Director of Pitching Development. Bartlett is charged with managing all aspects of the Greyhound pitching staff. A native of Searcy, Bartlett played for the University of Central Arkansas, before ending his playing

career as an Arkansas State University Red Wolf. In addition to his assistant-coaching responsibilities, Bartlett will be serving as an ASU Mid-South College and Career Coach, working with students in the Marion District.

- **Collin Campbell, Assistant Baseball Coach** - Coach Campbell enters his first season with the Greyhounds and will be working with the infielders and hitters, as well as coaching first base. Campbell is also charged with managing all Greyhound baseball camps and showcases. A 2012 graduate of McCrory High School, Campbell went on to play baseball at Harding University.

NJCAA All-Academic Recognitions

In other exciting athletics news, both Greyhound basketball teams were named to the NJCAA List of Academic Teams of the Year for 2022-23. The Lady Greyhounds had a 3.19 team GPA, and the 2022-23 Greyhound men had a 3.07 team GPA for the year, representing team-high GPAs for both programs. In addition, five Greyhound athletes were named to the 2022-23 NJCAA All-Academic Team. Those include Lady Greyhounds Kassandra Martinez First Team; Tae Leatherwood Second Team; and Lakeyia Bables Third Team; and Greyhounds Christian Thompson and Westin Pickell both Third Team.

Academic Program Notifications

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

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**Chancellor's Report
Arkansas State University Three Rivers**

Career Center

The Career Center instructors and staff chaperoned five Arkansas State University Three Rivers (ASUTR) students when they attended the SkillsUSA National Leadership & Skills Conference in Atlanta, GA, from June 19 to June 24. This is the largest gathering of America's future skilled workforce, and it recognizes excellence in career and technical education. To qualify for Nationals, each of our ASTRU students won their state tournament. Kayle Williams won a gold medal in the category of Basic Health Care, and Drake Edie won gold in category of Welding Sculpture. Both finished in the top fifteen in the country.

Workforce Development

We are currently conducting the ASUTR Professional Development Academy for West Fraser-Leola Mills and Huttig Mills in Arkansas; Joyce Mills, Joyce, LA; Angelina Lumber, Angelina, TX; and Henderson Mills, Henderson, TX; Kohler; Xpress Boats and Veranda Luxury Pontoons; the Clark County Workforce Training Group (Siplast, South Central Electric Coop/South Central Connect, Drumco, Samantha's Café and Bakery, Arkadelphia Alliance); Jasper Lumber Co., Jasper, AL; Southeastern Timber Co., Akerman, MS (one class); and the ASUTR Academic Affairs Team.

We have begun our first Workforce Training class (Basic Motor Controls) for Fleming Controls of Bryant, AR. Classes will begin on July 11 and end on August 24. John Westbrook is the instructor.

Recruitment and Admissions

On August 8, 2023, 180 students attended the orientation program for new students.

Advising and Retention

The Career Coach grant was renewed, and a Career Coach for Malvern High School and a Retention Specialist for ASU Three Rivers were added. The total requested budget of \$336,624 was approved. The Malvern High School Career Coach has been hired, and interviews for the Sheridan Career Coach have been set. We are currently accepting applications for the position of Retention Specialist on campus.

A freshman seminar course is being updated to improve value and maintain content consistency. The course is designed to help students succeed in class, proceed to the next term, and finally complete their certificate. Admissions advisors, TRiO Director, Dean of Combined Divisions, and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs all worked together on this project.

Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Retention

On May 18, Dr. Rook and Vergina Smith attended the Malvern High School Senior Awards Ceremony and delivered the ASUTR Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. scholarship to Career Center Completer Madison Harris.

Career Pathways Initiative

The Career Pathways Initiative seeks to provide employers in key industries in Arkansas with skilled workers. A significant proportion of students achieve their objective of gaining employment, advancement, or additional education.

The ASUTR Career Services Employment Report, as of July 14, showed that there were 57 completions, 3 waivers, 54 available positions, and 50 who entered employment. For FY 2024, ASU Three Rivers has received \$464,431 in base funding for the upcoming fiscal year. Arkansas Career Pathways will be transferred from the Arkansas Division of Workforce Services to the Arkansas Department of Human Services. This matches the administration's aim of providing a complete and holistic approach to career development and workforce advancement.

Eagle Outreach Food, Clothing, and Hygiene Pantry

The Eagle Outreach Pantry is available for anyone who is a student or employee at ASUTR. It provides a variety of supplies, including food, hygiene products, and clothing. The Pantry relies on donations for inventory and supply needs, and is restocked at least once per month. It served 109 households during the month of April, 72 households during the month of May, and 118 households during the month of June.

Academic Program Modifications

ASUTR has made a modification to our Computer Information Systems program. This modification broadens the program's focus, provides opportunities for student choice (with the addition of electives), and creates additional and more attainable certification options.

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Chancellor's Report
Henderson State University

Henderson's Strategic Resource Allocation Model (RAM) was adopted in January 2022 to restore financial integrity and redefine the future of college. Additional information is available at hsu.edu/strategicplan. Progress, on strategic objectives that are contained within the University's positioning platform, continues as we begin the 2023-2024 academic year. The RAM was approved by the Arkansas State University System Board of Trustees a year ago and affirmed by the Higher Learning Commission during its June focus visit.

Net Institutional Performance and the Students First Initiative

Moving into Fall 2023, from Year Zero into Year One, we have worked to address structural deficits, support student success, and begin to build enrollment from the inside-out. New resources, which meet student needs and provide opportunities for engagement and belonging, are critical for boosting retention and empowering more students to persist and graduate. These include the following::

- The University Academic Council approved the removal of the Liberal Arts Core Elective in the general education core, reducing the requirement from 42 to 39 hours. The core elective removal brings the education core into alignment with other ASU System schools;
- During Welcome Week, 877 students participated in the Reddie Hub, a one-stop shop where students could register and receive assistance to resolve questions;
- The Reddie Outreach Center (ROC) is now open in the Garrison Center and includes a food pantry, clothes closet, and life-skills education center;
- The Reddie Student Success Center is beginning to consolidate academic services and tutoring at Huie Library with full implementation expected in Spring 2024;
- More than 30 events took place during Welcome Week—including time-honored traditions, such as the Pine Tree Assembly and Street Dance, as well as new events, such as a Caddo River float trip and a community food truck festival;
- A reimagined First-Year Experience Program, "Henderson Seminar," kicks off this fall, and a Second-Year Experience Program is in the early stages of development for Fall 2024;
- New hires, whose goal is to support student success, include Dr. Eric Flowers, Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Success and Strategic Initiatives; Julie Lacy, Director of Student Activities and Leadership; and Donovan Lee, Greek Life Coordinator;
- New degrees, including Natural Sciences and Secondary Education-Mathematics, were approved by the State of Arkansas to meet student-and-community workforce needs;
- New tools within Banner, along with the addition of Navigate, are being implemented to focus performance on enrollment, completion, and instructional outcomes.

Fiscal Management and Responsibility

Henderson has made significant progress in restoring fiscal integrity and providing a sustainable platform for the future. The financial report, "Reimagining Henderson," is available at hsu.edu/strategicplan. As we end the fiscal year on June 30 and move into the 2023-2024 academic year, we are pleased to report the following:

- Henderson progressed from a low of seven days of cash on hand in 2019, to fifty days of cash on hand in 2022;
- The unaudited number for days of cash on hand, as of June 30, 2023, is 62;
- After confirmation of the FY23 figure by the Bureau of Legislative Audit, Henderson will move into compliance with the ASU System's days-of-cash-on-hand policy for the first time since becoming a member of the System;
- Our institutional financial progress was recognized by the Higher Learning Commission in its June 2023 focus visit report;
- Henderson budgeted for a possible 20 percent decrease in enrollment, and we were where we expected to be as we moved toward official registration numbers on September 6;
- Henderson Foundation awarded more than \$500,000 in scholarships for the first time ever during the 2022-2023 academic year;
- The Arkansas Historic Preservation Program, an agency of the Division of Arkansas Heritage, approved the Henderson State University Historic District. Members listed on the National Register of Historic Places are eligible to apply for grants and tax credits.



Henderson Heart, Fall 2023