

**ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION**

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For the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$5,478,085.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$4,414,567
ASU-Mountain Home	655,681
ASU-Beebe	60,817
ASU-Newport	293,675
ASU System Foundation	53,345

The Foundation reported net assets of \$92,788,181, representing an increase of 4.89% for the period ending June 30, 2020.

The market value of the ASU System Endowment Pool for the period ending June 30, 2020, was \$86,156,645.

The net rate of return for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020, was 3.28%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$74,575,003
Mountain Home	4,781,348
Beebe	1,894,481
Newport	2,174,129
Red Wolves Foundation	1,820,276
System Foundation	911,408
Total	<u>\$86,156,645</u>

**ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM**  
**Capital Projects Report**  
**September 18, 2020**

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

**ASU-JONESBORO**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project – Phase I	\$793,700	Design Phase
Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II	\$620,000	Project Closeout
Campus Site Lighting - Phase I	\$538,555	Project Closeout
Campus Site Lighting - Phase II	\$450,000	Construction Phase
Armory Roof	\$1,000,000	Substantially Complete
Armory Electrical Upgrades	\$225,000	Construction Phase
Fine Arts 3D Studio	\$7,000,000	Construction Phase
Acansa Dishwasher	\$775,078	Project Closeout
Dyess Research Center	\$512,000	Design Phase
Agri Boiler Replacement	\$256,135	Construction Phase
Fine Arts ADA	\$280,000	Bid Phase
Campus Building Entrance Security – Phase I	\$475,300	Construction Phase
HPSS Basketball Court HVAC Replacement	\$573,650	Project Closeout
Campus Learning Spaces Renovation	\$250,000	Construction Phase
Lab Sciences West 2nd Floor Renovations	\$172,043	Substantially Complete
Lab Sciences East 2nd Floor Renovations	\$178,943	Substantially Complete
Lab Sciences West Ste. 154 and 1st Floor Renovations	\$380,900	Construction Phase
Village Houses Removal	\$288,942	Project Closeout
Ed Comm Classroom Renovations	\$350,000	Design Phase
Alumni Drive Overlay	\$300,009	Project Closeout
Lakeport Dairy	\$125,376	Project Closeout
KASU Radio Tower Addition	\$134,981	Construction Phase
Fowler Center Boiler	\$127,995	Design Phase
ABI Greenhouse Controls and Shutters	\$127,129	Construction Phase
ABI VAV Boxes	\$203,767	Construction Phase
FNB Arena AT&T and Verizon Addition	\$183,361	Construction Phase

**1. Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications**

Architect/Engineer: Cromwell Architects - DCI Engineering  
Contractor: In-house - Village Interior/Exterior Repairs Phase I  
Baldwin & Shell Construction - Village Interior ADA Modifications Phase II  
Bailey Construction - Village Interior ADA Modifications Phase III  
Construction Network - Village Exterior ADA Modifications

Expected Completion: Village Exterior Repairs – November 2022  
Funding: University Reserves

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

**2. Caraway Road Safety Enhancement Project – Phase I**

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

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

**3. Library Envelope Waterproofing & Roof Repair - Phase II**

Architect/Engineer: Morris and Associates  
Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
Expected Completion: December 2020  
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 is complete and the project is in closeout.

**4. Campus Site Lighting - Phase I**

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

Status: The Phase I project funding will address exterior lighting improvements on East University Loop and East Aggie Road. Phase I is complete and the project is in closeout.

**5. Campus Site Lighting - Phase II**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit and Pettit  
Contractor: RGB Contractors  
Expected Completion: Spring 2021  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The Phase II project funding will address exterior lighting improvements on Marion Berry, West Aggie Road, and portions of the west parking lot. ASU in-house projects crews, along with JOC contractors, will begin work Fall 2020 with completion by Spring 2021.

**6. Armory Roof**

Architect/Engineer: Morris and Associates  
Contractor: Wallace Construction  
Expected Completion: Fall 2020  
Funding: Arkansas Sustainable Building Design Revolving Loan Fund

Status: This project scope is to remove and replace the lower flat roofs on the Armory and add a standing seam metal roof to the existing barrel roof. This project was substantially completed in July 2019. Window replacement scope is currently being reviewed by the Arkansas Building Authority as a potential amendment to the Revolving Loan Fund. Contingent upon ABA approval, a portion of the building's windows will be replaced for energy efficiency in Fall 2021.

**7. Armory Electrical Upgrades**

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

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

**8. Fine Arts 3D Studio**

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

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

**9. 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 was substantially complete by August 2019. This project is complete and the project is in closeout.

**10. Dyess Research Center**

Architect/Engineer: CahoonSteiling  
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
Expected Completion: March 2021  
Funding: Grant-funded

Status: This project will renovate an existing home to provide a 2,000-square-foot Research Center with archive storage, an archive reading area, and a temporary living area for researchers. It is currently scheduled to be complete in March 2021.

**11. Agri Boiler Replacement**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: In-sourced Staff  
Expected Completion: March 2021  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope is to replace the boilers and update the heating water system controls for the Agri Building. The heating system will be replaced in phases during the fall and winter, so that it will remain active. This project is in the construction phase and is scheduled to be complete in March 2021.

**12. Fine Arts ADA**

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

Status: The Fine Arts ADA project scope is to provide ADA access from the south lower portion of the Fine Arts building to the north upper portion of the building. In Phase I, there will be a wheelchair lift installed inside the existing building. Phase 2 of the project is to provide ADA access from the lower portion of the building to the upper portion, while performing maintenance repairs to the exterior flat work and exterior planters. Phase I interior work has been bid and is scheduled for Fall 2020. The Phase 2 exterior work is currently in the design phase.

**13. Campus Building Entrance Security – Phase I**

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

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

**14. HPESS Basketball Court HVAC Replacement**

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

Status: The project scope is to replace the HVAC rooftop units for the HPESS basketball courts. The project is complete.

**15. Campus Learning Space Renovations**

Architect/Engineer: Various/Some Design In-sourced Staff  
Contractor: Various/Some Scope In-sourced Staff  
Expected Completion: TBD  
Funding: University Reserves

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

**16. Lab Sciences West Second Floor Renovations**

Architect/Engineer: In-sourced Staff  
Contractor: In-sourced Staff  
Expected Completion: September 2020  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope addresses three areas to provide student gatherings and collaborative learning spaces. The lobby will be opened up and furniture and informational displays added. Existing Room 234 will be upgraded with furniture, finishes, technology, and amenities. Suite 245 will have a barrier wall removed and finishes upgraded providing a more attractive student/faculty engagement space. The project is substantially complete.

**17. Lab Sciences East Second Floor Renovations**

Architect/Engineer: In-sourced Staff  
Contractor: In-sourced Staff  
Expected Completion: Fall 2020  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope is to open the lobby by removing a wall between existing Room 203 and the lobby, and removing the wall from existing Breakroom 215. This will open the space for the addition of new furniture intended for student gathering and collaborative study. The proposed learning space scope combines the existing learning spaces of Rooms 206 and 207, converting the space into a technology-rich, active-learning space. This comprehensive scope generally addresses most of the second floor student spaces and corridor of Lab Sciences East. The project is substantially complete.

**18. Lab Sciences West Suite 154 and First Floor Renovations**

Architect/Engineer: TBD  
Contractor: TBD  
Expected Completion: March 2021  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The project scope of Suite 154 converts an existing engineering lab (no longer warranted) into a student conference room/learning space and new faculty offices. Engineering students currently do not have access to a conference/seminar room for project meetings, collaborative learning, student presentations, group meetings, and other functions. The projected growth and the needs of the College of Engineering & Computer Science (CECS) warrant the necessity of additional faculty and staff; however, there are currently no vacant or convertible office spaces. The scope of Suite 154 and Suite 130 addresses additional office spaces, and the corridor renovations provide finish upgrades and student gathering/collaborative learning furniture. The expected completion date is March 2021.

**19. Village Houses Removal**

Architect/Engineer: Morris AE Inc.  
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
Expected Completion: August 2020  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The utilities have been removed from all houses and the abatement of 16 houses has begun. Once the abatement is complete, the houses will be demolished. The project is in closeout.

**20. Ed Comm-7 Classroom Renovations**

Architect/Engineer: In-sourced Staff  
Contractor: In-sourced Staff/Various Subcontractors  
Expected Completion: December 2020  
Funding: College of Communications Departmental Funds

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

**21. Alumni Drive Overlay**

Architect/Engineer: N/A.  
Contractor: Asphalt Producers  
Expected Completion: September 2020  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The road repairs were completed in 2019, and the remaining scope is to mill overlay and striping. This work is substantially complete.

## **22. Lakeport Dairy**

Architect/Engineer: WER.  
Contractor: Gall Construction  
Expected Completion: June 2020  
Funding: Grant-funded

Status: The Lake Port Dairy project scope is to replace the roof framing and roof assemblies and to stabilize the existing masonry, in keeping with the original construction materials and appearance. The work is complete and the project is in closeout.

## **23. KASU Radio Tower Addition**

Architect/Engineer: CahoonStelling  
Contractor: RGB Mech.  
Expected Completion: December 2020  
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The KASU transmitter site is in Craighead County north of the Jonesboro Campus. The existing facility has two remaining transmitters; however, the backup transmitter is beyond its useful age and needs to be replaced. The scope of this project is to build an addition onto the existing building and provide the necessary utility services to the new transmitter, while keeping the existing two transmitters online. This work is in progress and the scheduled completion is December 2020.

## **24. Fowler Center Boiler**

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit  
Contractor: In-Sourced Staff  
Expected Completion: August 2021  
Funding: Deferred Maintenance

Status: The project scope is to replace the boilers and update the heating water system controls for the Fowler Building. This project is in design phase, with construction planned for Summer 2021.

## **25. ABI Greenhouse Controls and Shutters**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: RGB Mech.  
Expected Completion: December 2020  
Funding: University Funds

Status: The ABI Greenhouse controls and shutters project scope is to replace the existing Greenhouse controls and shutters. This work is currently in progress and is scheduled to be complete by December 2020.

## **26. ABI VAV Boxes**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
Contractor: RGB Mech.  
Expected Completion: December 2020  
Funding: University Funds



Status: The ABI VAV project scope is to replace the existing Variable Air Terminals (VAV boxes) and controls on the second and third floors of the ABI Building. This work is in progress and is scheduled for completion in December 2020.

**27. FNB Arena AT&T and Verizon Addition**

Architect/Engineer: N/A  
 Contractor: Baldwin & Shell  
 Expected Completion: December 2020  
 Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope of the FNB Arena AT&T/Verizon addition project is to build a new room and provide the necessary utility services to support AT&T’s new cellular equipment. This project is underway and is scheduled to be complete in December 2020.

**ASU-BEEBE**

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

**ASU-MOUNTAIN HOME**

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail	\$576,000	Design Phase
ASUMH Amphitheatre	\$450,000	Planning

**1. ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail**

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

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

gift will provide repayment of funds to Auxiliary and University Reserves in the future. Construction is planned for Fall 2020.

**2. ASUMH Amphitheatre**

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

Status: A \$200,000 private gift has been received with an anticipated additional \$100,000 donation to construct an amphitheater. Architect selection has begun. An anticipated completion date is Summer 2021.

**ASU-NEWPORT**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
ASUN Agricultural Technology Facilities	\$338,000	Construction

**1. ASUN Agricultural Technology Facilities**

Architect/Engineer: Wittenberg, Delony & Davidson  
 Contractor: Bailey Contractors  
 Expected Completion: February 2021  
 Funding: Regional Workforce Grant, Arkansas Sorghum Board Grant

Status: The project encompasses a shop facility for instruction, a storage facility for agricultural equipment, and a greenhouse facility. The project is fully funded by a Regional Workforce Grant awarded by the Arkansas Division of Higher Education, and a grant funded by the Arkansas Sorghum Board.

**ASU MID-SOUTH**

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

**ASU THREE RIVERS**

<b><u>PROJECT TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u></b>	<b><u>STATUS</u></b>
ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase I	\$663,263	Construction

**1. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase I**

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects

Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC

Expected Completion: May 2021

Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage will fund Phase I renovations, including roof replacement; exterior improvements; refurbishing existing electrical, plumbing, and mechanical systems; and removal of select interior walls.

**Arkansas State University  
Board of Trustees Report  
September 18, 2020**

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

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH**

**Academic Affairs and Research:**

- Academic Affairs and Research welcomed four new deans for the beginning of the new fiscal year in July 2020. They are the following: Dr. Melody Lo, Dean of the Neil Griffin College of Business; Dr. Cherisse Jones-Branch, Dean of the Graduate School; Dr. Jill Simons, Dean of University College; and Dr. Mickey Latour, Dean of the College of Agriculture. Also, Dr. Fen Yu was hired as the Assistant Vice Chancellor for Institutional Research effective August 1, 2020.

**Fall 2020 COVID AAR Preparations:**

- Created 14 new classrooms from non-traditional teaching spaces, including gymnasiums, student union auditorium, the performing art center, dance studios, and group-exercise rooms. We will teach 2,900 students in 61 different F2F courses from all academic colleges in these new locations.
- Invested heavily in upgrading the instructional audiovisual technology in 150 of our 250 traditional classrooms in preparation for remote/hybrid teaching. This includes the installation of web cameras, microphones, speakers, and computers. This will be a silver lining for future semesters once we get COVID-19 behind us.
- Created 40 new lab sections in our basic sciences (impacting 320 students) to ensure the delivery of F2F instruction in our hands-on, practical, experiential courses while adhering to physical-distancing guidelines.
- Of our 3,088 courses that will be delivered in Fall 2020, 70% will be in a traditional face-to-face format, 10% in a hybrid format, and another 20% completely online.
- This summer, 200 of our instructors participated in more than 600 professional development sessions delivered by our Faculty Center. They learned about online/hybrid course development, building online communities, the use of interactive documents, and technology options including VoiceThread, Spark, Blackboard Collaborate, building online communities, interactive documents, TopHat, Yuja, Cengage, and Lumen learning.
- Purchased 1,000 Zoom max licenses for our faculty and staff members. Each license allows up to 300 attendees. We also purchased software for remote teaching and learning (e.g., Adobe Creative Cloud Suite, SPSS, Mintab, STATA, Mathematica, and many others: <https://www.astate.edu/a/its/software-downloads/>).
- Added remote virtual desktop computer labs for students for regular use and graphical Engineering/Drafting use.
- Updated WiFi all across campus. All academic classrooms and gathering areas (e.g., Reng Student Union and the Library) have improved WiFi capacity. The WiFi in all sorority housing and residence halls has been improved where needed.

### **New Faculty:**

- New Faculty Orientation was held on August 18, 2020, with approximately 40-45 new faculty members attending. Orientation programming was led by Provost Alan Utter and AAR Staff. Training included an overview of University policies and procedures, the teaching and learning experience, faculty development opportunities, and other applicable topics. Additional training will be provided during the fall semester addressing the Promotion, Retention and Tenure process (PRT), use of Faculty180, assessment, and other relevant information for new faculty.

### **Fall Faculty Conference/Faculty Achievement Awards:**

- Due to COVID-19, the Fall Faculty Conference and Faculty Achievement Awards Ceremony were combined, with both being held on August 19, 2020. The Senior Administration, faculty receiving awards, along with their deans and chairs were invited to attend in person and the ceremony was streamed live online. Provost Utter provided opening remarks, followed by presentations from System President Chuck Welch, Chancellor Kelly Dampousse, Vice Chancellor Len Frey, Assistant Vice Chancellor Lori Winn, and Faculty Senate President Donna Caldwell. College and Departmental faculty meetings were conducted virtually during the week of August 17.

### **Research and Technology Transfer:**

- **Sponsored Highlights:**
  - FY20 Sponsored Submissions: \$35.9 Million, 118 faculty and staff proposals
  - FY20 Sponsored Awards: \$22.3 Million, 133 faculty and staff awards and agreements
  - FY20 Sponsored Expenditures: \$25.5 Million
- **Sponsored Research Highlights:**
  - Aaron Shew, College of Agriculture. USDA NIFA award of \$571,940, *Improving Crop Residue Burning and Management Recommendations in the Arkansas Delta Region*.
  - Aaron Shew, College of Agriculture. USDA award of \$358,079, *Economic Analysis Support for Water Use Data Related to the Arkansas Groundwater Initiative*.
  - Drew Fleming, College of Engineering & Computer Science. DOE EPSCoR award of \$239,000, *Fundamental Studies of Soiling and Cementation of PV Cover Glass Materials: Addressing Reliability with Advanced X-ray Scattering/Spectroscopy and First Principles Modeling*.
  - New Industrial Research Contracts:
    - Argelia Lorence, College of Science & Mathematics, \$45,312; Agri-Gro
    - Greg Phillips, College of Agriculture, \$54,949; Corteva
    - John Nowlin, College of Agriculture, \$46,906; Meta Special Aerospace
- **Faculty Research Support:**
  - **FY19 Faculty Travel Support:**
    - Hashim Ali, ACS Spring 2020 National Meeting & Expo, Philadelphia, PA, March 2020; College of Science & Mathematics
  - **FY19 FRAC Travel Awards:**
    - Eleanor Lane (International Travel): \$2,000, two faculty supported
    - Nathan Deutsch (Domestic Travel): \$1,487, three faculty supported
- **FY19 Faculty Research Seed Funding Awards:**
  - \$40,000 Seed Funds, seven faculty supported

- **Center for No Boundary Thinking:**
  - Development and implementation of the Center for No Boundary Thinking
  - AR AI Campus: Host of AR AI Campus Phase II Showcase:
    - Seven Arkansas Campuses, Representation from AR Industry
    - Lead PI: Xiuzhen Huang; College of Engineering & Computer Science
    - Fall 2019, Cooper Alumni Center
  - AI Council: Host and Coordinator of AI Council
- **Research Development Series:**
  - January 2020: Two-Day Grant Writing Workshop, Jeremy Miner & Associates
  - February 2020: Grants Resource Center (GRC) Funding Workshop
- **A-State Patent Activity:**
  - Filed:
    - 6/22/2020– CIP Patent Application – SYSTEM AND METHOD TO STABILIZE POWER GENERATION OF CONCENTRATED SOLAR POWER PLANTS; First Inventor: Dr. Mohammad Abutayeh;
    - 7/06/2020 – CIP Patent Application– STILBENOID PRENYLTRANSFERASES FROM PLANTS; First Inventor: Dr. Fabricio Medina Bolivar.
  - Issued:
    - Patent No. US 10,704,052 B2; STILBENOID PRENYLTRANSFERASES FROM PLANTS; First Inventor: Dr. Fabricio Medina Bolivar;
    - Patent No. US 10,596,153 B2; ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS AND THE METHOD FOR SYNTHESIZING THE ANTIMICROBIAL AGENTS; First Inventor: Dr. Mohammad Abrar Alam;
    - Patent No. US 10,543,434 B2; METHOD AND SYSTEM OF INCREASING WATER AND ACID CONDENSATION FROM FLUE GAS; First Inventor: Dr. Kwangkook Jeong;
    - European Patent No. 3,280,403; THERAPEUTIC APPLICATIONSON OF PRENYLATED STILBENOIDS AGAINST ROTAVIRUS INFECTIONS; First Inventor: Dr. Fabricio Medina Bolivar; Validated countries: France, Germany, UK.
  - Pending Grant:
    - Grant Date: September 25, 2020; European Patent No. 3,214,169; METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR ENHANCING POLYPEPTIDE PRODUCTION; A-State Inventors: Dr. Argelia Lorence and Dr. Maureen Dolan; Validated countries: France, Germany, UK.
- **Student Research and Creativity Highlights:**
  - **Travel Support:** FY20 Undergraduate Research Travel Awards: \$5,400, 13 students supported
  - **Student Research and Creativity Funding:**
    - FY20 ADHE SURF funding: \$17,375; seven student awards
    - FY20 Student Research and Creativity Grant Awards: \$9,500, 19 students supported
    - FY20 Undergraduate Research Assistantships: \$12,000, 12 students supported
- **Undergraduate and Graduate Coordinated Research Event Travel and Presentations:**
  - 2020 AR STEM Posters at the Capitol, February 2020  
Capitol Rotunda, Arkansas State Capitol Building, Little Rock, AR -- Five Student Presenters
  - Louisiana State University Shreveport (LSUS) Regional Research Symposium, March 2020  
LSUS Campus, Shreveport, LA -- 19 Student Presenters

- National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR), March 2020  
Bozeman, MT (Cancelled due to COVID 19)--22 Student Presenters
- **Create @ StAte Program:**
  - FY20 Create@StAte Symposium, April 15-17, 2019  
Virtual Symposium due to COVID-19  
Presentation Medium: ASU TV, Create@State YouTube Channel, Create@State Podcast  
141 Presentations; 158 Student Presenters
  - FY20 Create@StAte: Making Connections That Count Podcast  
Episodes released every Thursday; 52 Episodes for 2019  
4,512 unique users (subscribers); 8,053 Downloads
- **Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions:** The following were approved by AHECB for A-State at the July 31, 2020, meeting:
  - **New Certificate Program**
    - Graduate Certificate, General Engineering Management
  - **Establishment of Administrative Unit**
    - Center for No Boundary Thinking (CNBT)
- **Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions:** The following will be submitted to the AHECB for A-State at the October 30, 2020, meeting:
  - **Existing Certificate or Degree Program Offered at Off-campus Location**
    - B.S., Finance to be offered at Arkansas State University Campus Querétaro (ASU-Q)
    - B.A., Economics to be offered at Arkansas State University Campus Querétaro (ASU-Q)
    - B.S., Business Administration to be offered at Arkansas State University – Mountain Home
- **Program Deletion/Inactivation or Reactivation**
  - Deleting, B.S.E., Business Technology 4-12

## **COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING**

### **Communications:**

- Marshalling the ability to directly send messages to our campus and community, the Communication and Marketing department spent the majority of the second quarter of 2020 engaged in emails, videos, printed materials, and social media responses to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- A rapid expansion of response messages led to the creation of 155 campaigns that included 1.6 million total direct emails, along with our traditional social media and web-based communications. Open rates for the quarter increased from 2.15% to 41.05%.
- Provided support and leadership to several Town Hall events, ranging from discussions with constituent groups related to the Black Lives Matter demonstrations to information-sharing related to COVID-19 policies.

### **Digital Creative:**

- Turned the Wilson Award Dinner into an online premiere show. It provided a platform to showcase the meaning of the Wilson Award to thousands of viewers online. We also collaborated with KAIT to telecast the event as a 30-minute special on Channel 8.

### **Social Media:**

- Maintained strong traffic numbers, highlighted by the highest traffic event being the Salute to Graduates, streamed from Centennial Bank Stadium, drawing close to 100,000 viewers. For the quarter, Facebook had 99.1K minutes of viewing and a 186% growth in those numbers, compared to the first quarter.

### **Creative Services:**

- In spite of working 100% remotely during this quarter, Creative Services still logged 152 jobs. Creative Services began working closely with Emergency Management and Environmental Safety to establish templates for campus-wide signage that would be deployed in the retooling of the campus for physical distancing.

## **DEAN OF STUDENTS**

### **Leadership Center:**

- Sorority Recruitment was hosted in August utilizing a virtual format. A total of 150 bids to five Panhellenic chapters were extended, and 94% of new members received their first-choice selection.
- The Student Activities Board hosted annual Welcome Week in August. Events included a mixture of virtual and face-to-face activities for students, including a drive-in movie, Painting on the Lawn, a magician, and the distribution of the first-year student gift.
- The annual Community and Organization Fair was redesigned and incorporated as a feature in the A-State Student app. Students may access information through a tile on the app.
- The A-State Food Pantry has been adjusted to accommodate social-distancing guidelines by offering a drive-through distribution process. The Pantry is open twice a week for students, faculty, and staff.
- The Leadership Center partnered with the Food Bank of NEA to host a distribution of food from the USDA Coronavirus Food Assistance Program on June 5 and July 16. Each distribution event served the A-State and Jonesboro communities.
- The Student Union meeting spaces and lounge spaces were reconfigured to meet social-distancing guidelines while still serving as a gathering option for the student body.
- First Year Student Welcome Boxes were created and distributed during resident move-in. The boxes included a mask, an A-State promotional item, a donation from Riceland Foods, residence hall information, and a schedule of student events.
- The Leadership Center staff hosted live virtual New Student Orientation sessions throughout the summer. Topics were related to campus involvement and the transition to A-State.
- The Student Union Centennial Hall and Auditorium have been converted to classroom space for Fall 2020. Classes are conducted daily in these two locations.

### **University Housing:**

- The Fall 2020 housing count, as of the first day of classes, was 2,865 residents. This number may be adjusted slightly before the eleventh day of class.
- Housing staff established processes to serve student residents placed in quarantine and isolation. This includes meal delivery, course material delivery, laundry, and trash collection. Daily wellness checks are conducted for student residents in quarantine or isolation.



- The fall resident move-in time was extended over a three-week period to better accommodate CDC guidelines and promote student wellness. This phased approach was based on student resident campus involvement, early move-in requests, and communities.
- Resident Assistant training was conducted in August. The program was modified to a virtual format and offered training on applicable policies, procedures, and customer service-skills.
- All campus residents received an A-State branded face mask at check-in. Commuter students may pick up masks at the Student Union Information Booth.

#### **Red WOLF Center:**

- The Red WOLF Center reopened on June 1 for student use. The facility's procedures and operations comply with the Arkansas Department of Health guidelines for fitness centers and gyms.
- Virtual fitness classes are offered to the campus community. This allows students to work out any day, any time using a guided fitness approach.
- The Red WOLF Center Dance Studio was converted to classroom space for Fall 2020. Classes are conducted daily in the facility.
- Fitness equipment and weights have been rearranged to allow maximum student use of the facility.

#### **Student Conduct:**

- Hearing officers have modified the hearing process to accommodate a format of all virtual hearings. Students are able to participate in the process using Zoom. This offers more flexibility to students and complies with the social-distancing guidelines.

## **DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

#### **Access and Accommodation Services:**

- Student engagement events included the following:
  - A prerecorded presentation on mental health during times of racial tension, posted on June 12 to various A-State social media platforms.
  - A Howl Transition Program and department tour on July 13 to familiarize program participants with technology, services, and other department resources they may benefit from.
  - An Aromatherapy discussion on July 16, cohosted by staff from Counseling Center.
- There are currently 778 students registered with Access and Accommodation Services. The department has been in contact with all of them throughout the summer.
- Department staff have worked on the following initiatives this quarter:
  - Conducted research on multiple text-to-speech software, note-taking software, and captioning software, in an effort to update and expand our Technology program. This research may be even more significant as many classes transition to a hybrid method or to completely online, due to COVID-19.
  - Worked with A-State housing staff to update the Emotional Support Animal Policy.
- Dr. Jenifer Rice-Mason, Director, retired on June 30, after 40 years of service to the University. Dominique White was promoted to Senior Associate Director.

### **Beck Center for Veterans:**

- Area veterans' groups and agencies have been notified that the Beck Center for Veterans is open and staffed. Veterans have the option of face-to-face, phone, and email consultations for assistance. Instruction is provided regarding specific needs of veterans and unique aspects of their treatment and concerns. Individual veterans are seen by appointment, in person, at the office (for therapy or services). Updates from the Veterans Administration are monitored and shared with veterans.
- The planned physical relocation of the Beck Center for Veterans to Military Science will not take place until late fall or spring of 2021, according to the latest update. Facilities Management has submitted construction bids, but work has not yet begun.
- Jonesboro Veterans Village Project (update): Beck Center for Veterans staff were consulted for design input for the homes and other needs of veterans. Construction started in July. The foundations have been poured and framing is underway for individual homes. A ground-breaking ceremony was scheduled for August 18.
- General services provided by the Beck Center for Veterans include the following:
  - Assistance in enrollment for school (A-State, ASUN, trade school, etc.). Assistance also is provided if the veteran is experiencing an academic issue, and the veteran is referred to student reviews. Tutoring is provided as needed.
  - Understanding veterans' benefits, including enrolling for VA health care, assistance with claims, enrolling in eBenefits, and sponsoring claims workshop days with ADVA and DAV, are services provided at the Beck Center for Veterans. Lynda Nash, Beck Center for Veterans Director, has received VA claims/appeals training from DAV and ADVA. Interns have been trained to complete eBenefits enrollment and applications for VA services.
  - Beck Center for Veterans assists with job placement, including a list of employers currently hiring or accepting referrals. Resume reviews and job interview skills practice sessions are offered, as is promotion of business training. Small business development workshops also are provided.

### **Counseling Center:**

- The COVID-19 pandemic prompted a rapid adaptation of department services to remote operation. The Center was well positioned for the transition to tele-mental health, due to its previous commitment to training and board approval for remote counseling of all clinicians in Fall 2019. Essentially, the A-State Counseling Center was the best-prepared university counseling center in the state. In addition to the transition to remote counseling for all clients, staff actively engaged in providing online mental-health-related outreach programming.
- The active client load is 103 (as of August 17). Four group therapy sessions meet weekly. Summer semesters have historically seen fewer requests for counseling, but a steady caseload has been maintained by department staff throughout the pandemic.
- A handout on mental-health and stress-management resources was created for students living in campus housing. It was developed in anticipation of students who may need to isolate or quarantine due to COVID-19. The department website will be updated to include the same information.
- The Counseling Center established a new initiative to provide career counseling to incoming freshmen this summer. All committed incoming freshman students were emailed and offered career assessment, interpretation, and career counseling. Nine students were counseled on moving toward their choice of a major and career goals. The marketing plan for the program will be refined, and the service will be offered again next summer in hopes of attracting more participants.

- Mental health screenings for June 4 through August 17 totaled 66, including for the following:
  - Depression–14; generalized anxiety–11; PTSD–4; eating disorder–4; bipolar disorder–6; well-being– 3; and wide range screening–24.
- Outreach activities included the following:
  - Counseling Center Resources for NSO, June 10, 17; Coping with Anxiety During Covid-19 (presented three times); Mindfulness/Stress Management (faculty training), June 8; Orientation to Counseling; Howl Transition Program, July 13; Career Assessment and Interpretation-Howl Transition Program, July 21; Counseling Center Resources – Day of Caring, July 30; Sexual Assault/Alcohol Awareness – Summer Bridge Program, August 18; Suicide Prevention – Resident Assistant Training, August 20; COVID Coping/Self-Care – Resident Assistant Training, August 20; Alcohol Responsibility – Business FYE (four sessions), August 28; Counseling Services/Responsible Alcohol Use Nursing Making Connections (six sessions), August 31; Decision-Making/Motivation – Restart Program (five sessions), September 8; and Coping with a Crisis: Racial Tension and Mental Health (presentation), June 9, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vfjo57Sp4hl>.

### **Multicultural Affairs:**

- Student Engagement and Leadership
  - Multicultural Affairs Ambassadors (MCA) summer training was held July 15 and 20 to prepare ambassadors for the 2020-2021 academic year. Ambassadors reviewed program planning guidelines and set plans for Fall 2020 events.
  - Over the summer, several multicultural affairs staff worked with student organizations to interview and elect officers. Organizations include Hispanic Outreach and Latino Appreciation (HOLA), Brother to Brother (B2B), Sister to Sister (S2S), Gender and Sexuality Alliance (GSA), Feminist Union (FemU), and Student Veteran Organization.
- Workshops and Training
  - Virtual diversity training for New York Institute of Technology (NYIT) at Arkansas State University was conducted on July 1. Multicultural Affairs staff presented information on social identities, privilege, biases, and recognizing and responding to microaggressions. The virtual content was viewed by approximately 120 incoming medical students.
  - “Mentoring Students with Attention to Underrepresented Identities” was presented to more than 90 faculty and staff during the Day of Caring event on July 30. The event was hosted by Undergraduate Studies and focused on tools for helping students achieve success during their time at A-State.
- Other
  - Dr. Evette Allen Moore, Director, compiled the annual Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) report submitted to INSIGHT into Diversity. The division was notified verbally on August 10, 2020, that it has been selected as a recipient of the HEED Award. The award is given to schools that have demonstrated a profound and enduring commitment to diversity and inclusion, and that provide social, financial, cultural, and professional support for all in the campus community to thrive.
  - Dr. Allen Moore is working with Dr. Lori Winn to assemble the Campus Climate Council in September 2020. The committee will review data from the Campus Climate Survey distributed in Spring 2020 and prepare a plan to submit recommendations from the survey data.

- Dr. Allen Moore currently serves on the ADHE Equity Think Tank team. The group is a subcommittee working on Strategic Goal # 3 (Equity, with a specific goal of increasing participation and attainment) of the ADHE Strategic Planning process for 2021-2022.

**Office of the Vice Chancellor:**

- An AmeriCorps Planning Grant for approximately \$85,000, was received through the EngageAR program within the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. The planning grant allows A-State to research the type of AmeriCorps program it seeks to host, specifically programs that affect the increase in the college attendance rate of students in Northeast Arkansas and improve the math skills of students in grades 8-12. The planning grant is for the months of August and September.

**ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT**

**Admissions:**

- Admissions activity overview for Summer 2020 and early Fall 2020:
  - Received total applications for admission for Fall 2020–5,753; total admits–4,387
  - Conducted dozens of virtual sessions for incoming and prospective students, in partnership with the Chancellor’s Office, Housing, Financial Aid, and other offices across campus
  - Finalized major publications and electronic communication plans for 2020-2021 recruitment cycle
  - Launched Facebook ad marketing with Global Engagement and Outreach for A-State hybrid programs
  - Conducted ten call campaigns for new applicants, new admits, registered freshmen, Pell-eligible students, minority students, and students pending admission
  - Sent more than 110 emails and texts to incoming, continuing, and prospective students
  - Participated in virtual college fairs for freshmen and transfers
  - Initiated partnerships with Hobsons and Cappex and continued work with NRCCUA and College Bound Selection Service (CBSS) to enhance brand awareness and lead generation
  - Maintained regular office-hour operations throughout the duration of remote work, including availability via phone and virtual chat between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, and regular processing of admission documentation and decisions
  - Launched the 2021 online admission application on August 1

**Financial Aid and Scholarships:**

- Student aid overview for Fall 2020:
 

○ Aid Offers	2,986
○ Aid Offers Accepted	1,421
○ Amount Offered	\$11,043,300
○ FAFSA Received	18,269
○ Verification Complete	890
○ Ready for Verification	35

- Summary of Spring 2020 and Summer 2020 student aid:
  - More than \$50 million was awarded and disbursed for Spring 2020
  - More than 45 million awarded and disbursed for Summer 2020
  - More than \$140,000,000 awarded and disbursed for the 2019-2020 academic year
  - More than 10,000 awards
- Department staff collaborated with the Chancellor’s Committee on Completion and Retention to increase retention for the freshman class for Fall 2020.
- During the summer, department staff hosted virtual meetings every Tuesday and Thursday for students to contact the Financial Aid and Scholarships Office. Since August 18, staff have hosted Zoom drop-in meetings daily at 11:00 a.m. for students to meet with and ask questions of Financial Aid and Scholarships staff. Additionally, a web-based appointment scheduler allows students to set up face-to-face and virtual meetings with staff. This helps reduce direct personal contact and the potential for COVID-19 spread.
- The department continues to award aid to incoming and returning students for the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year. More than 6,000 students have already received aid awards.
- Financial Aid and Scholarships staff attended or presented at the following events:
  - Banner meetings and updates with ASU System schools
  - Arkansas Department of Higher Education weekly meetings
  - Chat and Chew sessions with A-State University College
  - Summer Bridge presentation to new students

**Records and Registration:**

- August degree awards are being finalized. Summer degree awards status are below:

<b>Degree</b>	<b>Pending Degrees Summer 2020</b>	<b>Awarded Degrees Summer 2019</b>	<b>Difference (Summer 2020 vs. Summer 2019 )</b>
Doctoral*	35	34	1
Specialist	194	153	41
Master's	505	536	-31
GR level Certificate	12	20	-8
Associate Degree	56	51	5
Associate - EnRoute Degree	72	61	11
Bachelor’s Degree	322	296	26
UG Level Certificate	15	13	2
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,211</b>	<b>1,164</b>	<b>47</b>

*\*Doctoral Degree Includes (EDD /PHD/ DPT/DOT Degrees)*

- Work continued on the Credit/No Credit grading options offered to students in Spring 2020:
  - 389 individual courses were changed to allow for the Credit/No Credit grading mode
  - 737 individual students have used the Credit/No Credit grading option

Month	Number of Grade Changes		Grade Type	Total Grade Changes
May	604		Credit	966
Jun	298		No Credit	496
Jul	334		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,462</b>
Aug	226			
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>1,462</b>			

- Two commencement ceremonies were held in August in Centennial Bank Stadium:
  - August 7 – Summer Commencement: 330 graduates participated in the ceremony
  - August 8 – Deferred Spring Commencement: 401 graduates participated in the ceremony
- End-of-term grading is being finalized. This includes updating academic standing and sending out transcripts.
- Department staff are testing the Cloud-shared environment in preparation for the ASU System campuses to begin their implementation process.

## **FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

### **First National Bank Arena (FNBA):**

- Maintenance and repair of the North Mezzanine Risers are completed.
- Tickets on sale:
  - Mercy ME – March 13, 2021
  - Lauren Daigle – March 27, 2021
  - Toby Keith – August 14, 2021
- The Hames Room and Auditorium will be used as an alternate classroom location for Fall 2020.

### **Facilities Management (FM):**

- **COVID-19 Response:** Facilities Management was minimally staffed through June 2020. The COVID-19 response efforts included supplies procurement (masks, gloves, face shields, hand sanitizer and dispensers, disinfectant, etc.), reconfiguration of 280+ classrooms and labs for physical distancing, configuring public and office spaces for physical distanced occupancy, production and installation of COVID-related signage, disinfecting campus spaces, and preparing the campus for safe occupancy.

### **Budget Planning/Development:**

- The FY21-approved ASUJ and ASU-System operating budgets were successfully loaded into Banner to facilitate the seamless workflow for departmental constituents.
- All internal and external reports were submitted by the annual deadlines.

### **Human Resources:**

- Successfully completed seven (7) payrolls while working remotely.

- Environmental Health & Safety developed a Return to Work training program for employees returning after the COVID-19 work-from-home order. More than 1,000 employees have already completed the training program.
- Prepared public and employee spaces for Return to Learn. Spaces were designed to account for social distancing and queueing lines.
- Implemented distribution of employee face coverings for return to on-site work.
- Developed biosafety and biological waste training for employees working in biosafety level 2 labs.
- Developed standard operating procedures for work in labs that may process SARS CoV-2 patient samples.
- The Employee Wellness Program delivered a five-week virtual wellness program to faculty and staff members.
- Human Resources developed and implemented protocols for reviewing and approving reasonable accommodation requests for high-risk employees related to COVID-19.
- Hosted virtual employee orientations during the months of May, June, and July for new staff members.
- Reviewed and approved all campus events for the months of June and July in accordance with state health department guidelines.
- Finalized protocols for Quarantined/Isolated Students.
- Worked with the campus constituents to develop contact-tracing protocols for the University.

#### **Information and Technology (ITS):**

- Uniform ERP for All System Campuses – On schedule and on budget
  - Phase I, Complete- Banner software moved from on premise in Jonesboro to the Cloud
  - Phase II, Complete- Established shared technology configurations for other System campuses
  - Phase III, In-progress- Campus cohorts are meeting and CIOs are working closely with Ellucian
- Focus on training and support across campus with Banner liaisons for System Campuses. Updating 150+ classrooms with technology for Fall 2020 remote teaching – includes traditional and non-traditional teaching spaces – to support COVID-19 issues.

#### **Fiscal Operations:**

- Legislative Audit has begun its annual audit for the Jonesboro campus.
- Efforts are underway to determine safe and effective ways to serve our students with the upcoming fall semester, including a new appointment-scheduling system.

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

- The Delta Center has received an additional \$300,000 from the U.S. Economic Development Administration to document the statewide historical impact of COVID-19 and develop regional resiliency plans, which will be included in a statewide plan. This project is a partnership with the Arkansas Economic Development Institute (AEDI) at UALR, which also received \$300,000.
- The Delta Center presented the city of Osceola with a strategic plan to develop the city's music heritage. Subsequently, city and Chamber of Commerce officials in Osceola have expressed interest in a feasibility study on one of the projects cited in the strategic plan.
- The Delta Center partnered with the AR 30 Day Fund, an organization developed by Sarah (Huckabee) Sanders to provide \$3,000 forgivable loans to small businesses in Arkansas, in order to identify

student volunteers for the program. The Delta Center worked with the various colleges to promote the opportunity among students and connect them with the AR 30 Day Fund. The students reviewed the small business applications and recommended to fund, hold, or deny a forgivable loan, based on the criteria established by the AR 30 Day Fund. Eight students were selected by the AR 30 Day Fund to volunteer.

#### **University Police Department (UPD):**

- Sgt. Michael Yocum received the Naloxone Life Saving Award from the Department of Human Services Drug Director's Office for his actions and successful deployment of Narcan during an incident on April 16, 2020, at Embassy Suites.
- Officers have completed training in handguns, rifles, cultural competency, crime scenes, domestic violence, and pressure-point control techniques (PPCT) between June and August.

#### **Auxiliary Services Unit Report**

- Implementation of "Return to Learn" is occurring in ASU Dining Services. Downsizing of the seating in the Acansa Dining Hall has resulted in the creation of satellite dining areas. There will be a tent between the Dean B. Ellis Library and the Computer Science/Math and Fine Arts Annex buildings, food carts in the Living Learning Communities courtyard and the Amphitheater, as well as another satellite meal/convenience store in the Northpark Quads Commons building.

## **GLOBAL ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH**

#### **Online:**

- Fall 2020 enrollment – 4,785 (up 680 students compared to Fall 2019)

#### **International Programs:**

- Fall 2020 enrollment – 460 (down 115 students)
- Due to COVID, most U.S. embassies across the globe are closed or are open only for emergency visas. This greatly contributed to a decline in incoming students.

#### **Study Abroad:**

- Unfortunately, we had to cancel Study Abroad programs for fall and spring due to COVID.

#### **University Center:**

- Launched six hybrid programs at the University Centers.

#### **Mexico:**

- Fall 2020 enrollment – 716 (up 181 students)
- Fall 2020 classes will go online starting on September 7, as per Mexican federal government regulations, due to COVID.
- Currently 57 students are living on campus. Our hope is to have fall classes on campus when allowed.

#### **Outreach:**

- Created corporate partnerships with DENSO, Hytrol, Butterball, and Centennial Bank. Employees of these companies are eligible for a \$1,000 scholarship to go along with the tuition reimbursement plans that the corporation offers to their employees.



## UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

### **Advancement Services:**

- For the fiscal year, July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020, the University recorded a total of 29,476 gifts and commitments from 8,600 individual donors for a total of \$14,182,925. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges.
- The Student Philanthropy Council was responsible for obtaining 2,641 gifts totaling \$73,822 for this fiscal year. From these funds, 175 student emergency awards were provided, totaling \$63,674.

### **Alumni Relations:**

- Paid alumni memberships increased by three percent, free memberships (recent graduates) decreased by 16 percent, due to no commencement ceremony in May. 1924 Sustaining Life memberships increased by 54 from FYE19.
- The alumni rate of giving at FYE20 was 8.32 percent, which is a .98 percent decrease from FYE19.
- Faculty and staff giving rate for A-State is at 59.7 percent, which is a 3.7 percent increase from FYE19.
- The number of official A-State license plates continues to grow, with annual revenues in excess of \$134,000. As of June 30, 2020, there have been 5,124 license plates sold.
- The Cooper Alumni Center took a large financial loss in revenue due to Covid-19. Half of the fiscal year revenue comes from fourth quarter events.
- The 2020 Distinguished Alumni have been selected. The three individuals to be honored this year are BG Charles Kruse '67 of Dexter, MO; LTC Anderson Neal '79 of Texarkana, AR; and Dr. Paden Neeley '56 of Lewisville, TX. They will be honored at a small private dinner on September 25 at the Cooper Alumni Center.
- The 2020 Emerging Young Alumni have been selected. The five individuals to be honored this year are Austin Sandy '16 of Tyler, TX; Graycen Bigger '09 of Pocahontas, AR; Laura Nick '02 of North Little Rock, AR; Adam Watkins '06 of Jonesboro, AR; and Dr. Kyle Fulton '09 of New Orleans, LA. They will be honored at a small private luncheon on September 18 at the Cooper Alumni Center.
- For now, all remaining Fall 2020 events have been postponed, canceled, or downsized with virtual elements.

### **Career Services:**

- Scheduled 113 student appointments to review resumes, cover letters, and graduate applications, as well as to hold mock interviews.
- Hosted the annual Student Employee of the Year program. Sixteen students were nominated. Arkysia Whitehead was recognized as Student of the Year and Isabel Wallace was runner-up.
- Partnered with 19 universities in the Sun Belt and USA Conference to host the Southern Alliance Virtual Career Fair on June 16, 2020. The event was powered by Career Eco, and approximately 2,993 students/alumni and 165 employers registered.
- Fall Career Fair Highlights: 191 recruiters from 105 companies/school districts/graduate programs/military branches attended the STEM and Agriculture Fair and All Majors Fair. Sixty-four of the recruiters were A-State alumni. Forty-nine companies were seeking interns, and 691 students attended.
- Spring Career Fair Highlights: 179 recruiters from 113 companies/school districts/graduate programs/military branches attended the Education/Health Fair and All Majors Fair. Seventy of the

recruiters were A-State alumni. Forty companies were seeking interns, and 828 students attended both fairs.

## **ATHLETICS**

### **Athletics:**

- Arkansas State won the 2019-20 Bubas Cup, the Sun Belt Conference's annual all-sports award. A-State claimed its third all-time Bubas Cup title, as well as its first since 1997-98.
- Four intercollegiate athletics programs – women's cross country, men's golf, women's golf, and women's tennis – earned a Public Recognition Award from the NCAA.
- Arkansas State posted an all-department, single-year 985 APR score, the highest mark in school history. Five programs, including football, women's cross country, men's and women's golf, and women's tennis all posted the highest multi-year APR score in the Sun Belt Conference for their respective sports.
- A-State Athletics posted a department-wide 3.282 GPA in Spring 2020 to set a new single-semester school record. The Red Wolves placed 232 student-athletes on the Athletics Director's Honor Roll, which tied the school record.
- Arkansas State University held its Summer 2020 and delayed Spring 2020 commencement ceremonies at Centennial Bank Stadium, and 77 student-athletes earned their degrees.

### **Football:**

- The Athletics Department produced six episodes of a special "Red Wolves Review" football show that appeared on ESPN+ between May 26 and June 30.
- Head football Coach Blake Anderson received a restructured contract extension that runs through 2023.
- Six players, including three first-team selections, were named Preseason All-Sun Belt Conference.

### **Track & Field:**

- Camryn Newton-Smith earned Indoor All-America honors for the 2020 season.
- Both the men's and women's teams were tabbed All-Academic Teams by the USTFCCCA.

### **Women's Bowling:**

- Nine student-athletes were named to the Southland Bowling League All-Academic Team.

### **Women's Golf:**

- The Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) announced its 2019-20 All-American Scholars, and the Red Wolves placed six student-athletes on the prestigious list to tie for the third highest in the nation among all NCAA and NAIA institutions.
- The Red Wolves had the 21st-best cumulative GPA among NCAA Division I programs for the 2019-20 academic year, earning a Women's Golf Coaches Association (WGCA) All-Scholar Team Award.

### **Men's Golf:**

- A school-record five members of the team were named Srixon/Cleveland Golf All-America Scholars by the Golf Coaches Association of America (GCAA).

### **Baseball:**

- Former relief pitcher, Tyler Zuber, made the Kansas City Royals' MLB Opening Day roster.

- After registering a 3.36 GPA for the 2019-20 academic year, the Red Wolves claimed one of the American Baseball Coaches Association (ABCA) Team Academic Excellence Awards.

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

**Student Hope Emergency Fund Goal Reached**

The ASU-Beebe Student Emergency Hope Fund was created to allow the Student Government Association to provide financial support to students who are in immediate need of assistance, due to unexpected, unforeseen, or unavoidable emergency expenses that directly hinder their academic success. This fund can make access possible to college resources, class attendance, food, or shelter, and help to alleviate threats to a student's direct health and safety. Though several fundraising events were cancelled due to COVID-19, the SGA recently announced that the Student Hope Emergency Fund's initial goal of \$5,000 has been met.

**First Annual Abington Walk**

On August 25, 2020, numerous students, faculty, and staff gathered for the first Abington Walk and Commitment to Graduate ceremony on the ASU-Beebe campus. The event began around the ASU-Beebe Arch, where Chancellor Jennifer Methvin welcomed the group. Zackery Tucker, Director of Student Life, shared the history and legacy of brothers, William and Eugene Abington, whose efforts led to the founding of ASU-Beebe in 1927. Following the brief presentation at the Arch, participants took the less-than-one-mile walk to the Beebe Cemetery for a graduation commitment ceremony. There, students were invited to place a red carnation on the gravesite of the Abingtons and to make a pledge to graduate. The Graduation Commitment event was part of Welcome Week activities.

**Agri Tech Receives New Equipment**

The John Deere Agriculture Equipment Technology program at ASU-Beebe took delivery of a brand-new John Deere 280 8R Series Tractor on August 3, 2020, directly from the John Deere Corporation in Waterloo, IA. The new equipment is part of the annual upgrade to prepare for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, and reflects the ongoing investment in the ASU-Beebe program by John Deere Corporation and local dealership partners through Greenway. ASU-Beebe now has five new tractors to begin training students for Fall 2020. Each piece of equipment accumulates about 50 hours of use and training from students during its 300 days on campus before being transferred to a dealership for sale.

ASU-Beebe Instructor Shawn Taillon summed up his appreciation in saying, "This support and partnership with John Deere and Greenway dealerships ensures that we continue to train our students at ASU-Beebe on the latest equipment and technology available."

**Federal TRiO Program Grants Funded**

On August 6, 2020, the U.S. Department of Education announced Fiscal Year 2020 grants. Student Support Services grants were approved on both the Beebe (\$294,725 for FY 20-21) and Heber Springs

(\$261,888 for FY 20-21) campuses, and represent a 3.4% annual increase for the programs. The grants were renewed for five (5) years.

**ASUBeConnected**

ASUBeConnected continued partnering with our communities, by participating via Zoom or by appropriately social distancing, with the following community partners:

- Beebe Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Cabot Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
- Searcy Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors

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

ASUMH Ranked Number Two Community College in the Nation in Wallet Hub Analysis

Arkansas State University-Mountain Home was recently recognized in the annual Wallet Hub ranking as the #2 Community College in the nation. To determine the score, this annual ranking considers 18 post-attendance metrics taken from data extracted from the American Association of Community Colleges and the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). The 18 metrics were spread among the three categories: Cost and Financing, Educational Outcomes, and Career Outcomes. This is the third year that ASUMH has been included in this annual study, having been previously ranked #1 in the nation in 2018, #2 in the nation in 2019, and now #2 again in 2020.

Letters of Notification to ADHE

ASUMH proposes to eliminate three degree options under the Associate of Applied Science degree in Welding. The options being eliminated are in the emphasis areas of Gas Metal Arc Welding, Gas Tungsten Arc Welding, and Pipe Welding. These specialties will continue to be taught as components of the Associate of Applied Science in Welding degree and will remain as Technical Certificates in each respective area. ASUMH also proposes to change the name of the Associate of Science in Agricultural and Natural Resources to the Associate of Science in Agriculture. The name change more accurately reflects the program as it is currently offered.

Funeral Science Degree Accreditation

The American Board of Funeral Service Education officially withdrew the accreditation of the ASUMH Funeral Science program, effective June 30, 2020. This was based on pass rates of students on the National Board Exam. Students who were enrolled prior to this date will not be affected by this decision. ASUMH has applied for candidacy status and anticipates receiving approval for candidacy in October. A self-study and site visit will occur in 2021, with the goal of being approved for accreditation in Fall 2021 or Spring 2022. A new cohort of students will not begin until Spring 2021, and therefore, students will not graduate until accreditation is granted.

Cares Act Student Disbursements

ASUMH received \$529,785 in Cares Act funds to be used for student assistance. These funds were designated through the Act to be granted to students enrolled and impacted at the time that the National Health Emergency was declared. There were 626 students who received a portion of \$423,145 on May 11, 2020. An additional 126 students were determined to be eligible and received a portion of \$47,690 on June 1. Any spring student also enrolled in the summer term was awarded funding assistance. A total of 202 students were awarded funds from a total of \$58,950 on June 15, 2020, for the summer term. All of the student Cares Act funds have been distributed.

### Cares Act Institutional Funds

The Coronavirus Cares Act included \$529,785, made available for ASUMH to use for institutional needs related to the COVID-19 virus outbreak. ASUMH has expended all of those funds on technology enhancements necessary to support remote delivery of courses and campus services. These expenditures include the replacement of all internet hubs and switches, installation of wireless routers in all classrooms, installation of Zoom hardware in each classroom, laptops for all faculty and the student loan program, hotspots for students and faculty, and online software support for delivery of programs and testing.

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**Strategic Priority 1: Student Success**

- ASUN Welding Technology student, Nathan McKinley, was awarded a Hytrol "Silver Coin" for community-service excellence. Nathan completed his Technical Certificate in Welding Technology in Spring 2020. During his last semester, Nathan volunteered outside of class time to assist contestants and judges during the NEA Weld-a-thon. Nathan also volunteered to teach high school students about welding, cutting, and robotic-welder programming during the Career Exploration Camp sponsored jointly by ASUN and Hytrol.
- Advanced Manufacturing student, Zach Henderson, has been chosen as the CAD/CAM Drafter to be profiled for the new issue of Arkansas *NEXT PROS* magazine. The magazine highlights one young professional from each skilled trade. The publication is distributed to all Arkansas students in grades 8-12 to educate them about career opportunities in the trades. Zach has earned his TC in Advanced Manufacturing and is on track to graduate with his AASGT in 2021.
- Automotive Service Technology student, Seth Raby, has received the highly competitive and sought after mikeroweWORKS Work Ethic Scholarship in the amount of \$2,000.
- Twenty-one concurrent students from Riverside High School graduated with associate's degrees from ASUN on July 26, 2020.
- ASUN is partnering with ACT CollegeReady to provide students with an opportunity to save money and time completing their programs of study. Thirty-eight students, whose college entrance scores did not permit them to enroll in ENG 1003 Composition I and/or MATH 1023 College Algebra, have received an invitation to participate in ACT CollegeReady at no cost! ACT CollegeReady is a completely online learning platform that first assesses students' knowledge and skills gaps, then designs an individual learning pathway to be completed online. In three-to-five hours per week, from the comfort of home, students can work to improve their English and math skills, and, ultimately, they may be able to score well enough to bypass remedial courses.

**Strategic Priority 2: Institutional Excellence**

- Round 1 of the Fall 2020 Call Campaign was a success. Faculty, staff, and administrators from Academic Affairs, Admissions, Adult Education, Advancement, Bookstore, Chancellor's Office, Counseling, Dining Services, and Financial Aid participated. Together, we persuaded 55% of the students we were able to talk to from being unenrolled to becoming enrolled for Fall 2020.
- ASUN's Surgical Technology program was recently awarded the 2019 Galaxy Star Program by the Association of Surgical Technologists.
- ASUN faculty and staff have done a remarkable job updating our classrooms to ensure that in-person classes are as safe as possible this semester. Tables and chairs have been spaced to provide social



distancing, plexiglass barriers have been installed, and multiple classrooms are now equipped with the technology for virtual teaching.

- Cromwell Architects Engineers recently received a Silver 2020 Excellence in Design Award from the American Society of Interior Design for their remodel of ASUN's Student Community Center.

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

- ASUN Movies in the Park continued this summer with a new drive-in format. We had great turnouts for "Dolittle" and "Jumanji: The Next Level." We have two more installments coming this fall.
- ASUN held a virtual commencement on August 10 for all spring and summer graduates. The ceremony is linked to <https://asun.edu/news/2244/asun-virtual-commencement>.
- ASUN had a virtual capping and pinning ceremony on August 17 for all nursing graduates. The ceremony is linked to <https://asun.edu/news/2248/2020-spring-summer-virtual-capping-pinning-ceremony>.
- Team ASUN took third place in its division of the Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield "Blue and You Fitness Challenge." More than 30 ASUN participants completed 30 or more days of exercise.
- The ASUN Wellness Committee hosted a Virtual 5K for faculty and staff to help keep them active while working from home.
- ASUN's Board of Visitors met virtually on August 12 to discuss ASUN's plan for returning to campus for Fall 2020.

### **ASUN Academic Program Notifications**

ASUN has no program notifications this quarter.

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

**Fall Semester Update**

ASU Mid-South delayed the start of its fall semester by one week in order to align with the start date for its high school partners. Preliminary Fall 2020 enrollment, compared to official 11<sup>th</sup> day Fall 2019 enrollment, reflects an overall decline in headcount of 5.13%. That decline is mitigated by a 4.51% increase in student semester credit hours (SSCH). It's important to note that preliminary counts include off-cycle classes, which will not begin until later in the semester. These numbers will also be impacted by non-payment and non-attendance data. Only 24.3% of ASU Mid-South students elected to enroll totally online this fall. However, that is a significant increase over last fall, when only 7.5% of students enrolled totally online. This reflects the types of programming offered, which tend to be more technical and hands-on in nature. It also reflects the number of students served, a population that comes largely from rural and/or economically disadvantaged households.

**New Vice Chancellor for Learning and Instruction**

ASU Mid-South's former Dean of Workforce Education, Jeff Gray, was recently named Vice Chancellor for Learning and Instruction. Jeff began his tenure at ASU Mid-South in 2007, as an adjunct faculty member in English. Prior to being named Dean of Workforce Education in 2018, Jeff served as Project Manager for the Arkansas Delta Accelerating Pathways Together (ADAPT) grant, awarded to the five-college Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium (ADTEC), of which ASU Mid-South is a member. He also served for eight years as Lead Instructor of Communications, Developmental Communications, Fine Arts, and Humanities. Gray was recognized by his peers with NISOD Faculty of the Year honors in 2013. In 2017, he, along with colleagues in developmental math and the Barbara C. Baxter Learning Success Center at ASU Mid-South, received the Innovation of the Year Award from the League for Innovation in the Community College. Just last year, he was named to the National Council of Instructional Administrators' Rising Star Institute.

**New Concurrent Partnership**

ASU Mid-South is proud to announce a new partnership with the Arkansas Virtual Academy (ARVA), which will allow ARVA students to earn concurrent credit for articulated courses taken at ASU Mid-South. ARVA is an online K-12 public charter school, serving students across the state of Arkansas. This partnership will broaden our audience for the delivery of concurrent credit coursework.

**Athletics Update**

The NJCAA has limited the 2020-21 season to 22 games (down from 30) and pushed the season back to the spring semester. Games will begin on January 20 and the national tournaments are currently scheduled to be played April 20-24.

The Greyhounds return four lettermen and one starter from a team that went 25-8 last season and won its fourth straight Region 2 Championship. Four of five sophomores graduated, and all five have moved on to four-year colleges: NJCAA All-American Jalen Lynn is playing at UAPB; First Team All-Region guard Ike Moore is at Pittsburg State University in Kansas; Second Team All-Region forward Zach Byrd is playing at the University of the Ozarks in Clarksville; and 6'7" forwards Christian White and Garret Finley are at Central Baptist College in Conway.

The Greyhounds welcome back starter J.T. Smith at point guard, along with sixth man Kevin Fulton and 6'5" guards Kylon McCullough and Monroe Carr. They will join nine freshmen highlighted by 6A All-State player Spencer Simes from North Little Rock High School, 6A State Tournament MVP Jeremiah Jones from Little Rock Central, 4A All-State forward Sam Smith from Arkadelphia, All-Conference forward Jacob Hudson from Cabot, and Memphis City Championship MVP Torien Stewart from Southwind High School.

The Lady Greyhounds return four starters and six players overall, bringing with them the most experience in the last six seasons, and high hopes to be poised for the best season in school history. First Team All-Region center Aaliyah Lee is back, along with Second Team All-Region guard Ashley Pegue, and starters Cierra Penn and Kaylan Larry. Alindavia Lockett and Jaquita Caldwell also return as the Lady Greyhounds welcome five freshman – including Keiana Delaney from Marion – and transfer, Meleanna Williams, who should help bolster the roster.

### **University and College Designers Association Awards**

ASU Mid-South received honorable mention recognition in two categories – In-House Print and Special Event Invitation – at the 2020 University and College Designers Association Awards. The awards were given for the invitation to the 2020 Thomas B. Goldsby Wild Game Dinner and Silent Auction. ASU Mid-South was recognized alongside other award winners, including Auburn University School of Industrial and Graphic Design, Boston University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Maryland College of Art. We are thrilled that our talented Graphics Designer Pete Sullivan has been recognized nationally for his work, which is consistently outstanding.

### **Grants Update**

#### **▪ Student Support Services**

On August 5, 2020, ASU Mid-South was notified that it had been selected to receive continued funding under the federal TRiO Student Support Services program in the amount of \$335,086.00. This amount is for the first year of a five-year grant (09/01/2020 through 08/31/2021). The purpose of the Student Support Services Program (SSS) is to provide academic and other support services to low-income, first-generation, or disabled college students to increase our students' retention and graduation rates, facilitate their transfer from two-year to four-year colleges, and foster an institutional climate supportive of the success of low-income and first-generation college students and individuals with disabilities.

- **Strengthening Minority-Serving Institutions**

On August 5, ASU Mid-South was notified that it had received an unexpected sixth year of funding for its federal Strengthening Minority-Serving Institutions (also known as the Predominantly Black Institutions or PBI) Grant. The original five-year cycle for that grant was previously slated to end on September 30, 2020. The amount to be awarded for the extended period (10/1/2020- 9/30/2021) will be \$599,996.

**Recognition**

ASU Mid-South was recently notified that it is one of the top finalists in the *2020 Memphis Flyer's* "Best of Memphis Readers' Poll," in the Best Regional College category. The *Memphis Flyer* is Memphis's alternative newsweekly, serving the Memphis metro area of nearly a million residents. Voting will take place on Memphisflyer.com from August 26 through September 16.

**Think Tank Membership**

Dr. West, Chancellor of ASU Mid-South, was recently appointed to a think tank, established by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, to develop strategies to support *Closing the Gap: A Master Plan for Higher Education in Arkansas*. This think tank is charged with work related to Workforce and Economic Development, primarily setting targets by region for credential attainment, along with action items designed to accomplish those goals. Also serving is Jeff Hankins, Vice President of Strategic Communications for the ASU System.

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- Arkansas State University Three Rivers (ASU Three Rivers) received news concerning our Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) liability. Prior to joining the Arkansas State University System, our OPEB liability had increased to approximately \$5,300,000, due to Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) accounting rules. This phantom liability gave the false impression that the college had a negative financial position. Much of the liability came from the college's involvement in the state of Arkansas health insurance plan. The OPEB liability was one of the incentives for the college's board to investigate alignment. Since joining the ASU System and moving to its health insurance plan, our OPEB liability has dropped from approximately \$5,300,000 to approximately \$760,000. This is great news for our institution.
- ASU Three Rivers received a grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC) to begin renovation of the Historic Ritz Theatre. The grant for the first phase totals \$663,000. The architect and contractor for this phase have been identified. Step one is asbestos abatement, which should begin in September.
- On August 25, Governor Asa Hutchinson held his daily COVID-19 update on the ASU Three Rivers campus in the Joe Keith Great Room. Prior to the press conference, Governor Hutchinson held a meeting with local leaders to discuss the challenges of the pandemic, along with other issues in Hot Spring County. Also in attendance were Congressman Bruce Westerman, State Senator Alan Clark, and State Representative Ken Bragg.
- The Higher Learning Commission will conduct a follow-up visit on our alignment with the ASU System on September 21, 2020. The visit has been reduced to a one-day schedule with minimal campus interruptions.
- On August 18, we held our fall in-service meeting for all faculty and staff. It was conducted in a blended format, with some in-person attendance in our Keith Great Room but with the majority watching and participating through Zoom. Dr. Chuck Welch kicked off the morning with an ASU System update. Dr. Lonnie Williams, Interim Vice Chancellor for Diversity, Inclusion and Community Engagement and Special Assistant to the Chancellor of A-State, presented a session on racial inclusion and understanding.
- A new phone system has been installed on campus. This system has several advanced features that will allow employees to access their office phone from any computer or cell phone. This will be a big advantage if the need arises to have employees work remotely. The new telephone system will pay for itself in 18 months, as a result of the cost difference.
- Because of the partnership with Henderson State University, ASU Three Rivers will see an increase of approximately 600 students in our concurrent credit program. With consent from the school districts, Benton, Bryant, and Sheridan, concurrent credit classes shifted from being offered through HSU and

are now being offered through ASU Three Rivers. This would not have been possible without the support and cooperation of the ASU System.

- West Fraser training has resumed and increased. Special travel and housing arrangements are being made due to the pandemic.
- Drive-through commencement ceremonies took place on July 24 and 25. Separate ceremonies were held for practical nursing, registered nursing, associate and certificate graduates, and adult education completers. Although the ceremonies went very smoothly, it is our hope that this will be the only time our graduation ceremonies are conducted in this way.
- ASU Three Rivers received its final financial audit as an independent institution. There were no major findings. In the future, our audit will be a part of the ASU System audit.
- We are surviving the challenges of COVID 19. As of this report, we have had five employees and three students test positive for the virus. Appropriate measures were taken with those who had exposure to these individuals.
- The campus totally lost power for four days after the Easter Sunday storm. A generator has been installed to ensure our network infrastructure and business office operations can continue in case of a future power outage.