

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM
Capital Projects Report
June 3, 2021

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

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

PROJECT TITLE	FUNDS AVAILABLE	STATUS
Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications	\$6,343,509	Construction Phase
Campus Site Lighting - Phase II	\$450,000	Construction Phase
Armory Roof	\$1,000,000	Substantially Complete
Fine Arts 3D Studio	\$7,000,000	Substantially Complete
Dyess Research Center	\$512,000	Substantially Complete
Agri Boiler Replacement	\$256,135	Project Closeout
Fine Arts ADA	\$280,000	Bid Phase
Campus Building Entrance Security – Phase I	\$467,340	Construction Phase
Campus Learning Spaces Renovation	\$250,000	Construction Phase
Lab Sciences West 2nd Floor Renovations	\$172,043	Project Closeout
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Lab Sciences West Ste. 154 and 1st Floor Renovations	\$380,900	Project Closeout
Ed Comm Classroom Renovations	\$350,000	Construction Phase
Fowler Center Boiler	\$127,995	Construction Phase
Nursing Elevator	\$317,216	Construction Phase
Library Cooling Towers	\$515,985	Construction Phase
Student Union Cooling Towers	\$593,090	Construction Phase
Agri Meat Lab	\$555,556	Design Phase
Arkansas Hall Fan Coils	\$286,000	Design Phase
University Hall Fan Coils	\$280,000	Design Phase
Collegiate Park Stairs Bldg 3 and 6	\$269,144	Construction Phase
Collegiate Park HVAC	\$222,000	Construction Phase
LSW 4 th Floor Biology Labs	\$245,000	Design Phase
Football Practice Field	\$157,400	Construction Phase

1. Village Apartments Repairs and ADA Modifications

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

Status: The project scope addresses the following three distinct areas: (1) Village Apartments' interior ADA modifications (Phase I); (2) Village Apartments' exterior ADA modifications (Phase II); and (3) Village Apartments' exterior repairs. Phases I and II are complete. Exterior building repairs to the Village began in June 2014 with an ASU projects crew. This work will be phased over multiple years, but the projected completion date is planned for November 2022.

2. 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, began work Fall 2020, with completion expected by Fall 2021.

3. Armory Roof

Architect/Engineer: Morris and Associates
Contractor: Wallace Construction
Expected Completion: Fall 2021
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 completed. A portion of the building's windows will be replaced for energy efficiency in Fall 2021.

4. 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 an outdoor service yard. Total heated/cooled square footage is anticipated to be 17,500 square feet, with 8,500 square-feet of a partially covered, outdoor service yard. Clark Contractors completed sub-contractor bidding and provided an amended Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP) in October 2019. An abatement scope and the demolition of houses were both completed by May 2020. Construction of the 3D studio began in early Summer 2020, with an anticipated completion date of Spring 2021.

5. Dyess Research Center

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: May 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 completed in May 2021.

6. 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 substantially complete.

7. Fine Arts ADA

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

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

8. Campus Building Entrance Security – Phase I

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: September 2021
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.

9. 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 phases. The project scope will address multiple campus student-learning-space renovations and upgrades.

10. 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.

11. 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.

12. 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 project is in closeout.

13. Ed Comm-7 Classroom Renovations

Architect/Engineer: In-sourced Staff
Contractor: In-sourced Staff/Various Subcontractors
Expected Completion: TBD
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 will include interior finishes and IT upgrades. The construction phase will be complete November 2021.

14. 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 construction phase, with construction planned for Summer 2021.

15. Nursing Elevator

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Summer 2021
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The existing elevator in the Nursing building is beyond its useful age and has become a maintenance issue. Due to the age of the existing fire alarm systems, they will also have to be replaced, in order for the fire alarm and elevator to meet the current fire-safety codes. This project is currently in construction phase.

16. Library Cooling Towers

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: RGB Mechanical
Expected Completion: July 2021
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The existing cooling towers that serve the LRC and Library buildings are beyond their useful age and have become a maintenance issue. This project is currently in construction phase.

17. Student Union Cooling Towers

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit
Contractor: RGB Mechanical
Expected Completion: July 2021
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The existing cooling towers, which serve the Student Union building, are beyond their useful age and have become a maintenance issue. This project is currently in construction phase.

18. Agri Meat Lab

Architect/Engineer: Steiling Architecture
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: December 2021
Funding: Grant-funded

Status: The scope of this project is to use the grant funding to upgrade the equipment and the facility to a USDA inspected facility. The expected completion date is December of 2021.

19. Arkansas Hall Fan Coils

Architect/Engineer: Pettit & Pettit Engineers
Contractor: RGB Mechanical / Other
Expected Completion: Summer 2023
Funding: TBD

Status: The scope is to replace the existing fan coil units with new units. This will be a multi-year phased project.

20. 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.

21. Collegiate Park Stairs Bldg. 3 and 6

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: November 2021
Funding: University Reserves

Status: The scope is to replace the risers and stair pans and to repair damaged stair towers. Work is scheduled for Summer 2021.

22. Collegiate Park HVAC

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

Status: The scope is to replace the existing R-22 units with new 14 SEER R-410A units. This will be a multi-year phased project.

23. LSW 4th Floor Biology Labs

Architect/Engineer: N/A
Contractor: Baldwin & Shell
Expected Completion: November 2021
Funding: University Funds

Status: The scope is to renovate Rooms 433 and 434 at Lab Science West into new laboratories for the Biology Department. This work is scheduled for Summer 2021.

24. Football Practice Field

Architect/Engineer: Pickering Firm Inc.
Contractor: In-house
Expected Completion: November 2021
Funding: Arkansas State University Foundation

Status: The scope of this project is to construct a new practice field north of the current SAC facility. Facilities in-house grounds and project teams will be performing this work. This project is currently in the construction phase and is scheduled for completion for Summer 2021.

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	Construction
ASUMH Amphitheatre	\$700,000	Planning
ASUMH Digital Sign	\$250,000	Planning

1. ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail

Architect/Engineer: Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
Contractor: TBD
Expected Completion: Fall 2021
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 Summer 2021.

2. ASUMH Amphitheatre

Architect/Engineer: TBD
 Contractor: TBD
 Expected Completion: Summer 2021
 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.

3. ASUMH Digital Signage

Architect/Engineer; Polk, Stanley, Wilcox
 Contractor: TBD
 Expected Completion: Summer 2021
 Funding: Private Donations & University Reserves

Status: The project is managed by the on-call architect. An anticipated completion date is Summer 2021.

ASU-NEWPORT

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

1. ASUN Agricultural Technology Facilities

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

Status: This 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

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

ASU THREE RIVERS

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase I	\$663,263	Complete
ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase II	\$872,000	Design Phase

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. Construction began in December 2020, with Phase I renovations completed by April 2021.

2. ASUTR Ritz Theatre Renovation – Phase II

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects
Contractor: Clark Contractors, LLC
Expected Completion: May 2022
Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant, awarded by the Arkansas Department of Heritage, will fund Phase II renovations, which include installing new electrical and plumbing systems and replacing mechanical room structure.

HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY

<u>PROJECT TITLE</u>	<u>FUNDS AVAILABLE</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
Charles and Anita Cabe Student-Athlete Success Center	\$1,372,775	Substantially Complete
Captain Henderson House	\$ 586,688	Construction

1. Charles and Anita Cabe Student-Athlete Success Center

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects/Pettit and Pettit
Contractor: Hart Construction
Expected Completion: Spring 2021
Funding: Private Donation

Status: The new 4,230-square-foot Charles and Anita Cabe Student-Athlete Success Center, which houses a study center, computer lab, and advising office for student athletes, is substantially complete.

2. Captain Henderson House

Architect/Engineer: SCM Architects

Contractor: Kinco Construction

Expected Completion: June 2021

Funding: Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources (ANCRC) Grant

Status: The ANCRC grant is funding repairs, including pillar reinforcement, roof replacement, porch and window repairs, and painting. Construction began February 2021 and is projected to be completed in June.

**Arkansas State University System
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June 3, 2021**

ASU SYSTEM FOUNDATION, INC.

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For the period ending April 30, 2021 (unaudited), the Arkansas State University System Foundation recorded gifts and other support of \$10,335,111.

Contributions were designated as follows:

ASU-Jonesboro	\$9,152,271
ASU-Mountain Home	165,739
ASU-Beebe	81,478
ASU-Newport	229,449
ASU-Three Rivers	658,173
ASU System Foundation	48,000

The Foundation reported net assets of \$117,795,442, representing an increase of 27.27% for the period ending April 30, 2021.

The market value of the ASU System Foundation Endowment Pool for the period ending April 30, 2021, was \$106,020,461.

The net rate of return for the period ending April 30, 2021, was 23.20%.

Endowment balances designated per campus are as follows:

Jonesboro	\$89,671,320
Mountain Home	6,007,227
Beebe	2,337,047
Newport	2,711,484
Three Rivers	703,311
Red Wolves Foundation	2,156,849
System Foundation	2,433,223
Total	<u>\$106,020,461</u>

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COMMUNICATIONS AND MARKETING

University Communications:

- As part of the *Discover 2025* Strategic Plan, the final editions of the First Friday video series was completed, covering each of the five plan pillars.
- On-campus communication, related to changes in the A-State's COVID-19 response, remained a high priority during the first three months of the year.
- Over the span of a ten-day period, emergency communications, related to a series of three winter storms, resulted in additional messaging to assist the campus community with a return to remote instruction.
- In support of Enrollment Management, a targeted digital advertising campaign began utilizing a third-party agency with a focus on locating new prospects for Fall 2021, as well as assisting with "closing" existing recruits. Initial metrics are showing better than industry average for interaction and click-thru rates.

Digital Creative Services:

- The Digital Creative staff assisted in the data collection and communication for three on-campus COVID vaccination clinics for eligible A-State employees and students.
- Special welcome videos for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and for Black History Month were completed to assist with the Multicultural Center's events, including a five-part Black History Month Living Legends series.
- In support of messaging via direct email, Digital Creative sent more than 1.3 million emails as a part of 286 campaigns that represented a 111% increase over the previous quarter's direct email. In spite of the volume, the average open rate remained high at 41.4%.

Creative Media Services:

- During the first quarter of the year, Creative Media completed 266 jobs for on-campus clients, notably promotional posters and collateral materials for Athletics' winter sports.
- Creative Media began the process of retooling printed materials for Enrollment Management's "Red Wolves on the Ridge" recruitment events.

- A new brochure, highlighting on-campus living areas, was completed for Residential Life, along with additional posters to promote upcoming second quarter on-campus activities for the Leadership Center.

ATHLETICS

Athletics Administration:

- Tom Bowen, a 25-year veteran leader in collegiate and professional athletics who owns nearly 15 years of experience as a Football Bowl Subdivision (FBS) athletics director, was named Vice Chancellor for Intercollegiate Athletics.
- A-State implemented a new rewards-based, priority points system for football season ticket holders and Red Wolves Foundation donors. This system includes a key initiative to offer equitable distribution of game tickets for the first-ever contest between the Arkansas State and the University of Arkansas football teams in 2025.
- Shining a spotlight on one of the most impactful ways to support its student-athletes, A-State created the “Pack of Champions Scholarship Fund,” The Fund will provide donors with special benefits, while assisting the academic and athletic endeavors of current and future Red Wolves.
- Hosting the ninth annual “State Awards,” the Arkansas State Athletics Department brought all of the Red Wolves together at First National Bank Arena to celebrate their academic success, athletic achievements, and community service for the 2020-21 year.
- Ron Carroll was elevated to Assistant Athletics Director for Sports Medicine, joining the Red Wolves’ senior administrative leadership team.

Football:

- Tukua Ahoia, Forrest Merrill, and Seth Cottengim were named to the 2021 National Football Foundation & College Football Hall of Fame (NFF) Hampshire Honor Society.
- The Red Wolves wrapped up their first spring camp under head coach Butch Jones, holding their Pack Day Spring Game at Centennial Bank Stadium.

Men’s Basketball:

- Freshman forward Norchad Omier became the first Arkansas State player since 2014 to be named to the Sun Belt Conference All-Tournament Team. He was also named the Sun Belt Conference’s Freshman of the Year and he was named First Team All-Sun Belt Conference. Senior guard Marquis Eaton was tabbed Second Team All-Sun Belt Conference.
- Omier was named to the Kyle Macey Freshman All-America Team.

- Eaton and Omier were both named to the National Association of Basketball Coaches (NABC) Second Team All-District 23.
- Omier represented Nicaragua in the FIBA World Cup Pre-Qualifiers.

Women's Bowling:

- The Red Wolves made their 13th consecutive appearance in the NCAA Championship, where they tied their best finish in school history as national runner-up.
- Justin Kostick was named the Southland Bowling League Coach of the Year.
- Taylor Davis and Faith Welch were named First Team All-Region by the National Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA).
- Davis, Welch, Brooklyn Boudreau, and Sarah Sanes were all named to the All-Southland Bowling League Team.
- Boudreau was named to the inaugural Ten Pin Coaches Association (NTCA) All-Freshman Team.

Men's Golf:

- The Red Wolves were selected to play in the NCAA Division I Men's Golf Championships, and competed May 17-19 in the Noblesville Regional, hosted by Ball State University at the Sagamore Club. They placed seventh in the regional event, their highest finish ever. After back-to-back six-under rounds to finish the tournament (both school record low rounds in a regional), senior Zan Luka Stirn finished third in the field, the highest individual finish in a regional in program history.

Track & Field:

- Jim Patchell was named the Sun Belt Conference Men's and Women's Indoor Track & Field Coach of the Year, marking the 11th time he has received the recognition for both indoor and outdoor combined.
- Thirteen members of their men's team and 12 student-athletes from their women's team were named All-Sun Belt Conference for the indoor season.
- The men's and women's teams swept the Sun Belt Conference Outdoor Championships, repeating their success at the Indoor Championships earlier this spring.
- The men's and women's teams are sending 18 athletes to compete in the NCAA regional championship in College Station, TX.

Cross Country:

- Bennett Pascoe became the first student-athlete from the men's program to ever qualify for the NCAA Cross Country Championship after earning an automatic bid for winning the individual Sun Belt Conference title.
- Both the men's and women's programs were tabbed an USTFCCA All-Academic Team for the second year in a row. Bennett Pasco, Pauline Meyer, and Sophie Leathers earned All-Academic Athlete honors.

UNIVERSITY ADVANCEMENT

Advancement Services:

- For the third quarter of the fiscal year, January 1, 2021 through March 31, 2021, the University recorded a total of 6,699 gifts and commitments from 2,656 individual donors for a total of \$1,427,825. The overall giving amount includes outright donations of cash, gifts-in-kind, planned gifts, and new pledges. The overall numbers do not include the Day of Giving totals or a new commitment from the Windgate Foundation. Those figures will be reported in the fourth quarter.

Alumni Relations:

- Homecoming is set for November 6, 2021. The Distinguished Alumni awards dinner will be held on the evening of November 5, 2021, at the Cooper Alumni Center.
- Thanks to those who have purchased the License2Howl plate, seven seniors from around the state now have a reason to HOWL. The following students are the recipients of the 2021 License2HOWL scholarships: Sydney Green of Jonesboro High School, Kandace Kirkman of Marion High School, Ashlyn McLain of Marvell Academy, Catelyn Parker of Carlisle High School, Hannah Rainwater of Nettleton High School, Jonathan Schaufler of Salem High School, and Kylee Wood of Cedar Ridge High School. These students were selected from approximately 240 applicants from across the state.
- The A-State vs. UCA membership drive will continue in 2021. In 2020, we garnered 420 memberships compared to UCA's 192 memberships.
- Alumni Association membership numbers continue to grow. The third quarter report shows a 39 percent overall increase from the previous year's third quarter. Memberships among those who graduated in the last five years increased by 23 percent.
- The Alumni Association has partnered with Publishing Concepts Inc. (PCI) on an oral history project for the University. PCI is collecting stories from alumni about their time at A-State, as well as updating/verifying contact information. As of April 20, there have been 4,860 respondents, from which 3,547 stories have been

collected, along with 1,274 new emails, 522 new home addresses, and 3,145 new cell phone numbers.

DIVERSITY, INCLUSION, AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Access and Accommodation Services:

- Student engagement-events:
 - From April through mid-May, there were 26 additional accommodation letters for students sent out to faculty.
 - From April 12-15, Access and Accommodation Services (A&AS) hosted Disability Awareness Week (virtually). Feedback from all events was positive, particularly the accessibility panel discussion held on April 12 and the “How to Be a Disability Ally” social media campaign held on April 14.
- Workshops and training:
 - The Senior Associate Director met with Kerry Tew from online programs on April 2 to act as a consultant for the new A-State EduCare Mentoring Program for students on the Autism Spectrum. Discussion focused on aspects of the A&AS Mentoring Program and how to tailor it for the online EduCare Program.
 - The A&AS staff participated in virtual training titled, “Why Digital Accessibility Is Essential in Higher Education,” on April 27. The webinar focused on the importance of Digital Accessibility for all students, not just those with disabilities.
- Testing Center:
 - There were 101 accommodation exams scheduled in the month of April. This is 31 more than the same time last semester, which keeps with the trend this semester of increased utilization of testing services.
 - There were 83 final exams facilitated during the first week of May.
 - The Golf Cart Transportation Program made 95 contacts during the month of April and through May 15.
- Other initiatives:
 - A&AS staff met with Facilities Management on April 19 to discuss renovations to testing spaces to make spaces more conducive and applicable to our testing needs.
 - Dominique White sits on the scholarship committee for the Ruby I. Reng Memorial Scholarship, a privately funded endowed scholarship. Three

students registered with Access and Accommodation Services were given this award.

- Rebecca Oliver (Honor's College) has agreed to help with our continued pilot of Sonocent, a note-taking app program.
- Bryan "Jordan" Carmer, A&AS Testing Coordinator, was awarded the Distinguished Performance Award-Outstanding Part-Time Employee.

AmeriCorps:

- **Staff Development:**
 - From March through May 14, the directors of the AmeriCorps program and Community Engagement attended four virtual workshops, hosted by EngageAr, and the 2021 National Service Training Virtual Conference, hosted by America's Service Commissions.

Beck Center for Veterans:

- The Beck Center for Veterans moved to the Administration Annex building.
- The Beck Center for Veterans newsletter has been distributed to veteran organizations in Northeast Arkansas and to veteran students on other A-State campuses.
- Student Veteran Organization president, Jonathon Mullins, received a grant for \$800 from the SGA Action Fund Committee.
- A graduation drop-in was held on May 4. Veteran students, who were graduating, received their challenge coin and cord for their robes, reflecting military service.
- The following classes/events are being held in the Beck Center:
 - The guitar class for veterans is being promoted and resumed. Five members have joined, and the class meets in a combination of Zoom and face-to-face interactions with COVID precautions on Thursdays.
 - The Anger Management Group resumed and has six participants.
 - The Stress Management and Time Management Group has four participants.
 - The Service Dog Training class has moved to Thursdays.
 - The Service Dog Support Group meets every third Monday.
 - The Put Off Procrastinating Group has six participants.
 - A Support Group for Women with Significant Others with PTSD is meeting with five participants.
 - The Combat Support Group, supported by the Memphis Vet Center, meets by phone on Thursdays at noon.
 - The PTSD Group is meeting weekly and has six participants.
 - Individual visits to the Beck Center for Veterans' dayroom in April totaled 173.

- We promoted the Food Bank for Veterans, which is offered bimonthly by the Jonesboro VFW Chapter and the Elks Lodge.
- The Director attended monthly/quarterly meetings to promote the Beck Center for Veterans with veterans' groups in Northeast Arkansas. This includes the Craighead County Veterans' Monument Foundation (CCVMF), Veterans Action Group, DAV, VFW, Military Officers Association (MOAA), Purple Heart Association, and American Legion.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Career Services:

- Career Services moved from the Advancement Division to the Division of Student Affairs this spring as part of an effort to better serve our students.
- On March 10, Career Services hosted the Spring Career Fair in the online Handshake portal, with 70 vendors and 503 students registered. Handshake is an online job-search program that our students use to start their careers post-graduation. There were 383 session sign-ups and 671 unique student-employer connections facilitated.
 - The following are the updates in the Handshake portal:
 - 3,088 registered students (all-time users)
 - 866 student applications submitted (March – present)
 - 10,514 approved jobs posted (March – present)
 - 485 approved employers (March – present)
- On April 22, we hosted the Student Employee of the Year Program. Campus supervisors nominated 15 outstanding students. Danny Vivar, from University Housing won Student Employee of the Year, and Taillor Lockhart, from Childhood Services/Child Development and Research Center won First Runner-up.
- We conducted 143 resume reviews, 117 mock interviews, and 15 cover letter reviews.
- We spoke to 323 students during classroom presentations and workshops.
- Career Services partnered with the Multicultural Center to host the annual Women in the Workplace Workshop.
- We partnered with Development to host the inaugural Alumni Speaker Workshop.
- We hosted the inaugural Nonprofit Leadership Development Workshop.
- We attended the following conferences:
 - Cooperative Education and Internship Association Conference, April 2021
 - Arkansas Association of Colleges and Employers Conference, May 2021
- Approximately 445 students were awarded Federal Work-Study for the Fall 2020 – Spring 2021.

Campus Recreation:

- Despite COVID-19-related limitations on in-person interactions, more than 900 students participated in group fitness classes throughout the Spring 2021 semester. The “Fit Six Challenge” was hosted during the spring semester, and students participated in the fitness tracking program to improve overall health and wellness.
- Intramural Sports offered bowling, soccer, and softball for students during the month of April.
- Campus Recreation and University Housing hosted “Run with the Red Wolves 5K” in April for current students.
- Club Sports updates:
 - The Fishing Club competed in three tournaments in March 2021 and April 2021.
 - Women’s Softball Club qualified for the National Club Softball Association World Series (May 20-23, 2021) for the eighth consecutive year.
 - Jake Mizell was hired in March 2021 to serve as the Rugby Head Coach. TJ van Rensburg (Johannesburg, South Africa) was named a top-four finalist for the Collegiate Rugby Player of the Year. The current rugby team roster includes members from the United Kingdom, France, Italy, South Africa, Australia, Spain, Barbados, Zimbabwe, and the United States.
 - A-State Cheer and Dance hosted 11 community appearances and events from March 2021-May 2021.
 - A-State Spirit Squads competed in the 2021 National Cheer Association/National Dance Association College Nationals in Daytona Beach, FL in April 2021. Cheer placed second in team competition, while Dance placed fourth in Pom and fifth in Jazz. All three results were their highest finishes in program history for each category.

Student Conduct:

- During the 2020-2021 academic year, Student Conduct met with 859 students due to conduct referrals submitted by the campus community.
- The top three themes this year were alcohol violations, guest visitation policy violations, and unauthorized building entrance violations.

University Housing:

- Housing collaborated with academic departments to create two new living-learning communities for the coming fall semester: Art+Design and Music.
- Arkansas Hall is transitioning from an all-male, freshman residence hall to a primarily single-occupancy co-ed residential facility for all classifications.

- We have identified several priority projects for summer maintenance and upgrades, which include new flooring in Arkansas Hall, new window shades in University Hall and Arkansas Hall, a Collegiate Park landscape update, refinished stairwells for two buildings at Collegiate Park, and general room maintenance for each community.
- Housing is partnering with Facilities and Landscaping to improve curb appeal for each community.
- Following a pre-COVID-19 trend, incoming students are requesting more private living spaces. First-year student community configurations are being converted to accommodate more single-room options.

Leadership Center:

- The annual Student Leader Retreat was held in May. The following topics were discussed during the student-development program: event planning, conflict management skills, communication skills, collaboration skills, relationship building, and diversity training. The following student leadership groups participated: Student Government Association, Student Activities Board, Volunteer A-State, Greek Councils, Pack Leaders, and Multicultural Ambassadors.
- A “Greek Life to Real Life” event was held in April for juniors and seniors. Topics included career-services skill building, the transition from college life to work life, and financial-management tips.
- The Office of Greek Life collaborated with Dyad Strategies to assess Greek student engagement. Assessment findings are evaluated and shared with the Greek chapter leadership.
- The annual “Greek Awards” program was held in April. The virtual ceremony highlighted the accomplishments of chapters and academic success of member.
- Phi Delta Theta fraternity received a campus charter in April and Sigma Iota Alpha Latina sorority colonized on campus in Spring 2021.
- New Student Orientation sessions are scheduled for May and June. Each academic college will host a session to offer academic success strategies, tips for transitioning the college life and highlight campus programs and services to incoming students and parents.
- The Student Activities Board hosted several in-person and virtual programs: “Day at the Park” for A-State Baseball, “Red Wolf Swap” rummage sale, Spaces Tournament, Earth Day, educational speaker Coach Carter, and Fire Fest (food truck and live performers).

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

First National Bank Arena (FNBA):

- We hosted held several high school graduations in May.
- We were named “2021 Best Event Venue in NEA” by *Premiere Magazine*.
- Several events that were postponed because of COVID-19 have now been rescheduled, including concerts by Toby Keith (August 14) and Lauren Daigle (October 15).
- We are starting to see more interest in booking concerts and other events in Summer and Fall 2021, with even more interest shown for bookings in 2022. We will be announcing several new events soon.

Facilities Management (FM):

- Capital Projects & Capital Renewal Projects: We have several projects in planning, bidding, execution, or close-out phases, including: the Campus Building Exterior Access Controls for academic core buildings (Q4-2021 initiation); Phases II Multi-use Trail (Q4 2021 completion); and Nursing Building elevator modernization (Q3 2021).
- Centennial Stadium North End Zone Club and Operations Building: Final site work began in March 2021 for a single Football Practice Field. The field will be ready for use by late Summer 2021.
- Windgate 3D Arts Building: The Windgate Foundation provided a gift for a new 3-dimensional arts studio. Building completion is on schedule for completion (Q2 2021).
- COVID-19 Response: Facilities Management reconfigured more than 280 learning spaces for physical distancing in response to COVID-19. Our revised Return to Learn plan has required us to begin returning classrooms, public/office spaces to pre-COVID-19 occupancy densities (Q2-2021 and Q3-2021).

Budget Planning/Development:

- Because of our conservative budgeting and reduced spending in FY21, we have sufficient funds available to propose a modest, one-time, merit-based bonus for eligible employees (while also adding funds to our reserves).
- The planning and compilation stages of FY22 budget development are complete for the ASU campus.
- The budget includes Category A and B of the state allocation with the anticipation of flat tuition revenue. Category C is not currently included in the A-State budget for FY22.
- Modest merit increases, promotion increases, and equity raises have been proposed for FY22. Full funding of the calendar year 2021 healthcare increase is

also budgeted. Inflationary cost increases in property and liability insurance and deferred maintenance funds are budgeted as well.

- A-State will again hold back 20% of permanently budgeted, part-time labor, supplies and services, travel, and capital funds. We will also maintain a thorough position review, prior to approving the backfill of vacant positions. The University will undergo an in-depth review of budgeted funds and analyze and continue to identify funding efficiencies beginning in August, 2021.

Environmental Health and Safety:

- Melissa Dooley was hired as the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.
- A new process of recording and evaluating incidents was developed and implemented. This process includes documenting both medical and non-medical incidents.
- The Annual Storm Water Report was submitted to the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ), and we recently received notice that it was approved.

Payroll Services:

- Payroll Services continue to assist the Banner consultant and other campuses with questions on Banner implementation process.

Red Wolf Wellness:

- The staff created and offered a six-week, A-State Faculty & Staff Transformation Challenge for 60 faculty and staff members.
- We hosted the A-State Faculty & Staff Team Step Challenge for 20 teams and 105 individuals over a four-week period. Gift cards were earned by top teams, and for individuals, along with random drawings.

Training & Development:

- Human Resources hosted 78 new staff members for orientation for the months of January – March 2021, including a dedicated orientation for new football coaching staff.
- We assisted with coordinating volunteers for two community vaccine clinics.
- There were continued improvements in Taleo Learn and preliminary planning for a Supervisor Training Program.

University Safety and Emergency Management (USEM):

- Plans were reviewed (or guidance provided) to all University-sponsored events submitted to the campus community calendar, in accordance with ongoing

changes to COVID-19 guidelines, resulting in an effectively phased approach to event requests and approval consistent with ADH guidance.

- The Safety Officer/Emergency Manager worked with various departments on campus to plan, implement, and evaluate COVID-19 vaccination clinics for A-State employees.

Information and Technology (ITS):

- All campuses are participating in set-up and training for the new ERP and the process. The focus is on the Finance module that goes live in July. All campuses are on schedule. The Financial Aid module is scheduled to go live in October, and HR and Student modules are on schedule for January 2022.
- Work continued on updates to campus WiFi access points, security cameras, and switch gear. The work on installation and updates to classroom audio-visual equipment continues.
- The weekly calls with all System campuses continued. The process of working through support of all ERP efforts, and other collaborative efforts, has been productive in budgeting and reducing costs towards the next fiscal year. A coordinated effort to hire an additional IT Security analyst to provide training, support, and monitoring across all campuses is underway. Help desk, networking, and other common functions are being reviewed to create synergy and further reduce costs going forward.

Fiscal Operations:

- The request for proposals (RFP) for bookstore services was issued earlier this year, and a committee representing faculty, staff, and students convened to review the proposals submitted by seven vendors. Textbook Brokers was selected as the vendor to meet the requirements of all stakeholders, and contract negotiations are currently underway. The new arrangement is scheduled to begin on July 1, 2021.

Delta Center for Economic Development:

- The Delta Center began a monthly podcast on economic development in the Arkansas delta. The podcast is available on Anchor by Spotify, and it is also shared on social media. We also has started publishing a monthly newsletter that includes economic development tips, best practices, and resources.
- We finalized planning/agenda for nine training and resource workshops around the state scheduled for late summer or early fall. The workshops are part of the Arkansas Recovery and Resiliency Initiative, funded by the U.S. Economic Development Administration, and will provide speakers and instruction on building resiliency.

University Police Department (UPD):

- All sworn personnel have completed training in racial profiling, ethics, and mental-health-related responses.
- Communications personnel completed a 40-hour telecommunications course offered by the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy. This course prepares participants to handle calls for service efficiently and effectively, while multitasking multiple roles and responsibilities.

Auxiliary Services:

- Sodexo donated and catered lunch for the Staff Appreciation Picnic on May 12 at First National Bank Arena.
- Meal Plan prices will go up an average of \$43.33, due to a contractual 3.7% increase in CPI – Food Away from Home.
- Planning is underway for expected increased seating capacity in both retail areas (FLEX) and the Acansa Dining Hall for post-COVID-19 protocols.
- Negotiations are underway for a contract extension with Coca-Cola Corinth to continue to be the University's exclusive beverage provider.

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND RESEARCH

Academic Affairs and Research:

- We are preparing for the return of normal, academic affairs operations in the Summer and Fall 2021 semesters. Alternate and traditional classrooms are currently being decommissioned for face-to-face instruction in all academic buildings.
- Dr. Fabricio Medina-Bolivar of the Department of Biological Sciences has been appointed as Research Fellow by the Arkansas Research Alliance (ARA). A professor of plant metabolic engineering in the Department of Biological Sciences, Medina-Bolivar joined A-State's faculty in 2005. His research interests include molecular biology, plant biotechnology, plant physiology, and the biological activity of novel natural products. Dr. Medina-Bolivar is A-State's fourth ARA Fellow.
- Five faculty members received 2020-2021 Faculty Achievement Awards. These competitive awards recognize faculty who go above and beyond our core mission of service to our students in the areas of teaching, advising, scholarship and service.
 - Excellence in Advising, Dr. Kellie Wilson-Buford, Department of History
 - Excellence in Professional Service, Dr. Sarah Labovitz, Department of Music
 - Excellence in Teaching, Dr. Rachael Isom, Department of English and Philosophy

- Emerging Faculty Scholar, Dr. Elizabeth Chamberlain, Department of English and Philosophy
- Chancellor's Medal for Research and Creative Activities, Dr. Travis Marsico, Department of Biological Sciences
- Task forces in the areas of general education, program evaluation, and admissions practices are meeting regularly and working on strategic planning.
 - Admissions Policy: This task force was charged to consider admissions criteria that meet the needs of today's diverse body of learners, who, if given a chance, could be successful at A-State. The task force's recommendations have been approved at the institutional-level. If approved by the ASU System Board of Trustees, implementation is set for Fall 2022.
 - General Education: In Fall 2020, this task force (comprised of faculty members and academic chairs) was charged to review current A-State general education goals and outcomes, as well as research general education models across the country. The group met throughout the academic year to determine if A-State's current structure and goals/outcomes maximize the impact of general education, and to recommend any needed changes. The task force submitted a report to the Provost at the end of the fall semester, summarizing findings related to 21st-century skills, such as critical thinking, collaboration, communication, problem-solving, and creativity. The task force is now distributing preliminary ideas for changes to general education to campus constituents. The group will continue to develop these preliminary ideas throughout the summer, with the goal of providing feedback to the campus in Fall 2021.
 - Program Evaluation: This task force was charged with the development of common evaluation metrics that will apply to all undergraduate and graduate programs. The group met throughout Fall 2020 and identified possible metrics that can be used to assess the viability of degree programs. Extensive discussions, regarding program revenue and cost calculations, are under way. Probable metrics have been identified and the task force is currently reviewing test-data runs.

Academic Affairs Events:

- The Faculty Center collaborated with Learning Support Services and University College to design and facilitate a virtual-discussion series focusing on supporting first-year students and helping them develop the skills needed to be successful learners and global citizens.
- The Summer Institute for Faculty Development will take place in June and July. The schedule includes 30 titled options, multi-day workshops, professional-

development sessions, and mentorship and support discussions, focusing on teaching strategies and success in research and publication.

- A-State hosted the sixth annual Learn@State conference on March 17, 2021. Learn@State is a celebration of student learning at A-State, where faculty and staff share student learning and success investigations. Held virtually, 114 faculty, staff, and students attended via Zoom.

Institutional Accreditation:

- A-State will have its eight-year multi-location review in Fall 2021 for the locations where off-campus programs are provided:
 - ASU-Beebe
 - ASU Mid-South
 - ASU-Mountain Home
 - ASU Campus Querétaro, México

Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Actions:

- The following changes were approved by AHECB for A-State at the April 23, 2021, meeting:
 - Reconfiguration of Existing Certificate/Degree Program to Create New Degree
 - B.S., Engineering Technology; B.S., Business Administration, and B.A., Political Science, reconfigured to create B.S., Engineering Management Systems
 - New Certificate Program
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Business Law and Compliance
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Entrepreneurship
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Controls and Automation
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Limited X-Ray Machine Operator
 - Name or CIP Change of Existing Certificate, Degree, Major, Option, or Organizational Unit
 - B.S., Digital Innovations, to be renamed Digital Technology and Design
 - Program Deletion/Inactivation or Reactivation
 - Deletion, Undergraduate Certificate, Free Enterprise
- The following was submitted for first notification to AHECB for A-State at the April 23, 2021, meeting:
 - Letter of Intent – New Degree Program
 - M.S., Nutrition and Dietetics, (MSND)
 - tM.S., Nutrition and Dietetics (tMSND)
- The following will be submitted to the AHECB for A-State at the July 30, 2021, meeting:
 - New Degree Program

- M.S., Nutrition and Dietetics (MSND)
- tM.S., Nutrition and Dietetics (tMSND)
- New Certificate Program
 - Graduate Certificate, Financial Management
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Android Application Development
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Data Visualization and Information Design
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Game Production and Development
 - Undergraduate Certificate, Virtual Reality Content Design and Filmmaking
- Existing Certificate or Degree Program Offered Online
 - M.A., Communication Studies
 - B.S., Health Promotion
 - P.M.C., Adult Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT & GLOBAL OUTREACH

Administration:

- Dr. Thilla Sivakumaran has led our online and international recruitment efforts for several years as Vice Chancellor for the Division of Global Engagement and Outreach (providing oversight for our large online program, international students, and ASUCQ). He has also served as the Interim Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management over the past six months. Given Dr. Sivakumaran's success in both roles, Chancellor Damphousse combined the divisions, and named Dr. Sivakumaran Vice Chancellor for Enrollment Management and Global Outreach. This reduced the size of the cabinet by one vice chancellor and increased cohesion among two divisions that had considerable overlap.

Enrollment:

- Freshmen:
 - We are currently enrolling Fall 2021 freshmen in our New Student Orientation program. Early enrollment projections are well ahead of Fall 2020 and slightly ahead of Fall 2019.
 - Approximately 200 students attended Junior Preview Day.
 - Approximately 240 admitted students and parents attended the Fall 2021 yield event.
- Transfers:
 - Year-to-date comparisons show new transfer enrollment for Fall 2021 is 44% ahead of pace, compared to Fall 2020 new transfers.
- Online:

- Online enrollment for Spring 2021 was 5,724. Our goal is to have 6,000 online students in Fall 2021.
- Year-to-date comparisons show online enrollment for Fall 2021 is 22% ahead of pace, compared to the record Fall 2020 online enrollment.
- International Programs:
 - The enrollment for international students for Spring 2021 was 436.
 - Year-to-date comparisons show international enrollment for Fall 2021 is down 12%, compared to Fall 2020. This continues a nationwide decline in the number of international college students, due in part to COVID-19 and challenges that international students have faced in getting visas.
- Study Abroad:
 - After canceling all Study Abroad Programs in 2020 and 2021, we are preparing for Summer 2022 opportunities, which include the establishment of summer hubs in Tokyo and Edinburgh.
- ASUCQ:
 - All classes in Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 were taught virtually, because of the COVID-19 restrictions placed on universities by the Mexican government.
 - The Spring 2021 enrollment at ASUCQ was 733, continuing our trend of record high enrollments (which is remarkable, given that all classes were taught online).
 - The inaugural commencement ceremony for ASUCQ is set for August 7, 2021, with 41 students scheduled to graduate.
 - In-person labs will be offered on campus in the summer, which will likely allow additional students to graduate in the August ceremony.
 - Despite the number of graduates this summer, we are projecting record enrollment for Fall 2021 (the beginning of our fifth year of operation).

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Dean of Career Education Honored

Dr. Cheryl Wiedmaier, Dean of Career Education, recently received the 2021 National Business Education Association (NBEA) Distinguished Service Award at the organization's annual convention, which was held March 20 – April 2, 2021, in New Orleans. Dr. Wiedmaier was nominated based on outstanding contributions to business education. She has been a member of the NBEA for more than 20 years.

Millan Burrow Memorial Scholarship Established

The family of Millan Burrow established the Millan Burrow Memorial Scholarship at a signing ceremony held April 27, 2021. The scholarship recipient must be a Beebe High School graduate, with a 2.5 grade point average or higher, who has demonstrated community service. The scholarship will be awarded to one full-time freshman, who is pursuing an emphasis in Pharmacy Technology, Pre-Pharmacy, Medical Lab Technology, Veterinary Technology, or to Health Sciences majors. The scholarship is named in honor of the Burrow Family patriarch and community pharmacist Millan Burrow, who purchased the pharmacy in May of 1966. The pharmacy was located where the Beebe Public School bus garage is today, on Center Street near downtown. In 1971, Millan Burrow's son, Joe Burrow, joined the business as a pharmacist, and in 1974, the name was changed from Brook's Drug to Burrow's Drug Store.

Employee Appreciation Celebration

ASU-Beebe employees celebrated each other and recognized years of service and retirements at the Employee Appreciation Celebration event held May 5, 2021. Thirty (30) employees were presented with service pins honoring five-year increments of service of five to 35 years. These employees represented a combined 425 years of service, with 15 of the employees having served 15 or more years. The retirements of 12 employees were also celebrated, with six of those employees having served 20 or more years at ASUB. The celebration also recognized "unsung heroes" for going above and beyond to serve students and each other during the COVID-19 pandemic. The outdoor, socially distanced picnic event was the first full employee, in-person gathering since the Fall 2019 Vanguard Summit.

ASUB Students Shine as Volunteers

Paramedic students from the ASU-Beebe Searcy Campus participated in a class service project on March 8, 2021, cleaning up Riverside Park in Searcy. The eight-hour project involved removing trash and debris throughout the park, along the trails leading beside the river, and up the mountain. The class chose Riverside Park because of its scenic beauty next to the river, and to make it a cleaner, safer place for everyone to enjoy. This paramedic class will graduate in July.

Commencement 2021

After surveying a focus group of Spring 2021 graduates to learn what was important to them about graduation, ASU-Beebe celebrated ten commencement exercises and three health professions ceremonies over four days, May 6 – 10, 2021. The special, condensed ceremonies were live-streamed and allowed graduates to each have four guests present for the events. Dr. Methvin wishes to express her thanks to the ASU System Board of Trustees, Dr. Welch, and Pam Kail for designing a schedule that facilitated System presence at all of the ceremonies across ASU System institutions.

ASUB Academic Program Notifications

- ASUB revised the Technical Certificate in Pre-Health Care Studies to include PSY 2533 Life Span Development as a core option.
- ASUB revised the Associate of Science in Health Sciences to include Math 1023 Quantitative Literacy as a core option.
- ASUB revised the Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technology to include SOC 2213 Principles of Sociology or PSY 2213 Introduction to Psychology as an option.
- ASUB moved the Certificate of Proficiency in Household Upholstery to inactive status.
- ASUB moved the Certificate of Proficiency in Automotive Upholstery to inactive status.

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

1. Commencement

The Arkansas State University–Mountain Home (ASUMH) commencement exercises were conducted on May 10. We were fortunate to enjoy a beautiful day for our outdoor ceremony and welcomed one of the largest crowds ever.

2. Academic Program Modifications

ASUMH is requesting approval to send a letter of notification to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education to change the CIP Code for the Technical Certificate in Web Development from CIP: 11.0401 Information Sciences to CIP: 10:0303 Desktop Publishing and Digital Imaging Design. This change will better align with our Associate of Applied Science in Digital Design.

3. The Higher Learning Commission

The Higher Learning Commission has notified ASUMH of the outcome of the recent Distance Locations Visit. The report indicated no additional monitoring or follow-up visits would be required.

4. ASUMH Truck Party

The ASUMH fifth annual Truck Party was held recently as a virtual auction. The event was successful, with more than \$41,000 raised to support students and programs at ASUMH.

5. Mountain Home Charity Golf Classic

The Mountain Home Charity Golf Classic that benefits the ASUMH Technical Center will be held on June 12 and 13. All indications are that the event will be well-attended and generate continuing financial support for the Center.

6. Walking/Biking Trail Update

Bids were opened for the ASUMH Walking/Biking Trail. The low bidder was Marion County Paving, located in Yellville, Arkansas. The bid amount was \$714,000, and construction is scheduled to begin in early June with completion in late fall of 2021.

7. Red, White, and Blue Festival

The annual Red, White, and Blue Festival will be back on campus this year. The two-day event will begin on June 24 with a parade, children's activities, and a steak cook-off, followed by a concert by the band, Lonestar. Saturday, June 25, will continue the festivities with a 5K race

and will include a car show on campus, concerts throughout the evening, and will be followed by a fireworks display. All of these activities will take place on campus, and it is anticipated that approximately 15,000 will attend the two-day experience.

8. Regional Hiring Event & Education Expo

In response to the chronic shortage of job applicants in the area, ASUMH is hosting a Regional Hiring Event and Education Expo on campus June 10, 2021. We already have 30 employers scheduled to attend with more than 600 job openings available.

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

Strategic Priority 1: Student Success

- Students from the Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) McPherson Unit returned to campus for Flex II, and are working to earn Certificates of Proficiency in Welding Essentials by the end of Summer I. We are excited to expand our prison education program to inmates from the ADC Grimes Unit in Fall 2021 with on-site training in Diesel Technology.
- ASUN expanded its concurrent enrollment program to meet the needs of our high school partners by adding online concurrent courses in 2020-21. The addition was a great success, resulting in 14 students completing the Associate of Arts degree and 22 students completing the Certificate of Proficiency in Certified Nursing Assistant.
- ASUN had the highest number of Practical Nursing graduates in Arkansas in FY2020, graduating 90 LPNs with a State Board licensure rate of 86.6%.
- After a three-year hiatus, Surgical Technology is returning to ASUN-Marked Tree. This 11-month program will now serve a cohort of 20 students at Newport and 20 students at Marked Tree.
- ASUN is expanding two of its flagship programs in Fall 2021. The High Voltage Lineman Technology program will add 10 additional students, increasing the program from 30 to 40 seats. The Traditional Registered Nursing program will also be adding a full cohort of 24, increasing the program from 48 to 72 students per year.
- Since July 1, 18% of ASUN's Adult Education participants have earned their GED and 22% of those graduates earned college-ready scores. ASUN students had higher pass rates in every category (math, reading, science, and social studies) than the national average. One of ASUN's students had the 21st highest GED score of the 1,818 tested people in Arkansas and was recognized by the Department of Workforce Services Adult Education Section at a ceremony for the *Top 25 GED* scorers.
- ASUN is now providing three additional institutional scholarships designed to directly support our mission. They are the following:
 - Promising Aviator Scholarship: for transfer students, who have not yet earned a post-secondary degree and want to enroll in a high-demand or STEM program;
 - Reentry Aviator Scholarship: for formerly incarcerated students, who have completed a reentry program; and
 - Incoming Aviator Scholarship: for students from an underrepresented race, who are coming directly to ASUN from a concurrent partner school.
- Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) held its new member induction ceremony. To be eligible for PTK, a student must complete 12 or more credit hours with a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher. ASUN's chapter inducted 24 students following the Fall 2020 semester.

Strategic Priority 2: Institutional Excellence

- MSN recently highlighted an article published by *Live Science* entitled, “Why Celebrate Earth Day? Here Are 12 Reasons.” The article cites research conducted by ASUN Associate Professor of Life Sciences, Dr. Sarah Webb, and her biology students.
- ASUN has been a part of the Arkansas Strong Start to Finish (SStF) initiative since its inception in 2019. In 2021, faculty, academic advisors, and administrators participated in several intensive workshops including: Leadership Academy, Corequisite Workshop, Data Coaching Workshop, Effective Online Teaching Practices, and English Corequisites. Three faculty members also took part in a 25-week Association of College and University Educators course.
- ASUN achieved a new milestone in the Achieving the Dream Intensive Coaching Process; ASUN presented its Holistic Student Support Plan at Arkansas Community College’s Student Success Institute.
- Members of ASUN’s Council on Diversity & Inclusion completed the “Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in the Workplace” certification program offered by the University of South Florida Muma College of Business.
- ASUN partnered with the Delta Population Health Institute (DPHI) to provide free COVID-19 testing for the Marked Tree community. ASUN also provided free COVID-19 testing to employees and students on all three campuses. ASUN partnered with Unity Health, UAMS, and DPHI to host vaccination clinics on its Newport, Jonesboro, and Marked Tree campuses, respectively.

Strategic Priority 3: Community Engagement

- ASUN hosted its second Spring Forum: “Celebrating the Innovative.” The public forum highlighted innovative accomplishments during the pandemic.
- ASUN’s program advisory committee meetings, spanning 21 program areas, have wrapped up for the year. Some committees met virtually, while others met face-to-face, to discuss academic programs and to solicit feedback for future planning and improvement.
- ASUN’s Board of Visitors met to discuss progress made in Spring 2021 and our plans for the future.
- After a year of restricted activities, ASUN hosted its annual Employee Picnic. Employees safely celebrated a year of challenges and successes with free lunch, employee awards, prizes, and wellness opportunities.
- ASUN held in-person commencement exercises for the first time in over a year. Graduates from Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 were invited to celebrate with their families, while safely distanced in ASUN’s Center for the Arts.

ASUN Academic Program Notifications

- ASUN is reconfiguring its Technical Certificate in Business Technology to reduce total credit hours from 45-30 and to refocus on advanced administrative-assistance professional pathways.
- ASUN is reconfiguring its Certificate of Proficiency in Business Operations to increase total credit hours from 12-15 and to provide entry-level administration professional pathways.

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2021 Graduation

On May 14, ASU Mid-South conferred 442 degrees and certificates to 306 graduates. This number compares favorably to last spring, in which 446 degrees and certificates were conferred to 304 graduates. The number of students on track to graduate this summer, however, is down significantly, with 55 students on contract for 70 awards, compared to 113 on contract for 124 awards last summer. Overall, we anticipate a 13% decline in graduates and a 20% decline in awards for 2021, compared to 2020, largely due to declines in secondary-center enrollment, resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Academic Restructuring

ASU Mid-South will be implementing a budget-neutral, restructured Academic Affairs Division as of July 1, 2021. This new structure replaces a bifurcated model, which included two Associate Vice Chancellors and one Dean of Workforce Education. Instead, it distributes those duties and salaries among four newly-formed academic departments, each with its own Dean, reporting directly to the Vice Chancellor for Learning and Instruction. The four new departments are the following:

- **Allied Health and Science** (CNA, EMT, Respiratory Therapy, Medical Professions, and Natural Sciences);
- **Advanced Manufacturing and Transportation** (Machining, Mechatronics, Welding, Aviation Maintenance, and Diesel Maintenance);
- **Business, Computer Science, and Mathematics** (Business Administration, Digital Media, Hospitality, Information Technology and Computer Programming, and Mathematics); and
- **Liberal Arts and Teacher Education** (English, Fine Arts, History, Social Science, Physical Education, and Teacher Education).

This new structure will enable us to be more responsive to student, faculty, and employer needs; provide for more cross-disciplinary collaboration on curriculum and instruction; improve our recruitment, advising, and retention strategies; optimize scheduling and course offerings; and

remove some long-standing silos between general education and career-technical education. Faculty are very excited about the change, as it creates greater efficiencies within the academic division, a more distributed leadership model, and a pathway for career advancement.

Career Services Update

ASU Mid-South's Career Services Specialist, Riley Cook, was recently selected for the Two-Year College Relations & Recruitment position on the Arkansas Association of Colleges and Employers Board of Directors for 2021-2022. Cook, who came to us from the Marion Public Schools in February, has made great strides in building relationships with local employers and students during her first four months on the job. Using QR codes, she has established a quick and easy way for employers to request job-information sessions with students, or for them to volunteer to assist with career-readiness workshops, such as resume writing and mock interview sessions. She has also similarly automated the process by which students apply and are screened for paid internships. In addition, she has established a Career Closet on campus to provide students with business-professional and business-casual attire for interviews, career fairs, or any other career-related function. We, at ASU Mid-South, recognize the tremendous asset Riley is to our campus and are pleased for her to have the opportunity to represent us and contribute similarly at the state level.

Greyhound Athletics Update

This was another exciting year for Greyhound athletics. The Men's Basketball Team ended the year 16-5, just one game shy of a second trip to the national tournament, and ranked 18th in the national poll. The Women's Team finished the year 25-2 (including a 3-1 stint in the national tournament) and ranked seventh in the national poll. Women's Coach Mercedes Corona was named South Plains District Coach of the Year, and Greyhound Freshman Keiana Delaney (a 5'4" guard from Marion, AR) was named to the NJCAA Division II All-Tournament Team. Both teams had players receiving post-season honors, with sophomore Aaliyah Lee (a 6'1" center from Atoka, TN) and freshman Sam Smith (a 6'7" forward from Arkadelphia, AR) being named second team All-Americans. Smith, who will be returning for his sophomore year, also received National Player of the Week honors earlier in the season. Finally, both teams also boasted record-high GPA averages this spring, with the women averaging a 2.88 and the men averaging a 2.89 team GPA.

Tommy Goldsby Memorial Wild Game Dinner

The Tommy Goldsby Wild Game Dinner and Auction, which is typically held in March, is slated for a different time and a different place this year, thanks to the pandemic. It will be held on the

campus of ASU Mid-South, on the south lawn of the Donald W. Reynolds Center, on August 21, 2021. Tickets will go on sale July 1.

ASU Mid-South Academic Program Notifications

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

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Arkansas State University Three Rivers

- Saline County Career Technical Campus construction remains on time and on budget. There is a [live feed](#) available, which shows daily progress, as well as time-lapse, from day one to the present. Instructor positions have been posted; interviews will be held during the month of June.
- The Higher Learning Commission's (HLC) reaffirmation draft report of March 30 noted that ALL criteria has been fully met. The final report was scheduled to be presented to HLC's Institutional Actions Council on May 3, and a summary of actions will be posted at www.hlcommission.org within 30 days.
- ASU Three Rivers' 2021 Commencement was held in two separate ceremonies on May 8. A morning ceremony was held for nursing graduates only, which allowed those graduates to receive their ceremonial pins and lamps, along with their diplomas, and to be given the opportunity to recite the nursing oath. An afternoon ceremony included associate and certificate graduates, as well as adult education completers.
- Phase I of restoration for The Historic Ritz Theatre is completed. A presentation was given on May 12 for a second grant from the Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council (ANCRC). ASU Three Rivers was awarded \$872,003 for Phase II.
- In cooperation with Baptist Health-Hot Spring County and Community Care, a local pharmacy, ASU Three Rivers was able to offer an on-campus vaccination clinic for all of our employees and offer vaccinations to ASUTR students.
- The ASU Three Rivers Career Pathways Department and three alumni were selected to participate in a statewide media campaign for Arkansas Career Pathways. Interviews and filming were held on campus in April.
- During the summer, an eSports Club will be added to campus. The Student Government Association heavily leads this project.
- Just as on the other campuses, the Banner migration project continues. Bulk data imports into a Pre-Production environment have begun, with record validation and error correction continuing to ensure a successful migration into the Live Production environment. The Finance module will be operating in 'Hybrid' mode until we are fully live on Banner in January 2022. Our IT team plans to automate this data entry, so that our employees will not have to double their work.
- The ASU Three Rivers Foundation is preparing for a golf tournament on May 24 at the Malvern Country Club.
- As renovations are occurring at The Historic Ritz Theatre, the ["Take Your Seat" naming opportunity](#) is taking place.
- ASU Three Rivers has entered into a consortia agreement with University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana, University of Arkansas Cossatot, and University of Arkansas Rich Mountain to deliver truck driver training, using the Ready for Life grant funds made available through the Governor's Office. ASU Three

Rivers will serve as the fiscal agent for the newly created Arkansas Trucking Academy (ArkTA). Additionally, to help support this new training opportunity, ASU Three Rivers submitted, and was awarded, a separate grant totaling \$144,000 for the purchase of a third truck to use for this training and to construct a truck driving “range” that will be located between the Career Center Automotive Shop and the campus pond. Look for construction of the range to begin within the month and for a big publicity event to be held on campus in June!

- The Division of Higher Education recently awarded a Regional Workforce Grant, and ASU Three Rivers received \$66,073.84 for improvements for healthcare programs.
- The Annual Academic Awards Ceremony was held on April 30, and 53 students were recognized, along with the outstanding alum.
- On May 7, 45 employees were recognized during the annual Employee Recognition Celebration held outdoors at the Bank OZK Stage. Since a virtual celebration was held in 2020, those 18 award recipients received their awards this year. Twenty-seven employees were recognized for the 2021 year. It has been good for all of us to be able to celebrate our students and co-workers after the past year’s pandemic restrictions.

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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Special Education Resource Teacher Academy

Henderson State University (HSU) is one of three Arkansas universities that offer a Special Education Resource Teacher Academy, launched by the Arkansas Department of Education (ADE). Licensed public school educators in grades K-12 can earn a Special Education Resource endorsement and graduate credit at no cost, thanks to funding from ADE's Division of Elementary and Secondary Education. Partner schools include Harding University and John Brown University.

Master of Business Administration Online Program

A new, fully online Master of Business Administration program successfully launched this spring in cooperation with Academic Partnerships.

Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium

Approximately 30 students and 15 faculty mentors participated in Henderson's Virtual Undergraduate Research Symposium, held on April 22-23, 2021. Presentations ranged from analyses of Airbnb property prices and cave ecosystems, to investigations of body-odor absorption, and development of ionic liquid monomers.

ENROLLMENT MANAGEMENT

Ruffalo Noel Levitz (RNL) facilitated an enrollment-management, self-evaluation in April and May. A reconstituted executive team will assist in setting priorities for immediate, medium, and long-term recommendations.

HIGHER LEARNING COMMISSION

Five virtual Higher Learning Commission campus open forums were held in preparation for a 10-year comprehensive HLC visit scheduled for November 1-2, 2021.

ACADEMIC PROGRAM CHANGES

The following will be submitted to the AHECB for HSU at the July 30, 2021, meeting.

Title or Classification of Instructional Programs

Bachelor of Science in Medical Technology will be changed to Bachelor of Science in Medical Laboratory Science.

Master of Science in Nursing Administration will be changed to Master of Science in Nursing Executive Leadership and Administration.

Program Reconfiguration

Programs created out of closely allied existing programs:

- Associate of Science in Health Science (61 hours)
- Engineering—Mechanical Engineering and Electrical Engineering tracks
- Master of Liberal Arts—Gender Studies track
- Bachelor of Science in Physics—Astronomy track (120 hours)
- Bachelor of Business Administration—General Business
- Bachelor of Science in Wildlife and Field Biology

Program Curriculum Revision or Existing Program Offered Online

- Bachelor of Science in Education—Computer Science and Business Technology
- Bachelor of Science in Education—Middle-level Education

New Certificate Programs

- Graduate Online Teaching (includes endorsement)
- Graduate Special Education Resource (includes endorsement)
- Undergraduate Special Education Resource
- Social Media
- Digital Media Production
- Health Communication
- Sports Psychology
- Graduate Supply Chain Management
- Graduate Project Management

Program Deletions

- Associate of Science in Radiography
- Athletic Training

New Program

- Bachelor of Arts in Physics (120 hours)

ATHLETICS

Women's Golf Wins the 2021 Great American Conference Championship

This is the first conference title for the program since 2014. Henderson won the event in a two-hole playoff over Arkansas Tech University at Hot Springs Country Club. The lineup consisted of four freshmen and a sophomore.

Cabe Center Opens to Student-Athletes on April 8

The 4,230-square-foot facility opened for use at the beginning of April, after being under construction since August 26. The facility features a group-sized study room, 15-person computer lab, study lounge, new office for the academic advisor, and private study carrels. The project also created an additional 1,490 square feet of weight room space, which allowed for a renovation of the weight room.

Reddie Legends Coak Matthews and Brenda Joiner Announce Retirements

Head Men's and Women's Swimming Coach Coak Matthews and Head Women's Tennis/Cross Country Coach Brenda Joiner announced their retirements in April. Together, the two have a combined total of 67 coaching seasons at Henderson. Matthews won 24 conference titles and was named Coach of the Year 15 times. Joiner coached three different sports (tennis, cross country, and men's tennis, briefly) during her time at Henderson and led the Reddies to conference tournaments on 27 different occasions.

Golf Programs Earn 2021 NCAA Tournament Bids

The men's and women's golf teams each clinched their eighth-consecutive bids to the NCAA Central Region Tournaments this spring. The women earned an automatic bid by winning the GAC title and finished in fourth place. The men earned an at-large bid and finished in sixth place.

Student-Athletes Earn Cumulative GPA Scores above 3.0 for Ninth Consecutive Semester

For the ninth consecutive semester, HSU's 400-plus student-athletes produced a cumulative grade point average above a 3.0. The overall grade point average for student-athletes for Spring 2021 was 3.12,

which is the second highest cumulative GPA in recorded history for the Athletics Department. Football recorded a 3.04 grade point average. Women's tennis had a 3.53 and women's basketball earned a 3.52 GPA to lead the way.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council Grant

The Arkansas Natural and Cultural Resources Council awarded HSU a grant of \$1,190,861 toward the adaptive reuse of the Caddo Center. This generous grant will allow Henderson to transform the interior of the Caddo Center into a one-stop student services center. The ANCRC has provided valuable support for Henderson with this grant for the Caddo Center, last year's grant for Captain Henderson House, as well as previous years' support for the Caddo Center Museum space and roof, Captain Henderson House, Proctor Hall, Barkman House, and other projects. Restoration work at Captain Henderson House is in progress now with completion expected in Summer 2021. This project totals \$586,688 and is also funded by ANCRC.

Energy Savings

Preliminary estimates of energy savings total \$143,432, while the guaranteed savings were projected to be \$109,472. The projected excess savings total \$33,958.

STUDENT AFFAIRS

Vaccine Clinics

Health Services worked with the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences to provide on-campus vaccine clinics for students, faculty, and staff on April 7 and 28. Approximately 250 people received immunizations at these two clinics. More than 400 people participated in vaccine clinics in February with Baptist Health.

HEERF Allocation

Financial Aid and Student Accounts distributed more than \$1.8 million in Higher Education Emergency Relief Funds for Spring 2021 students.

Reddie Camp

Registration is now open for Reddie Camp to be held on July 8-10 at Camp Tanako in Hot Springs. Reddie Camp is a summer transition program for first-year students.

Student Activities

Reddies' Choice Awards honored leaders from all student organizations on May 4. Watch online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cTpgsTVTn5k&t=571s>. Approximately 373 students attended Break for Breakfast on May 4. The late-night breakfast is a favorite activity during Finals Week. Approximately 120 student, faculty, and staff volunteers completed 17 community-service projects for Reddie to Serve on April 10.

Krystyna Valdivia, a violinist and sophomore music education major, won Henderson's Got Talent on March 16. Watch online at <https://www.facebook.com/HendersonStateSAB/videos/450716543012404>.

HENDERSON FOUNDATION AND OFFICE OF ADVANCEMENT

Maurice Horton, Sr., Portrait Unveiling

A portrait of the late Maurice R. Horton, Sr. was unveiled at the Garrison Center on May 6. Members of the Horton family attended the event, along with friends and representatives from the HSU community. Ed Martin, Professor Emeritus of Art, painted Mr. Horton's portrait.

In 1957, Mr. Horton became the first African American to receive a degree from Henderson State. His legacy lives on through Henderson Foundation's Maurice R. Horton, Sr., Emerging Leader Scholarship and the annual Maurice R. Horton Awards Ceremony hosted by the Black Alumni Chapter.

Foundation Scholarships

Henderson Foundation will award more than 400 student scholarships, totaling approximately \$450,000 for the 2021-2022 academic year.

Alumni Events

The Greater Hot Springs Alumni Chapter raised more than \$2,500 for scholarships at an event held at the Oaklawn Jockey Club on April 23. Approximately 160 alumni and friends attended "Henderson at the Travelers Game" at Dickey-Stephens Park on May 16. The HSU Alumni Association will host a tailgate party on September 25 prior to the football game with Southern Arkansas University.