28th Annual Conference
October 9 - 11, 2016
Hot Springs Convention Center
Welcome to ACC 2016! Once again your ACC staff and Conference Board have created an outstanding program for you. To compliment our “Going for Gold” theme, we have a nationally recognized leader in economic development and workforce training, Gray Swoope of Vision First Advisors, as our keynote speaker for Monday’s Outstanding Faculty and Staff Awards Luncheon. We also have Dr. Maria Markham, the director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, as our keynote speaker for Tuesday’s Academic All-Star Awards Brunch.

We are excited to once again offer our conference app to assist your navigation through more than 70 breakout and lightning round sessions, our annual Brain Bowl trivia competition, dinner and entertainment at the Mid-America Science Museum, and awards ceremonies honoring our outstanding faculty, staff, alumni and Academic All-Star students.

I continue to be honored to call you all colleagues and friends as we work together to provide education and training opportunities for Arkansans to improve their lives and communities. Your effort and dedication make it possible to address the difficult challenges we face in accomplishing our mission.

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Awards Luncheon Honoring Outstanding Faculty and Staff
Monday, October 10, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Horner Hall

Keynote Speaker: Gray Swoope

President and Chief Executive Officer
Vision First Advisors
A recognized leader in economic development, Gray Swoope has served both the public and private sectors for more than three decades most recently as Florida’s Secretary of Commerce. He has held leadership roles for a variety of organizations, as well as managed successful economic development entities. His management style is described as focused and steadfast when it comes to solving problems and winning competitive projects. Swoope is also known for building highly effective teams noted for their ability to devise and implement strategic plans, and to get results. His expertise is international in scope, with a proven track record of successfully conducting business abroad. Former career experience includes, executive director of the Mississippi Development Authority and Division Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission.

Awards Brunch Honoring Academic All-Star Students and Outstanding Alumni
Tuesday, October 11, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
Horner Hall

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Maria Markham

Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
Director Markham began service to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education in August 2016 but her history with higher education in Arkansas spans over a decade. She has worked in almost every facet of higher ed at both a community college and a university; from a work study student, grant director, full-time faculty, adjunct, division chair, chief academic officer, and now an agency leader. Director Markham only recently left the ACC Board after four years of service to the organization and still works closely with ACC to advance the community college mission.
# Schedule

## Sunday, October 9, 2016

1 – 6 p.m.  Grand Hall Lobby  
Conference Registration

4 – 5 p.m.  Horner Hall  
Opening General Session and Entertainment by  
*Arkansas Northeastern College Community Chorale*  
*Sponsored by the  
Arkansas Department of Career Education*

5 – 6 p.m.  HSCC Hall A  
Exhibit Hall Grand Opening & Reception  
*Door Prizes*  
*Sponsored by the  
Arkansas Broadcasters Association, Campus Management, and Industrial Training Solutions*

6 p.m.  Dinner on Your Own

6 – 7:30 p.m.  The Warehouse  
ACC Leadership Reception  
*prior registration required*

7:45  Hotel Hot Springs -  
Inside Track Grill and Sports Lounge  
Brain Bowl

## Monday, October 10, 2016

7 – 8:15 a.m.  Poker Run/Walk  
Meet at Northeast Corner of HSCC

7:30 – 8:30  Embassy Suites Ballroom  
Career Pathways Breakfast

8 a.m. – 3 p.m.  HSCC Hall A  
Academic All-Star Auction Open  
(closed 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  HSCC Hall A  
Exhibit Hall Open  
(closed 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

8 a.m. – 4 p.m.  Grand Hall Lobby  
Conference Registration  
(closed 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.)

8 – 9 a.m.  HSCC Hall A  
Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors  
*Door Prizes*

9 – 9:50 a.m.  HSCC  
Breakout Sessions A

9:50 – 10:30 a.m.  HSCC Hall A  
Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors  
*Door Prizes*  
*Sponsored by Arkansas Student Loan Authority, Ellucian, and University of Arkansas*

10:30 – 11:20 a.m.  HSCC  
Breakout Sessions B

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.  Horner Hall  
Awards Luncheon and Keynote Address  
*Gray Swoope, VisionFirst Advisors*

1:40 – 3:40 p.m.  Industry Tour  
Meet in front of Convention Center

1:40 – 2:30 p.m.  HSCC  
Breakout Sessions C

2:40 – 3:30 p.m.  HSCC Hall A  
Exhibitor Appreciation Reception  
*Sponsored by  
BBA Solutions and College Board/ACCUPLACER*

3 p.m.  HSCC Hall A  
Academic All-Star Auction Winners Announced

3:30 – 4:20 p.m.  HSCC  
Breakout Sessions D

6 – 9 p.m.  Mid-America Science Museum  
Dinner and Entertainment by *The Shannon Boshears Band*  
*Transportation Provided*

## Tuesday, October 11, 2016

8 – 8:50 a.m.  HSCC  
Breakout Sessions E

9 – 9:50 a.m.  HSCC  
Breakout Sessions F

10 a.m. – 12 p.m.  Horner Hall  
Academic All-Star Awards Brunch Honoring  
Academic All-Star Students & Outstanding Alumni
Featured Events

Arkansas Northeastern College
Community Chamber Chorale
Come enjoy the singing of the ANC Community Chamber Chorale. They will open our General Session on Sunday at 4 p.m. in the Horner Hall. The ANC Community Chamber Chorale is a sixteen member group comprised of both students and community members from all professions who love singing, desire to further the art of choral music, and who are committed to performing choral literature to the highest quality. Under the direction of Dr. Keith Hearnsberger, Conductor, the Chorale has traveled worldwide to destinations such as Austria, The Czech Republic, and Germany.

Arkansas Broadcasters Association
Hospitality Suite
Join our ABA friends at their hospitality room in The Hotel Hot Springs, room 1311. The hospitality doors are open on Sunday and Monday evenings from 7 p.m. to midnight.

*Please Note: Due to hotel regulations, beverages enjoyed in this event are not permitted outside of the suite.

Brain Bowl
Watch your community college friends compete for the top spot in the annual Brain Bowl on Sunday at 7:45 p.m. in The Hotel Hot Springs Inside Track Grill and Sports Lounge. Awards will be given to the 1st place team and the team with the most spirit. College teams include: College of the Ouachitas, East Arkansas Community College, National Park College, Phillips Community College of the UA, South Arkansas Community College, Southern Arkansas University Tech, and University of Arkansas - Cossatot.

Poker Run/Walk
The Poker Run/Walk will begin Monday at 7 a.m. at the northeast corner of the Convention Center (across from the Embassy Suites). Participants will receive cards along the route. The person with the best hand at the end wins! The college with the most participants will earn a place on the ACC Poker Run Plaque. Total distance is two miles.

Academic All-Star Auction
Stop by the Academic All-Star Auction booth in the Exhibit Hall! The auction raises money for the Academic All-Star Scholarship Fund which is used to award book scholarships to students participating in the annual Student Leadership Academy. During the conference, you may purchase tickets for $1 each to “bid” on items. To “bid”, place your ticket in the box/sack for the item you want. A drawing will be held on Monday afternoon at 3 p.m. to determine winners. You do not have to be present to collect the item.

Industry Tours
Berry Plastics
Monday, October 10th, 1:40 – 3:40 p.m.
Berry Plastics in Hot Springs, is a plastics manufacturing site producing containers and closures. The two plants occupy 336,300 total sq. ft., including warehouse space, with one using primarily Injection Molding Technology and the other Compression Molding Technology. Other technologies used are: lining, off-set printing, closure printing and PS labeling. The jars are polypropylene single-wall, polystyrene single-wall and double-wall jars. Types of closures include ribbed, dome, smooth & beveled.

Dinner and Entertainment at Mid-America Science Museum
Monday, October 10, 6 - 9 p.m.
*Casual dress*

Transportation is provided. Shuttles will run continuously from the Embassy Suites beginning at 5:30 p.m. The last shuttle will leave the museum at 9 p.m.

Mid-America Science Museum is Arkansas’ largest hands-on science center and the state’s first Smithsonian Affiliate. With over 100 engaging, hands-on exhibits that explore the wonders of energy, matter, life and perception, the Museum seeks to spark curiosity and enhance scientific understanding through inquiry, observational skills and discovery learning.

Entertainment: Shannon Boshears Band
Hailing from Little Rock, Arkansas, Shannon Boshears has been a musical favorite on the scene where the blues was born and raised. Her distinctive and gutsy vocal ability is a showcase of her love for various soul, blues, and rock styles. You can find her playing anywhere from small, smoky bars to large music festivals like the Arkansas River Blues Festival and The King Biscuit Blues Festival. Boshears has carved out her own musical groove that can be seen and heard on any given night on which she is performing with Walter K. on guitar, Lori Stidham on bass and Charlie Macom on drums. When not playing with her band, she serves as the director of the PTC Foundation at Pulaski Technical College.
Breakout Sessions by Interest Area

Trying to decide which sessions to attend? This index is designed to help you narrow your choices to those areas that might be of special interest to you. You are encouraged to read the more detailed descriptions of the sessions as well, on our app. Each session has been given a letter for time reference and number for room reference.

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A Sessions: Monday, 9 - 9:50 a.m.
B Sessions: Monday, 10:30 - 11:20 a.m.
C Sessions: Monday, 1:40 - 2:30 p.m.
D Sessions: Monday, 3:30 - 4:20 p.m.
E Sessions: Tuesday, 8:00 - 8:50 a.m.
F Sessions: Tuesday, 9:00 - 9:50 a.m.

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2. **Register**: Use your email address and the password “ACC2016” to gain access. Then add your name, title, your college or company name, and a photo to create your profile.

3. **Connect**: Get ready to virtually mingle! Post comments, reply to others, and make new friends. Explore the navigation panel for the schedule, special events, exhibit hall details, and more.

4. **Play!**: Certain app activities can earn you points. Check out the Leaderboard for the current top app users. Prizes will be given to top users throughout the event. The GRAND PRIZE winner will be announced during the Tuesday awards brunch.

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**Faculty**

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E104-105 CAOs and CSAOs - 8-10 a.m.
E201 Workforce Development Staff - 8-10 a.m.
A102: Trends in Career & Technical Education
Kathi Turner, Deputy Director, Arkansas Department of Career Education
Dr. Cheryl Wiedmaier, Associate Director, Arkansas Department of Career Education

A103: Marketing for Non-Marketers
Jeremy Shirley, Director of Marketing, Arkansas State University - Newport
Nancy Meador, Director of Marketing and Public Relations, Arkansas State University - Beebe
Christy Keirn, Director of Communications and Institutional Advancement, Arkansas State University - Mountain Home

A104: Accelerated Course Completion: Fast-Paced Online Courses
Dr. Jillian Hartley, History Instructor, Arkansas Northeastern College
Dr. Gary Yarbrough, Psychology Instructor, Arkansas Northeastern College
James Hartley, Criminal Justice and Sociology Instructor/Digital Production Specialist/Title IX Coordinator, Arkansas Northeastern College

A105: Providing a Way for Students with Autism Spectrum Disorder to Succeed in Transitioning to Postsecondary Educational Institutions: A Collaborative Project
Susan Ligon, Instructor, East Arkansas Community College

A201: Student Loan Defaults and Solutions
Tony Williams, Executive Director, Arkansas Student Loan Authority
Amy Neathery, Higher Education Programs Manager, Arkansas Student Loan Authority

A202: Next-Generation ACCUPLACER is Here!
Chantel Reynolds, Higher Education Services, College Board

A203: Everything You Need to Know About Articulation Agreements but Didn’t Know to Ask
Yolanda Mitchell, Director, National Park University, National Park College
Lillian Williams, Academic Affairs, Arkansas Department of Higher Education

A204: The Intersections of Title IX, Clery and VAWA: Approaching Compliance through Campus and Community Collaboration
Teresa A. Taylor, Ethics and Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator, NorthWest Arkansas Community College

A208: A Model for Student Success: Starting with the End in Mind
Keesha Johnson, Director of Admissions/Registrar, College of the Ouachitas
Janet Hunt, Interim Director of Student Success, College of the Ouachitas

A209: Tips on Achieving Effective Student Mentoring
Dr. Twanda Simmons, Assistant Professor, Arkansas State University - Beebe
Dr. Darlene Butler, Assistant Professor, Arkansas State University - Beebe

A207: Faculty Lightning Round
Dining Table Dissections: How to Provide an “In Class” Lab Experience at Home
Melissa Meador, Associate Professor of Biology, Arkansas State University - Beebe
Jake Marquess, Associate Professor of Biology, Arkansas State University - Beebe
Educating Re-Entry Students
Margaret Johnston, CCAP Instructor/Career Development Facilitator, College of the Ouachitas
Valerie Free, Instructor/WAGE Instructor, College of the Ouachitas
Making Your Office Hours Work for Your Students
William (Bill) Wyngaard, Co-Chair of Business, Pulaski Technical College
The State of the Arts
Dr. Steve Cooper, Chair, Performing & Visual Arts, NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Using a 3-D Medical App on iPads and Other Methods for A&P
Keith Everett, Instructor of Biology, South Arkansas Community College
Susanne Wache, Professor of Biology, South Arkansas Community College

B102: Panel Discussion on ADAPT: Arkansas Delta Accelerating Pathways Together (Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium)
Jeff Gray, ADAPT Project Manager, Arkansas State University Mid-South
Sherri Bennett, Vice President for Career Readiness, Arkansas Northeastern College
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Tiffany Billingsley, Associate Vice President for Business & Community Outreach, East Arkansas Community College
Dr. Debby King, Vice Chancellor for Instruction, Phillips Community College of the U of A
Representative, Arkansas State University - Newport
Dr. Callie Dunavin, ADTEC Director and Vice Chancellor of Strategic Initiatives, Arkansas State University Mid-South

**B103: Right Skills Now CNC Machining Program at Arkansas State University Mid-South**
Gary Giordano, Lead Machining Instructor, Arkansas State University Mid-South
Pete Selden, Associate Vice Chancellor for Workforce Programs, Arkansas State University Mid-South

**B104: Using Simulation to Augment Clinical Experience**
Sandra Green, APRN, Nurse Educator, Black River Technical College
Bridgette Kasinger, RN, Nurse Educator, Black River Technical College

**B105: ACC Leadership Institute Orientation – Business Meeting**

**B201: Take Your Inbox by the Horns**
Jayne Pyle, Director, Professional Development Institute, Pulaski Technical College

**B202: Mechatronics and Industry 4.0 - Industrial Training Solutions**
Chris Crawford, President, Industrial Training Solutions

**B204: Adopting a Corequisite Model in the College Algebra Classroom**
Sarah Buford, Instructor of Mathematics, Arkansas State University - Beebe
Leslie Shults, Instructor of Mathematics, Arkansas State University - Beebe

**B205: Defining Student Success at Community Colleges**
Katie Lynch-Holmes, Principal Strategic Consultant, Ellucian

**B207: Business Meeting – Public Relations Staff**

**B208: Panel Discussion on Creating Successful Partnerships to Support Transfer and Degree Completion**
Yolanda Mitchell, Director, National Park University, National Park College
Christopher Robinson, Admission Counselor for Transfer Central and Diversity Outreach, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Amber Roth, Associate Director, Transfer Central, University of Arkansas at Fayetteville
Brian Corbin, Director of Transfer Services, University of Central Arkansas
Geoff Thiers, Transfer Academic Advisor, University of Central Arkansas

**B209: Arkansas Math Pathways Taskforce – Scaling Adoption of Multiple Math Pathways Across Arkansas**
Ann Clemmer, Senior Associate Director, Arkansas Department of Higher Education
Mike Leach, Student Success Center Director, Arkansas Community Colleges
Charles Watson, Mathematics Professor, University of Central Arkansas
Valarie Martin, Mathematics Professor, North Arkansas College

**B207: Administration/Leadership Lightning Round Discussions**

**Affordable Textbooks: Changing the Bookstore Model for Student Access & Success**
Dr. Belinda Aaron, Vice Chancellor for Finance, University of Arkansas - Hope & Texarkana
Laura Clark, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, University of Arkansas - Hope & Texarkana
Pat O’Brien, Business Development, BBA Solutions
From the Floor to the Ceiling: Building a Compliance Program within Budget Cuts and Staffing Shortages on Campus
Teresa A. Taylor, Ethics and Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator, NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Fund-Raising in the Sun!
Dr. Barbara Jones, President, South Arkansas Community College
Cynthia Reyna, Director of Foundation and External Funding, South Arkansas Community College
over 5,000 guests. Attendees will leave with a road map on how to start their own successful event.
University of Arkansas Adult and Lifelong Learning, Community College Leadership Program: A Doctoral Degree That’s Within Your Reach
Randy Scaggs, Director of Admissions, North Arkansas College
Carol Birth, Director of Adult Education, Phillips Community College of the U of A
Chris Lorch, Associate Vice President of Academics, Ozarka College
Chris Dickie, Director of Employer Relations and Community Outreach, Eversity
Ashley Aylett, Vice Chancellor of Academics, University of Arkansas - Cossatot
Dr. Kit Kacirek, Program Coordinator for Doctoral Studies ADLL, University of Arkansas
Dr. Kendra Glover, Assistant Professor, Adult and Lifelong Learning, University of Arkansas
C102: The Times, They are A-Changin’: Perkins Reauthorization and WIOA Implementation  
Monieca West, Federal Program Manager, Arkansas Department of Higher Education

C103: “What if it had been real?” Active Shooter Lessons Learned at Black River Technical College  
Tonya Hankins, Director of Practical Nursing, Black River Technical College  
Chris Hankins, Law Enforcement Training Academy Instructor, Black River Technical College  
Jared Bassham, Law Enforcement Training Academy Instructor, Black River Technical College  
Ramonda Housh, Division Chair of Allied Health, Black River Technical College

C104: Panel Discussion on Pathways to Excellent Educators for Arkansas  
Joan Luneau, Education Preparation Coordinator, Arkansas Department of Education  
Melissa Jacks, Educator Licensure Coordinator, Arkansas Department of Education

C105: Career and Transfer Events 101  
Yolanda Mitchell, Director, National Park University, National Park College  
Jason Henry, Coordinator of Career and Transfer Services, Arkansas State University - Beebe

C201: Powering Community College Success - What the Student Wants. What the Institution Needs  
Chris Lee, Chief Information Officer, Arkansas State University - Beebe  
Roxanne Dunaway, Regional Manager, Campus Management

C202: Identifying the Successful Online Learner  
Cassandra Ellington, Program Coordinator, STEM Preparation Program, University of Arkansas  
Amber Roth, Associate Director for Transfer Central, University of Arkansas  
Christopher Robinson, Admission Counselor for Transfer Central and Diversity Outreach, University of Arkansas

C203: Code Blue: Death by PowerPoint  
Loni Taylor, DVM, Science Instructor, University of Arkansas - Hope & Texarkana

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Jean Swillum, Instructor of Developmental Math, Pulaski Technical College

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Angela Caldwell, Vice President of Technical Education, Black River Technical College

C209: America’s Forgotten Student Population: Creating a Path to Success for GED Completers  
Pauline Linam-Parks, Program Director, Career Pathways Initiative, Arkansas Northeastern College  
Debra Lyles-Benedict, Advisor, Career Pathways Initiative, Arkansas Northeastern College  
Tara Hice, Advisor, Career Pathways Initiative, Arkansas Northeastern College  
Sherryl Cooley, GED Instructor, Arkansas Northeastern College

C207: Student Success Lightning Round Discussions  
A Community in Need: Uncovering Domestic Violence Issues on Community College Campuses  
Teresa A. Taylor, Ethics and Compliance Officer/Title IX Coordinator, NorthWest Arkansas Community College  
A New Approach for Freshman Success  
Genevieve White, Instructor, Nursing, South Arkansas Community College  
Linda Bates, Assistant Professor, Chemistry/Physical Sciences, South Arkansas Community College  
Heather Smith, Student Advising Coach, South Arkansas Community College  
Building Pathways from the 2-Year to the 4-Year Institution through Interdisciplinary Education  
Erin Lynn, Academic Advisor, Arkansas State University - Jonesboro  
The Missing Link in Student Retention Efforts: Faculty Engagement in Early Alert and Intervention  
Eddie Supratman, Instructor of World History and Comparative Religion, Arkansas State University - Beebe  
Jennie Gates, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood, Arkansas State University - Beebe  
David Jones, Associate Professor of English, Arkansas State University - Beebe  
Welcoming the Wanderers  
Stephanie McCoskey, LPN, Administrative Specialist II, University of Arkansas - Hope & Texarkana
D102: Arkansas College and Career Coach Program
Sonja Wright-McMurray, Associate Director for CTE Special Projects, Arkansas Department of Career Education

D103: Taking Proactive Measures: What are We Doing with the Rise of Mental Health Issues in Community Colleges?
Dava Brock, Assistant Professor of Psychology, Arkansas State University - Beebe

Dr. Jan McCormick, Consultant, NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Marcus Williams, GCDF, CWDP, Grant Management and Career and Technical Education Program Manager, NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Pauline Linam-Parks, GCDF, Career Pathways Director, Arkansas Northeastern College

Trenia Miles, Director of Adult Education, Arkansas Department of Career Education
Bridget Bullard, Adult Education, Arkansas Department of Career Education
Mike Leach, Student Success Center Director, Arkansas Community Colleges
Tammie Lemmons, Adult Education Director, Black River Technical College
Donnylle Hampton, Adult Education Director, Arkansas State University Mid-South

D201: Cognitive Dissonance in the Classroom: Overcoming Resistance to New Ideas
Dr. Deidre Slavik, Behavioral Sciences Department Chair, NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Janet Dodd, Sociology Faculty, NorthWest Arkansas Community College

D202: What the Heck is a PivotTable?!
Beth Hawkins, Director of Institutional Research, University of Arkansas Community College - Morrilton
Linda Holland, Registrar, University of Arkansas Community College - Morrilton

D203: Rigging the Game: How Cheating and Frustrating Students Can Help Them Learn
Julie Dorris, English Instructor, Arkansas Northeastern College
Dustin Kemper, History Instructor, Arkansas Northeastern College

D204: Creative Composition: Developing Critical Thinking through Analysis
Dr. Kae Chatman, Associate Professor of English and Philosophy, Arkansas State University - Beebe
Dr. Dennis Humphrey, Chair of Division of English/Fine Arts and Professor of English, Arkansas State University - Beebe
Dr. Jodi Whitehurst, Instructor of English and Composition, Arkansas State University - Beebe

D206: Increasing Access to Students Using Free Tools
Stephanie Krehl, Lead Instructor, Developmental & Technical Math, Arkansas State University Mid-South

D207: Apprenticeship: It’s Not What You Think!
Lisa Ferrell, Project Coordinator for Discretionary Grants, Arkansas Department of Workforce Services

D208: Looking to the Future: Not Just Graduation but Beyond and Into the Workforce
Blake Cannon, Director of Institutional Research, Phillips Community College of the U of A
Scott Post, Vice Chancellor of Student Services and Registrar, Phillips Community College of the U of A

D209: Quality Pay the NPC Way
Dr. Wade Derden, Vice President of Instruction, National Park College
Janet Brewer, Associate Vice President of Human Resources, National Park College

E102-103: ACC Presidents & Chancellors – Meeting 8 – 10 a.m.

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E201: ACC Workforce Development Staff – Meeting 8 – 10 a.m.
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Erica Arivette, Career Coach, College of the Ouachitas
Kaye Standridge, Career Coach, College of the Ouachitas

E203: Community College Perceptions - The Perception of State Educational Leaders Regarding the Roles and Functions of Arkansas’ Community Colleges

Carol Johnson, Associate Vice Chancellor for Development, Arkansas State University - Beebe

E204: Learning Management, Quality Matters, and Alignment: A Health Sciences Perspective

William Burke, PhD, RRT, Health Science Division Chair, National Park College
Donna Kay, PhD, Director of Online Learning, National Park College
Debra Wilson, Medical Radiologic Technology Program Director, National Park College

E205: President’s Council on Under-Served Communities

Dr. Blanche Hunt, Associate Vice President of Community Relations, Arkansas Northeastern College
Doug Echols, Coordinator of WORK and Mentoring, Arkansas Northeastern College

E206: Health Professions Interdisciplinary Simulations

Mark Wilcox, Paramedic Program Director, University of Arkansas - Hope & Texarkana
Cyndi Graham, Practical Nursing Program Director, University of Arkansas - Hope & Texarkana

E208: Essentials of Prescriptive Analytics for Student Success

Bryan Aguiar, Faculty, NorthWest Arkansas Community College

E209: The S.T.E.P.s to Building a Successful Summer Bridge Program

Amanda Dobbs, Student Affairs Coordinator, Black River Technical College

F Sessions: Tuesday, October 11th, 9 – 9:50 a.m.

F202: Northark HELPing with Food Insecurities - You Can Too!

Sarah Bing, Student Activities & Organizations Coordinator, North Arkansas College

F203: Who’s in the Room

Eddie Dry, Associate Professor, Arkansas State University - Mountain Home
Mason Campbell, Director of Student Support Services, Arkansas State University - Mountain Home

F204: Style-flexing: Reaching Various Learning Preferences through Experiential Learning

Janine Armstrong, Instructor of Speech Communication, Pulaski Technical College

F205: Teamwork and the HLC Assurance System: A Collaborative Approach to Accreditation

Michelle McMillen, Director of Institutional Effectiveness, Arkansas State University Mid-South
Michael Lejman, Instructor of History, Arkansas State University Mid-South

F206: Has ALP Lived Up to the Hype? Evaluating and Tailoring ALP to Benefit YOUR Students

Pam Stone, Chair of Communications, North Arkansas College
Dr. Laura Berry, Dean of Arts and Sciences, North Arkansas College

F208: Student Ambassadors: Transforming the Student Experience

Emily Newlin, Marketing Coordinator and Student Ambassador Sponsor, University of Arkansas - Cossatot
Nikki Evans, Admissions & Post-Secondary Advisor, University of Arkansas - Cossatot

F207: Wildcard Lightning Round Discussions

Big Brother is Watching!
Steve Wallace, CIS Instructor, University of Arkansas Community College - Morrilton
Social Media, Mobile Apps, and Marketing in the Community College Environment
James Hartley, Criminology & Sociology Instructor/Digital Production Specialist/Title IX Coordinator, Arkansas Northeastern College
Outstanding Faculty

Arkansas Northeastern College
Dr. Keith Hearnsberger
Instructor in Music/Coordinator of Choirs
Dr. Keith Hearnsberger approaches the classroom with enthusiasm and a desire to educate people about music. He is willing to try different tactics to motivate students. Through his guidance, ANC choirs have performed at renowned venues such as the Vatican; the Imperial Chapel of the Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna; the Dom Cathedral in Salzburg; the St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague; the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany; and the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Italy and many sites throughout the United States, such as Carnegie Hall, the Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center.

Arkansas State University Beebe
Sarah Buford
Instructor of Mathematics
Sarah is an integral member of the mathematics faculty and has been instrumental in the redesign of several of our math courses as part of the Complete College America, PACE, and Arkansas Mathways initiatives. Last year, as part of the institution’s new strategic plan, an emphasis was placed on improving the student experience through a variety of means including optimizing employee engagement with students by asking them to attend at least five student-centered events annually. Sarah marshaled the mathematics department, and together they attended nearly seventy events last year.

Arkansas State University Mid-South
Anthony Wilkinson
Lead Faculty for Mathematics
Anthony meticulously prepares his classes. He designs them to teach even the most complex math concepts to a wide audience. He employs both straightforward traditional instruction and current technology to create dynamic learning environments. Anthony’s work with developmental students has been recognized within the institution and throughout the region due to his success in preparing them for college-level math courses. Anthony’s approach to instruction and his dedication to students who need him most make him an asset to the community as well as the college.

Arkansas State University Mountain Home
Dr. Robert Dyer
Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Physics
Dr. Robert G. Dyer has been with ASU Mountain Home since 2005 as assistant professor of chemistry and physics. At ASUMH, Dyer has served as division chair of natural and health sciences, faculty senate president, and faculty association president. He holds a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Arkansas and is a frequent presenter and author of journal articles.

Arkansas State University Newport
Jessica Wrenfrow
Instructor of Hospitality Services
Jessica consistently goes above and beyond on all of ASU Newport’s Strategic Priorities, running a well-organized kitchen and class environment for her students while at the same time representing ASUN in public at numerous events. She regularly appears on KAIT’s Good Morning Region 8, gives demonstrations at public functions, and hosts a monthly culinary experience that is open to the public. Jessica not only teaches cooking and management skills, but also showcases her students and the ASUN Hospitality program in the process, putting in countless hours “off the clock” while serving as an outstanding ambassador for ASUN.

Black River Technical College
Kimberly Adams
Developmental Education Instructor
Kimberly Adams has been an instructor for 12 years. She teaches reading, communications, and writing fundamentals. Kim does a phenomenal job motivating students. Her happy personality is contagious and she always has a smile on her face. Kim is kind to everyone she is around, and she is loved by students and co-workers. Kim was awarded the PLC Students’ Choice Award for Outstanding Faculty in 2015 prior to selection by her peers for the ACC Outstanding Faculty Member. Black River Technical College is fortunate to have Kim Adams as a faculty member.

College of the Ouachitas
Lisa Wood
Psychology & Sociology Faculty
Lisa Wood has taught psychology and sociology at College of the Ouachitas for over 20 years. She received her Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees from Henderson State University. She is dedicated to her students and provides them with great opportunities to achieve their educational goals. She also sponsors the Psychology Club and volunteers for many COTO community events. Lisa demonstrates her love for the COTO family through her faithful support of both students and co-workers.
East Arkansas Community College
Dr. Carl Brown
Faculty, History
Dr. Carl Brown is an excellent instructor who receives high praise from his students. He has been actively involved with honors students and the Working Student Success Network financial coaching model. He is a favorite instructor of concurrent credit students, showing a willingness to take on a variety of teaching assignments and an ability to adapt to the needs of his classes. His expertise in Arkansas history has helped make the courses extremely popular, and East Arkansas Community College is fortunate to have a faculty member who is an excellent scholar in the Arkansas history field.

National Park College
Debra Wilson
Radiologic Technology Program Director
Debra Wilson started working at National Park College in 1995. She serves as the program director of the Radiologic Technology program. She provides leadership to her faculty and cares deeply about her students and the college. Debra is the current chair of the Professional Development Committee and was instrumental in the establishing the Respiratory Therapy Student Association. Under her leadership, the Radiologic Technology program recently received the maximum reaccreditation standards. Debra embraces change and uses all resources available to help expand her teaching skills and advance the reputation of the college.

North Arkansas College
Tim Coone
Communication Instructor
Tim Coone’s students say he will teach you a lot about English. One student said, “Mr. Coone is very intelligent, and it shows!” Tim is active on campus and currently serves as Faculty Senate Chair. He served 3 ½ years as the chair of the Academic Assessment Team. Tim’s articles and poetry have been included in numerous publications. He is project director for The Cave Region Review, a beautiful publication featuring art, poetry, and photography, that is popular around the state. Northark is proud to recognize Tim as the 2016 Outstanding Faculty member.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Ellen Turner
Professor
Ellen came to NorthWest Arkansas Community College in 2007 to teach biology and served as Faculty Coordinator for Biology. She was appointed to the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission by Governors Clinton in 1985 and Beebe in 2014. She worked with honors students to promote a management plan for the NWACC Living Laboratory/Nature Area in conjunction with the Arkansas Natural Heritage Commission. She cultivates great relationships with her students: “Ms. Turner is a wonderful teacher who is willing to work with students outside of the classroom. Her style of teaching is fun, motivating, and challenging, and she wants to see students thrive and learn.”

Ozarka College
Cheri McKee-McSwain
Speech/Theater Faculty
Cheri McKee-McSwain, Ozarka College speech, theatre, and art instructor, is an exceptionally deserving recipient of the Faculty of the Year award. While voting on Faculty of the Year, some students commented, “Ms. McKee-McSwain truly cares about students, makes class interesting, is an amazing teacher, and is passionate about teaching.” McKee-McSwain, who joined the faculty at Ozarka in 2003, retired at the end of this academic year. She does, however, plan to continue teaching as an adjunct instructor.

Phillips Community College of the UA
Chris Maloney
Physics Instructor
A host of students, youngsters, and adults have become “star gazers” over the years under the direction of Phillips Community College of the UA physics instructor Chris Maloney. His love of teaching physics, physical science, and the wonders of astronomy has driven him above and beyond his duties as a college instructor. Maloney, who has completed 16 years at PCCUA, uses different techniques and approaches to engage his students and keep them actively involved. He said teaching at PCCUA has been a pleasure and continues to be rewarding.

Pulaski Technical College
Steve Williams
Welding Instructor
Steve has taught welding for 20 years, and his philosophy has always been that “You have to reach the student before you can teach the student.” Many of Steve’s students come from troubled backgrounds. Some have been in prison and come to Pulaski Technical College to make a new start. In a time of declining enrollment, Steve’s classes are consistently filled to the max. Steve regularly visits area employers seeking advice on how to improve the curriculum, and he consistently places most of his students who complete the welding program into jobs.

South Arkansas Community College
Dr. David J. Carty
Director of Process Technology
David J. Carty, Ph.D., has been Director of Process Technology at SouthArk Community College since 2012. He oversees development and instruction among 11 academic process technology courses and works in harmony with
liaisons from 11 local process industries. He serves on the Quality and Standards committee of the North American Process Technology Alliance, which coordinates and inspires best practice instruction of this industry-driven curricula among many colleges nationwide. Identification and removal of cultural and personal inhibitions limiting incoming student inquisitiveness, learning, maturation, ambition, reliability, and performance are key pursuits.

**Southeast Arkansas College**

**Iry Rice**

**Industrial Mechanics and Electronics Instructor**

Iry Rice has clearly demonstrated that he is one of the finest industrial mechanics and electronics instructors currently working in this state. There is no staff member at our school who would better fit the description of an effective teacher. Iry’s professional commitment to excellence combined with a genuine love for teaching is exemplary. He is known for his “roll up your sleeves and get the job done” attitude. He has influenced not only his classroom, but many others in a positive way.

**Southern Arkansas University Tech**

**Rebecca Hughes**

**Communication Arts Instructor**

Rebecca Hughes is a Communications Arts instructor for SAU Tech who goes above and beyond the call of duty. She is a loyal employee and is always willing to serve the students. She has participated in numerous AQIP committees, has served on the LRC Advisory committee, and has volunteered countless hours to help students in writing groups. She has gone the extra mile in helping the college develop a plagiarism tutorial for the Academic Integrity Module. She has served the community through her participation in Leadership Camden. It is for these reasons Rebecca is so deserving of this award.

**UA Community College at Batesville**

**Marietta Candler**

**Division Chair for Nursing and Allied Health**

Marietta Candler provides strategic direction and leadership for the planning, administration, and management of all aspects of the Nursing and Allied Health programs. Marietta’s students say that she is giving of her time both in and out of class and that it is clear she genuinely wants to see each of them succeed. Students describe her as willing, thoughtful, passionate, supportive and encouraging. One student said, “I have never had a teacher that seems so excited to teach.”

**UA Community College at Morrilton**

**Keith McKnight**

**Automotive Collision Repair Technology**

Keith says, “I teach because I want to be part of the growth and success of the next generation and help further the non-traditional students. It is rewarding to see their reactions when understanding a new concept.” Keith teaches all collision repair and refinishing courses from fundamentals through advanced refinishing, along with other technical courses. Keith was selected because he has a great rapport with both students and faculty, and he cares about the future of all students.

**University of Arkansas Cossatot**

**Kelli Harris**

**Agriculture Instructor**

Kelli is an agricultural instructor, collegiate FFA advisor, and a law instructor. Some of the projects she has taken on include organizing the Colts Classic, an annual FFA contest for high school students, and operating the greenhouse. Kelli goes far beyond expectations to make the college experience meaningful for her students.

**University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana**

**Randy Sanders**

**Dean of Technical and Industrial Division**

Randy has given 34 years to UA Hope-Texarkana as an instructor and Dean of the Technical and Industrial division. He has been responsible for the success of the T&I division and has worked hard to emphasize the importance of career and technical education. His letter of nomination says, “He has been a friend to many people he has worked with as well as a voice of reason and a source of wisdom for everyone at the College. His commitment to and love for UAHT is unparalleled; one would be hard pressed to find someone more deserving of this honor than he is.”

**University of Arkansas Rich Mountain**

**Dr. Gaumani Gyanwali**

**Chemistry Instructor**

As the campus physical science instructor, Dr. Gyanwali is described as a great teacher who sets high expectations for students. His own love of learning is evident in his high level of enthusiasm and the energy he brings to the classroom. He promotes a sense of community through the UA Rich Mountain Science Club’s community clean-up efforts. In 2015, he co-hosted a very successful science fair on the main campus that encouraged partnerships with local business and individuals, secondary schools, and post-secondary students through conducting demonstrations and recognizing achievements in both physical and biological sciences.
Outstanding Staff

Arkansas Northeastern College
Michelle Bennett
Assistant Director Technical Center
Michelle Bennett serves as the Arkansas Northeastern College Technical Center Assistant Director. She is conscientious in her work with students and staff. Always willing to go the extra mile, Michelle helped create ANC’s first weeklong manufacturing camp. She collaborates regularly with student services, career coaches, and Career Pathways to promote the Early College Program, Technical Center, and college transition. Michelle has earned the National Career Development Facilitator Certification and graduated from the local chamber of commerce leadership institute. Michelle has a wonderful rapport with students, staff, and the communities served.

Arkansas State University Beebe
Sharon Been
Controller
Sharon started in 1982 in the physical plant as a departmental administrator. She later moved over to the fiscal department serving as a cashier, AP clerk, Accountant I, Accountant II, and a Database Analyst before being promoted to her current position as Controller for the institution and all of its campuses. Over the course of the last 34 years, Sharon’s commitment to the pursuit of perfection in all that she does has benefited many faculty, staff, and countless students. Her country charm combined with her devotion to helping others succeed has benefited all who have worked with Sharon.

Arkansas State University Mid-South
Suvra Das Chowdhury
Food Preparation Coordinator
Suvra is a caring, considerate, and outgoing individual, which is what it takes to manage Café Grill. Her cooking ability demonstrates her passion for pleasing students, staff, faculty, and visitors. She is always positive and smiling, even when she is being pulled in multiple directions at once. She loves people and the grill. She supports the Greyhounds and attends games and other campus activities. She is always professional with staff, students, and external constituents. Suvra takes so much pride in her work and ASU Mid-South.

Arkansas State University Mountain Home
Rickey Crawford
Technical Director, Vada Sheid Community Development Center
After obtaining his associate of arts degree, Rickey Crawford joined ASU Mountain Home’s student services staff in 2008. He is now the technical director of the Vada Sheid (pronounced Shed) Community Development Center, a 1,600 seat auditorium and convention center at ASUMH. Under Crawford’s direction, The Shed has increased rental events and revenue by more than 50 percent. Not only recognized by his peers, Crawford is known by artists and entertainers as one of the best hosts on their tours. At ASUMH, Rickey has hosted REO Speedwagon, Little Big Town, Justin Moore, Willie Nelson (twice), Mercy Me, Casting Crowns, and more.

Arkansas State University Newport
Tamya Stallings
Director of Information Technology Services
Along with being a wife and the mother of three children, Tamya has spearheaded ASU Newport’s efforts to get the CMC software up and running. She kept this process running by keeping her staff organized and on track, with a gentle prod now and then. She has also overseen the realignment of the IT department in order to facilitate the college’s move to a new network that will provide students more email and cloud storage space and access to the MS Office suite. She has served on the board of the POISE users group and the Jenzabar advisory board.

Black River Technical College
Dana Clay
Administrative Assistant
Dana is the Administrative Assistant for Nursing and Respiratory Care at Black River Technical College. Dana was chosen for this award for her exceptional customer service, her dedication to the students, her involvement in campus activities, and her loyalty to BRTC. She is a valuable asset to the campus community.

College of the Ouachitas
Jill Houlihan
Executive Assistant to the President
Jill is the Executive Administrative Assistant to the President and Board of Trustees at College of the Ouachitas. Jill’s higher education experience began as a student at Mississippi Delta Community College where she graduated with an Associate of Applied Science in Business. She worked as an office manager and bookkeeper for fifteen years until she and her husband, Dr. Patrick Houlihan, relocated to Arkadelphia where he is a professor at Ouachita Baptist University. Jill worked at OBU for 14 years and completed her Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration in 2008. She came to COTO in 2012 and joined the ACC Board in 2016.
**East Arkansas Community College**
**Michelle Wilson**
*Associate Vice-President of Student Affairs*
Michelle’s hard work, determination, and effectiveness have positively contributed in many ways to East Arkansas Community College. She has written millions of dollars’ worth of grants, supervised the mentorship and guidance of thousands of students, and assisted dozens of faculty and staff in understanding the laws and regulations pertaining to higher education. SSS, counseling, recruitment, tutoring, testing, advising, Career Coaches, Career Pathways, WSSN, disabilities services, campus safety, and crisis management are some of the many areas that she has led or been a vital component of over the last decade.

**National Park College**
**Nathan Looper**
*Veteran Affairs Coordinator*
Nathan has been an employee of National Park College since February 2012 where he serves as the Veteran Affairs Coordinator. During his tenure, he has worked to improve the services offered to veterans. Nathan served in the United States Marine Corps through active and reserve duty. While on reserve duty, he completed his Associate of Arts Degree at NPC. He then studied mass media and journalism at Henderson State University where he graduated with a 3.86 GPA. Nathan enjoys volunteering and currently serves as the Chair Elect of the NPC Staff Senate.

**North Arkansas College**
**Pam Richiert**
*Director of TRiO Programs*
As TRiO Director, Pam compares her leadership style to that of a shepherd. A lifetime member of the Arkansas Children’s Hospital Circle of Friends Harrison Chapter, she supports many worthwhile charities. Pam is a past president of the Administrative Staff Association and serves on the Benefits Committee and Administrative Staff Compensation Committee. Pam is proud of the TRiO alumni and says they are proven examples of the success that education can bring you if you persevere. Her work ethic and dedication to North Arkansas College are exemplary, and Northark is proud to recognize Pam as the 2016 Outstanding Staff Member.

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College**
**Paula Gulledge**
*Administrative Assistant, Student Services, Washington County Centers*
Paula began as a work study and worked part-time before joining NorthWest Arkansas Community College full time in 2010. Paula works in an offsite center in Washington County and is cross-trained in an array of duties essential to serving students. Paula is multi-talented and uses these talents to serve wherever needed. She balances being detail-oriented and meticulous while being very people-oriented. She is a valuable and treasured member of Student Services. Paula strongly believes that she is just one of many at the college who continually works towards the success of the students.

**Ozarka College**
**Rondal Moser**
*Maintenance Technician*
Rondal has been employed as a Maintenance Technician at Ozarka College since 2013. In his three years of service, Rondal has been an outstanding employee, always willing to go above and beyond in offering assistance to others. His pleasant demeanor and exceptional work ethic have gained him the respect of his coworkers. Rondal’s giving nature is evident in the community as well. He and his wife Tammy love to prepare food and provide garden vegetables to those in need.

**Phillips Community College of the UA**
**Heather Funk**
*Assistant Registrar*
Just a few short years ago, Heather was standing on the other side of the counter registering for classes at Phillips Community College of the UA. Today, she works as assistant registrar, helping prepare and register other students. Funk joined PCCUA in 2013 as a registrar’s assistant. In a short time, she has proven herself to be a leader in planning and executing campus activities and helping implement strategies to increase enrollment. A 2013 graduate of PCCUA, Funk earned a B.A.S. from UA-Ft. Smith and is pursuing a Master’s in Learning Systems Technology Education from UALR.

**Pulaski Technical College**
**Kyanna Beard**
*Associate Director of Admissions*
Kyanna has been at Pulaski Technical College for four years, during which time she has served as Enrollment Coordinator and most recently as Associate Director of Admissions and Lead Recruitment Specialist. It is no secret that during the past few years, recruiting has not been easy at any college. Kyanna strives to keep the pipeline of new students coming to PTC- whether by hosting a campus tour, visiting a school, or giving free COMPASS tests to a group of high-risk students.
South Arkansas Community College  
Jayna Winiecki  
Assistant Registrar

Jayna has served in South Arkansas Community College’s Student Services Division as Assistant Registrar since November 2014. She enjoys working with students by assisting with transfer work, degree audits, and graduation processing. During peak enrollment periods, Jayna assists with advising and registration. She is an active member of Epsilon Sigma Alpha (ESA), a service organization involved in raising funds that support St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital and local charities. When not at work, she enjoys spending time with family and thrift-storing. Jayna received her Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Henderson State University.

Southeast Arkansas College  
Deb Pyland  
Director of Retention

Deb serves as Director of Retention for Southeast Arkansas College. She can be found working side by side with the students and faculty. “Changing lives…one student at a time” is not only SEARK College’s motto, but it is a way of life for Deb. She was selected by her peers as the Outstanding Staff representative.

Southern Arkansas University Tech  
Dale Tommey  
Controller

Dale is the Controller for SAU Tech and one of the school’s greatest assets. Dale is an outstanding employee who brings energy, commitment, flexibility, and professional conduct to his job. Dale served on several AQIP committees and was instrumental in the college’s compliance with the mandatory GASB reporting for health and retirement benefits. He played a major role with the accounting for the tornado recovery, and he is a guru in the POISE system. Dale is an excellent team leader and is respected by all co-workers.

UA Community College at Batesville  
Beverly Moss  
Administrative Assistant to the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs

Beverly was instrumental in the start-up of the new “Sunday Study Stop” initiative. The project allows for the UACC-Batesville library to be open Sundays so students have access to the internet and computers, study rooms, all library services, and tutoring. Beverly also led the formation of a mentorship program that pairs staff members with at-risk students in an effort to help students succeed in their college careers. Her coworkers say Beverly consistently goes beyond the call of duty to help students and is “the glue that holds the Student Affairs Division together as one.”

UA Community College at Morrilton  
Victor Cooper  
Maintenance Assistant

Victor performs preventative maintenance and repairs to campus buildings and equipment, assists with maintaining the campus fleet, and with projects and activities. He is very helpful, always smiling, and a pleasure to be around. Victor is hard working and always has a smile for everyone. He has been a big help to everyone at the college, and he is just a wonderful guy. Victor says that he loves his job and “each day is a new opportunity to help someone. I look beyond myself and walk in others’ shoes.” He values every minute and counts his daily blessings.

University of Arkansas Cossatot  
Brenda Young  
Fiscal Support Analyst/Accounts Payable

Brenda began her career at UA Cossatot in January 1997 as a student worker and transitioned to a full-time position seven months later. As the college grew, her job responsibilities also grew. Her duties include ensuring that the college follows state guidelines and laws while paying bills so that the college can continue to operate efficiently. Her philosophy is to do your best and enjoy the task. Be committed, dedicated, and loyal; the result is success. She adheres to the tenant, “Treat others as you would like to be treated, not as they treat you.”

University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana  
Shaun Clark  
Director of Industry Outreach & Continuing Education

Shaun has served as Director of Industry Outreach & Continuing Education at UA Hope-Texarkana since 2012. He holds a Bachelor of Science and a Master of Science and is currently working towards a Doctorate of Education in Higher Education Leadership. It has been stated that, “Shaun is dependable, has a cheerful attitude, and a good working relationship with his clients and peers. His willingness to help others on campus makes him a valuable employee. He always represents the college in a professional manner and is an active participant in college events. I can’t think of anyone more deserving of this award.”

University of Arkansas Rich Mountain  
Chris Masters  
Network & Systems Engineer

As a staff member at UA Rich Mountain for just a few short years, Chris Masters continues to go above and beyond providing guidance and instruction to help staff “walk through” computer issues. As the Network & Systems Engineer for all campus locations, Chris exhibits a high level of expertise and knowledge of the campus network systems. He is dedicated to researching and implementing the appropriate steps to improve and enhance computer
services for staff and students. His colleagues describe him as supportive, patient, and highly skilled in all aspects of technology.

**Outstanding Alumni**

**Arkansas Northeastern College**

**Dr. Charisse Childers, Director of Arkansas Career Education**

**State of Arkansas**

Blytheville native Dr. Charisse Childers attended Arkansas Northeastern College prior to earning her bachelor’s, master’s, and specialist’s degrees from Arkansas State University, and then a Ph.D. from the University of Arkansas. Her career began in secondary and post-secondary education – even serving as the Director of ANC’s College Now tech prep program for several years. She has earned both state and national recognition for her leadership and work. She served as the executive director of Accelerate Arkansas before being appointed to Governor Asa Hutchinson’s cabinet as the Director of the Arkansas Department of Career Education in January 2015.

**Arkansas State University Beebe**

**Barry Farris, Vice Chancellor (Retired)**

**Arkansas State University Beebe**

Barry Farris received his associate degree from ASU-Beebe and, as a student, received the university’s highest award, the Citizenship Award. He earned his bachelor’s, master’s, and specialist’s degrees from Arkansas State and received the Honorary American FFA Degree for his contributions to agricultural education. Farris returned to ASU-Beebe to begin teaching agriculture in 1984 and served several years as business and agriculture division chair, then as Vice Chancellor for Advanced Studies and External Programs, then Vice Chancellor for the Searcy campus before retiring this year with 32 years of service to the university.

**Arkansas State University Mid-South**

**Mary Meux Toney, Member, ASU Mid-South Board of Visitors**

No one who has worked at Mid-South needs an explanation of what makes Mary Toney an outstanding alum. She was appointed to the ASU Mid-South College Board of Trustees in 1991 and has served the college continuously in the role of board member ever since. What is perhaps most interesting about Mrs. Toney is that her work as a board member inspired her to enroll at ASU Mid-South and obtain a degree. Mrs. Toney has consciously sought to be a living example to others of the value of education and its ability to change lives.

**Arkansas State University Newport**

**Lieutenant Colonel Thomas J. Foley, Strategy and Policy Branch Chief**

**United States Army National Guard**

After graduating with an Associate of Arts in Liberal Arts from ASU-Newport, Thomas (T.J.) earned a Bachelor of Science Degree from Arkansas State University as well as two graduate degrees, one in public administration, with an emphasis in homeland security and terrorism, and one in military science. He served four tours of duty in the Middle East, the last of which earned him a Bronze Star. After returning to the National Guard full-time, T. J. currently holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and is the Strategy and Policy Branch Chief for the United States Army National Guard.

**Black River Technical College**

**Jessica Alphin, Respiratory Care Faculty**

**Black River Technical College**

Jessica graduated from Black River Technical College in December 2003 with an Associate of Applied Science in Respiratory Care. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Professional Development and Advanced Patient Care from Grand Canyon University and is a registered respiratory therapist with 13 years of practice. She is the Arkansas Society of Respiratory Care’s president-elect and has been recognized as Arkansas Outstanding Educator of the Year and Clinical Preceptor of the Year for the Northeast district. Jessica is Director of Clinical Education for Respiratory Care for BRTC. She is married to Travis, and they have 2 children, Abby and Mikey.
Outstanding Alumni

College of the Ouachitas
Alissa Harrell, Nursing Faculty
College of the Ouachitas
Alissa, a 2-time graduate of College of the Ouachitas, earned her Practical Nursing Certificate in 2004 and Associate of Nursing in 2010. While working full-time as a COTO nursing instructor, she is also a full-time student working on her master’s degree in nursing education. She recently took on the difficult task of compressing a 16-week course down to 10 weeks without losing any of the previously taught curriculum. Alissa always tries to lift the spirits of those around her. Because she has a strong desire to help others, Alissa also actively volunteers for the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention.

East Arkansas Community College
Brycial Williams, Kindergarten Teacher
Forrest City School District
Brycial Williams of Wynne has been very diligent in establishing a career in elementary education. After graduating from East Arkansas Community College, he obtained Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Early Childhood Education from Arkansas State University and is working to complete an EdS in Reading. Brycial is currently a kindergarten teacher at Central Elementary, and was recently awarded the first National Council of Teachers of English “Teacher for the Dream” award in the state. In addition, he has received his district’s “Superintendent Award,” and because of his diligent service in his community was also awarded the “Youth All-Star” and “Community Service Recognition” awards.

National Park College
Jeff Crow, Director
Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Jeff has a degree in criminal justice from National Park College, a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management from John Brown University, and a Master of Public Administration from Arkansas State University. After serving active and reservist duty, he retired from the Marine Corps as a Sergeant Major and as a combat veteran of Operation Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom II. He joined the Arkansas State Police working in highway patrol, criminal investigations, and SWAT. He was a University of Arkansas Criminal Justice instructor and he serves as the Director of the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission. Jeff and his wife, Susanna, have two grown children.

North Arkansas College
Dr. Marcus Jones, Owner
Jones Physical Therapy
Marcus has a servant’s heart. A North Arkansas College grad, Marcus played basketball for his father in high school, and Charlie Spoonhour at Saint Louis University. He earned a Master of Physical Therapy from Saint Louis University in 1996 and a Doctorate of Physical Therapy from Southwest Baptist University. His academic background includes a Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science, and he is renowned in the area for his Ola Grimsby spine specialty. Marcus operates Jones Physical Therapy in Harrison and other clinics in Yellville and Jasper. He enjoys playing basketball and spending time with his wife, Angela; daughter, Addie; and son, Gavin.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Mindy K. Walker, Juvenile Justice Service Coordinator
Youth Bridge, Inc.
Mindy has a passion for working with kids, so she runs a peer mentoring program for troubled youth at Youth Bridge, Inc. and voluntarily runs the region’s Mother to Mother Ministry, an organization that provides mentors to mothers in need. Mindy was selected for this award because of the positive impact she makes in the community through volunteerism and public service, exemplifying the qualities of leadership, kindness, and humility.

Ozarka College
Justin Hoskinds, Physical Therapist
Melbourne Therapy Center
Justin attended Ozarka College from 2000-2002. During this time, he received 60 credit hours of pre-requisites before transferring to the University of Central Arkansas on a transfer scholarship. He graduated Summa Cum Laude from UCA in 2004 with a Bachelor of Health Science with emphasis in Physical Therapy. In 2007, Justin graduated again from UCA with his Clinical Doctrine in Physical Therapy. Since graduation, he has become a board certified clinical specialist in orthopedics, sports, and clinical electrophysiology through the American Board of Physical Therapy Specialties. He is currently employed at Melbourne Therapy Center.

Phillips Community College of the UA
Alonzo Ford, Artist
Self-Employed
If everyone has a calling, Alonzo Ford’s is to be an artist documenting life in the Delta through his drawings. Though his chosen profession was working on the family farm in rural Southland outside Helena, he realized his artistic ability at age 40 when he enrolled in art classes at Phillips Community College of the UA. To satisfy his hunger, Ford rode his bicycle 10 miles to and from classes for a year. Exhibiting a unique style, his works have been displayed at arts centers and museums around the state and at the Delta Cultural Center in Helena.
Pulaski Technical College
Danny Martin, Computer Science/Cisco Instructor

Danny graduated with honors from Pulaski Technical College in 2006. After graduation, he earned a Bachelor of Science from American Public University. In July of 2009, Danny started teaching full-time at PTC and has since developed a week long Cisco Boot Camp and Virtual Machine Academy. He has served on the Steering Committee for North Little Rock School District as well as both the Distance Education Committee and the Graduation Committee at Pulaski Tech. Danny regularly engages employers to help obtain employment for Pulaski Tech graduates and is dedicated to the success of each of his students.

South Arkansas Community College
Dr. Christie Skinner, Business Owner

Skinner Family Practice

Dr. Christie Skinner attended South Arkansas Community College and graduated in August 2000 with a Technical Certificate in Nursing. While working full-time as a licensed practical nurse, she earned an Associate and Bachelor of Arts and Sciences degrees in June 2002 and May 2005, respectively. In December 2007, she completed her Master’s in Nursing Science. After passing her national boards, she became nationally certified as a family nurse practitioner in February 2008 and immediately established the Skinner Family Practice in El Dorado. In May 2014, she received her Doctor of Nursing Practice.

Southeast Arkansas College
Kim Williams, Director of Library

Southeast Arkansas College

Kim is a May 2002 graduate of Southeast Arkansas College when she received an Associate of Applied Science in Computer Network Technology. She is currently serving as the college’s library director. Kim is always ready to pitch in and help with whatever needs to be done. SEARK is proud to nominate her for this award.

Southern Arkansas University Tech
Phillip Shirley, Electronic Shop Supervisor in the Audio/Visual Services Departments in the Engineering and Equipment Services Division

Middle Tennessee State University
Phil received his Associate of Applied Science in Electronics Technology in 1984 from SAU Tech. Afterward, he moved to Nashville, TN where he worked at Opryland, the Grand Old Opry, Trinity Broadcasting, and DOVE Awards before eventually founding his own multimedia company. Phil has collaborated with such artists as Wynonna Judd, Ronnie Millas, Lee Greenwood, Martina McBride, Charlie Daniels, Chuck Berry, Anne Murray, Crystal Gayle, B.J. Thomas, The Oak Ridge Boys, and The News Boys. He credits SAU Tech for giving him the technical foundation for a 30 year career in the broadcasting, entertainment, live event, and pageant industries.

UA Community College at Batesville
Alan Ballard, Electrical Maintenance Technician

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Alan earned two associate of science degrees from UA Community College at Batesville, one in industrial equipment maintenance and one in industrial electronic maintenance. He holds certificates from Allen Bradley PLC for RS 5000 and Guard Logixs. He currently serves as an electrical maintenance technician for Nestle Foods® in Jonesboro, AR, where he trouble shoots and repairs electrical problems and provides complete preventative maintenance of equipment.

UA Community College at Morrilton
Justin Zimmerman, Vice President and Loan Officer

Petit Jean State Bank

Justin started his career in banking as a part-time teller while attending UA Community College at Morrilton where he earned an associate’s degree with an emphasis in banking and finance. He has enjoyed more than 18 years in the banking industry and is currently a vice president and loan officer at Petit Jean State Bank in Morrilton. Justin serves on the Business Accounting Advisory Committee at UACCM. As an advisory committee member, he speaks to business classes about finance and also performs mock interviews. He is a member of Rotary International and has served on the American Cancer Society Relay for Life committee.

University of Arkansas Cossatot
Lilly Bell-Johnson, Human Resource Manager

Weyerhaeuser

Lilly is currently employed at Weyerhaeuser as the human resource manager for Dierks Lumber and Idabel Lumber. She has been employed with Weyerhaeuser since June 2012. Prior to that, Lilly worked at UA-Cossatot for 11 ½ years, starting as Administrative Assistant of the Upward Bound Program and ending her career as Director of Human Resources. During her time working at UAC, she had the opportunity to earn an Associate of Applied Science in Accounting and a Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Management through a partnership with Franklin University.
**University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana**

**Dr. Brian Caldwell, Doctor**

**Howard Memorial Hospital**

Brian came to UA Hope-Texarkana in 1996 and earned 56 credit hours. He obtained a Bachelor’s in biology from Henderson State University in 2003, and a Master’s in biology from the University of Central Arkansas in 2006. Brian then entered medical school at UAMS where he graduated with honors in 2010. He completed his residency at UAMS Southwest Texarkana and was elected chief resident his final year. In 2015, he was awarded the Degree of Fellow from the American Academy of Family Physicians. His current practice is in Nashville, Arkansas on Howard Memorial Hospital’s campus where he practices outpatient family medicine and emergency medicine.

**University of Arkansas Rich Mountain**

**Salvador Elizalde, Clinic Manager**

Healthy Connections, Inc.

Salvador is one of those individuals who adds value to others in a methodical and dedicated way. His hard work at a grass-roots level positively impacts the work of others. He started working for Healthy Connections, Inc. as a licensed practical nurse in the lab and was soon promoted to lab manager. After completing his certification and Associate of Nursing, he was promoted to Nurse Manager. A promotion to Clinic Manager soon followed, and he has also received the honor of HCI’s Employee of the Year.

**Academic All-Stars**

**Arkansas Northeastern College**

**Cody Hogan**

Cody Hogan, of Leachville, Arkansas, is an outgoing student majoring in Computer Information Systems. Cody plans to eventually earn a master’s degree in computer science. He maintains a 4.0 cumulative grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities. He is an active member of ANC’s Student Voice Initiative and serves as both a student tutor and a peer mentor. Cody is also a member of the Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society.

**Arkansas State University Beebe**

**Sarah Vaughn**

Sarah is a liberal arts major from Cabot. She has a 3.65 GPA and is in the Honors Program. A member of the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, Gamma Beta Phi, Ecology Club, and the Student Government Association, she also serves as a marketing intern for ASU-Beebe. Sarah started and is the editor-in-chief of The Odyssey, a social content platform that shares millennial voices through social media. After graduating from ASU-Beebe, Sarah will attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. She plans to double major in English and journalism.

**Arkansas State University Mid-South**

**Darius Irby**

Darius has been blind since he was fifteen, so one can imagine the obstacles he has had to overcome. Curriculum not designed to meet his unique needs and inadequate resources have caused many bumps in the road, not to mention day-to-day activities the average student takes for granted. Every single day, Darius sits in the Learning Success Center, spending hours with tutors in order to master the content and to achieve his goals. Darius has conquered many hurdles and has proven he can achieve any goal he sets.

**Arkansas State University Mountain Home**

**Gabriel L. Apple**

Gabe is one of the most involved students on campus. He is a member of the Fran Coulter Honors program and president of Phi Theta Kappa. Gabe is a student ambassador and works in the biology department and bookstore. He worked with other students to organize the annual science fair, “Insectival!” He helped the Stream Team and a local nonprofit, Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers, conduct a creek cleanup and an Earth Day cleanup on campus. After graduating from ASU Mountain Home, Gabe plans to obtain a doctorate in ichthyology. He is a past participant in ACC’s Student Leadership Academy.

**Arkansas State University Newport**

**Samuel Wakefield**

Though originally from Alabama, Sam now calls Arkansas home. He went straight into the workforce without graduating from high school and came to realize he could not be satisfied by the dead end jobs that he was working. He was spurred by close friends to earn his GED while working full time. The next year, he found a home at ASU Newport. During his time at ASUN, Sam worked two jobs, taught karate, and maintained a full academic schedule. The support he has received at ASU has shown him a path to his future and empowered him to chase his dreams.

**Black River Technical College**

**Karin Ward**

Karin is the mother of two adult children, Nanny to two grandchildren, and wife to a supportive husband. Her goal is to teach biology in high school and possibly college. While attending Black River Technical College, she maintained a 4.00 GPA and was the vice president of Phi Theta Kappa. She will transfer to Arkansas State University this fall to continue her goal of receiving a Bachelor of Science
in Education. She says her final goal is to pursue a master’s degree in biological sciences.

**College of the Ouachitas**

**Eric Gaither**

Eric is an Honors College Scholar whose career goal is to become a police detective. After completing his Associate of Arts in May 2017, he plans to transfer to Henderson State University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in criminal justice. As treasurer of the College of the Ouachitas’s chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, Eric supports and strengthens the college and the Malvern community. He serves on the Student Grievances Committee and, at the request of administration, represented the student body on the recent Presidential Search Committee. A consistent President’s List honoree, Eric won first place in the SkillsUSA CSI competition in 2015.

**East Arkansas Community College**

**Aldo Eduardo Mora Delgado**

Aldo is determined to make the most of his opportunities. Born in Mexico, Aldo’s second language is English, and he once thought that higher education would be out of reach. However, his persistence and dedication to accomplishing his goals have helped him excel in his studies. Aldo has been an active participant as an East Arkansas Community College Ambassador and in the Student Support Services program. Aldo is a past participant in ACC’s Student Leadership Academy. After graduating, Aldo plans to attend the University of Arkansas to pursue a degree in architecture. He is excited about his future and overcoming many more challenges on his path to success.

**National Park College**

**Keanna Peck**

Keanna is a first-generation college student and a political science major, whose career goal is to practice law. She balances her studies with employment as a work study for the TRiO department. She is a Student Ambassador and a member of several campus organizations including Phi Theta Kappa, the Student Government Association, and the NPC Cultural Diversity Club. She is a past participant of ACC’s Student Leadership Academy. She stated, “When I walked through those doors at NPC for the first time, I was determined to reach my goal of graduating, transferring, and having a rewarding career. I am so thankful to everyone helping me reach my dreams.”

**North Arkansas College**

**Anthony Duane Jackson**

Anthony is passionate about serving others. His goal is to work for a service organization like Heifer International. In traveling around the country, he has compiled an amazing network of friends and colleagues nationally and internationally. His hobbies include mountain biking, surfing, snowboarding, and hiking. More than anything, he loves networking with like-minded individuals who are set on making a positive impact in their lives and the lives of those around them. Anthony is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and serves as SGA Treasurer. North Arkansas College is proud to be represented by Anthony.

**NorthWest Arkansas Community College**

**Phyllis Sluyter**

Phyllis is from Rogers and attends NorthWest Arkansas Community College where she is a member of the honors program. Phyllis has worked on two EMPACTS projects, one of which she has incorporated into a service learning project. Professor Ellen Turner says that the Honors Program “greatly benefits from her natural leadership skills. She brings energy, a positive can-do attitude, honesty, and a sense of justice to her honors classes.” Upon graduating from NWACC, Phyllis plans to transfer to the University of Arkansas to complete a Bachelor of Science in industrial engineering.

**Ozarka College**

**Zachery Thielsman**

Zachery is in the Associate of Applied Science in Registered Nursing program and is expected to graduate in December. Zachery is a gifted student who plans to attend Lyon College to pursue a bachelor’s degree in biology in preparation for medical school. Zachery is an active member of the Ozarka College student body, has taken a lead role in assisting with the annual health fair, and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa.

**Phillips Community College of the UA**

**Joshua Mullinax**

Joshua says that Phillips Community College of the UA has positively impacted his journey toward working in the field of agriculture. His experiences at PCCUA have taught him the value of building relationships and balancing college and work schedules. A business administration major, Joshua plans to graduate from PCCUA and transfer to Arkansas State University, where he will pursue bachelor’s and master’s degrees in agricultural business. His attendance and classroom participation are qualities that set him apart from other students. He is a very diligent, hard-working, and determined young man, who is also active in community events and volunteerism.
Academic All-Stars

Pulaski Technical College
Anthony Freeman
Anthony works in the Division of Fine Arts and Humanities, volunteers with the Make-A-Wish Foundation and the Little Rock Adult Education Center, and maintains a GPA of 4.0 while pursuing an Associate in Science in Liberal Arts and Sciences. After completing his degree at Pulaski Technical College, he plans to transfer to the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville where he will complete a Bachelor of Science in Architectural Studies. Anthony is an outstanding student and a motivated individual who plans to use his knowledge of planning and design to revitalize poor and war-torn communities throughout the world.

South Arkansas Community College
Dawn Tucker
Dawn is a dedicated and motivated student who excels in advanced critical thinking skills. Detailed, articulate, and adept in both oral and written communications, she is a distinguished member and leader of the local Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society chapter. Dawn views her responsibility as a student, leader, mother, and developing professional with an exuberant passion toward making a difference in the lives of those around her and in the world. She is a past participant in ACC’s Student Leadership Academy.

Southeast Arkansas College
MaKayla Corbitt
MaKayla is a graduate of Wite Hall High School and has continued her education at Southeast Arkansas College in the General Studies program. Corbitt was inducted into Phi Theta Kappa and currently holds the title of Co-Vice President. MaKayla plans to eventually attend the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff to obtain a degree in accounting. She will use her degree to become an accountant and open her own clothing store.

Southern Arkansas University Tech
Trent Williams
Trent is currently seeking an Associate in Science degree in Computer Information Systems. He plans to attain his bachelor’s and master’s degrees at Southern Arkansas University. He was a Student Ambassador and was involved in tours, College Day, and many of the activities on campus, such as ultimate Frisbee, flag football, and student dances. Trent was in the Student Leadership Program and received an award for his volunteer hours in Fall 2015. He has also served as a Resident Housing Authority member.

UA Community College at Batesville
Joshua McAnally
Joshua plans to graduate from UA Community College at Batesville in December with an Associate of Arts in General Education. Josh is a retired corporal in the United States Marine Corps. He plans to attend Arkansas State University and eventually earn a master’s degree in social work. He wants to serve at the Veterans’ Administration or the Family Advocacy Program with a Marine Corps installation. While balancing family and school, Josh also works with suicidal and disabled patients in an adult psych unit. “As a corporal in the U.S. Marine Corps, I developed a strong drive to put others before myself,” he said.

UA Community College at Morrilton
James Eric Garner
Eric returned to UA Community College at Morrilton in Fall 2014 after, in his words, “prior lackluster academic performance” and was afraid his advisor would brush aside his desire to enter the nursing program. That did not happen. Eric not only completed the Practical Nursing program but is also enrolled in the RN program with plans to complete a BSN and an MSN. Eric is the former president of the Student Nurses Association, was the student speaker at the practical nursing pinning and commencement ceremony, and plans to always advocate for UACCM, the place that made his dream of becoming a nurse a reality.

University of Arkansas Cossatot
Tina Daugherty
Tina is studying to become a teacher. She plans to teach in K-2 grades while completing her master’s degree and, eventually, a doctorate in education. She is described by her instructors as a high achiever and actively involved in the learning process. She is outgoing, fun, and always happy to take on extra duties to reach her goals. Tina teaches Bible school and volunteers as a counselor at Bible camp. She is committed to making a positive difference in the lives of children.

University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana
Hannah Kincheloe
Hannah has a passion for improving healthcare in the Southwest Arkansas region. For this reason, she is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in Medical Office Management. After earning her AAS, she plans to pursue a master’s degree in healthcare. She is the Vice President of Phi Theta Kappa, on the Chancellor’s Honor Roll, and a recipient of the UA Hope-Texarkana Bridge Builder’s Scholarship. Hannah volunteers weekly at the Columbia County
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Animal Society and helps extensively with the Hempstead County American Cancer Society Relay for Life. Her future plans include helping to establish a neonatal intensive care unit in the Southwest Arkansas region.

University of Arkansas Rich Mountain
Jerusha Tedder

Over the past 13 years, Jerusha has worked odd jobs to allow her to be a stay-at-home mother to her five children. Her desire to pursue a degree in elementary education was hindered by a lack of confidence in her math skills. After completing the required algebra courses with encouragement and help from her instructors and tutoring services, she excelled and gained confidence that she could achieve her degree. Jerusha stated, “Modeling to my children the value of education and showing them what hard work and dedication can accomplish is a priceless opportunity.”

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