29th Annual Conference
October 15 - 17, 2017
Little Rock Marriott
&
Statehouse Convention Center
Welcome to ACC 2017!

On behalf of the ACC staff and Conference Advisory Board, I am honored to welcome you to Little Rock for our 29th annual conference. We have a great program for you, including more than 70 breakout sessions designed specifically for community college administrators, faculty, and staff. New this year is our pre-conference workshop on the Higher Learning Commission’s Criterion 4, presented by Dr. Tom Bordenkircher. Our keynote speaker for Monday’s Faculty and Staff Awards Luncheon is Inside Higher Ed blogger Dr. Matt Reed, a community college administrator with a national profile in higher education. And as always, our conference grand finale is the Academic All-Star and Alumni Awards Brunch on Tuesday morning.

We hope you enjoy the change in venue and all the opportunities that the city has to offer. On Sunday evening, join us downtown at the Rev Room, a local favorite for live music, for dinner and entertainment by the Shannon Boshears Band. Sign up through the conference app to attend one of our industry tours on Monday, Dassault Falcon Jet or Lost Forty Brewery. In your free time, enjoy the shops and museums in the River Market, or walk across the pedestrian bridge and enjoy the river view.

Finally, I’d like to thank you for all you do to support the success of community college students in our state. 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 our communities. Your effort and dedication make it possible to address the difficult challenges we face when working to accomplish our shared mission.

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Pre-Conference Workshop
Sunday, October 15, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Marriott, Salon C

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Tom Bordenkircher

Vice President for Accreditation Relations
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Dr. Tom Bordenkircher, Vice President for Accreditation Relations, has experience in P–12 public education, higher education, county and state government policy and leadership, national foundation leadership, and specialized accreditation. Prior to coming to HLC, Tom was senior consultant and state director for the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation's STEM Teaching Fellowship Program. In Ohio, he was the Associate Vice Chancellor for the state Board of Regents, where he oversaw higher education program approval and the development of a statewide accountability system for educator preparation programs.

His higher education experience also includes roles as professor of education, chair, director, and associate and interim dean. Prior to his work in higher education, Tom began his career as a teacher of young children with severe disabilities. His professional interests continue to center around research and policy work for young children, especially those experiencing learning and reading difficulties. Dr. Bordenkircher holds B.S., M.Ed., and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Pittsburgh.

Keynote Speakers

Awards Luncheon Honoring Outstanding Faculty and Staff
Monday, October 16, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Governors’ Hall II

Keynote Speaker: Dr. Matt Reed

Dr. Matthew Reed is an experienced senior-level community college administrator with a national profile in higher education. He is currently the Vice President for Learning (chief academic officer) at Brookdale Community College, and is the author of the widely-read Inside Higher Education column “Confessions of a Community College Dean.” At Brookdale he has initiated the University Partnerships program, fostered the creation of five Early College High School programs, and reduced online achievement gaps. Prior to Brookdale he was the CAO at Holyoke Community College.

He was selected to the inaugural class of Aspen Institute Presidential Fellows, finishing as the sole representative from New Jersey. He has been a keynote speaker at NACCE, the Chair Academy, the New England Transfer Association, and the New Jersey Council of Community Colleges Best Practices conference. His book, Confessions of a Community College Administrator (Jossey-Bass, 2013), has been taught in educational leadership doctoral programs.

He has worked on accreditation self-studies for the HLC, Middle States, and NEASC, and has done multiple site visits for NEASC. He has taught at DeVry, Rutgers University, Kean University, and the County College of Morris. He received a B.A. in political science from Williams College, and a Ph.D. in political science from Rutgers University.

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Awards Brunch Honoring Academic All-Star Students and Alumni
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*Door Prizes
**Hendrix College Jazz Band with UAPTC’s Barry McVinney**
(Sunday 4 p.m., Salons A & B)
The Hendrix College Jazz Band, directed by UA Pulaski Technical College’s Dr. Barry McVinney, is a group of volunteer students interested in learning about and performing jazz music. Some band members are also members of other instrumental and vocal ensembles, and participate in diverse academic fields of study. While personnel in the Jazz Band can change each semester, the band manages to continually produce an entertaining sound that listeners enjoy. Dr. McVinney is in his ninth year as the Director and serves as Chair of Performing Arts, Music Instructor, and Choir Director at UA Pulaski Technical College.

**Dinner and Entertainment at the Rev Room**
(Sunday, 6:30 - 9 p.m.)
*Casual Attire*
The Rev Room is a Restaurant, Bar, & Lounge that sits along the banks of the Arkansas River in Little Rock’s beloved River Market District. A long-standing venue for local and national musical talent, the Rev Room offers a wide variety of entertainment. The Rev Room is within walking distance from the Marriott, so join us there! *No tickets will be sold at the door.* You must have your ticket to be admitted. Tickets will be exchanged for wristbands.

Hailing from Little Rock, Arkansas, Shannon Boshears has been a musical favorite on the scene where the blues was born and raised: in the South. 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.

**Poker Run/Walk**
(Monday, 7 a.m.)
The Poker Run/Walk will begin Monday at 7 a.m. under the portico of the Marriott hotel. Participants will receive playing cards along the route. The person who finishes with the best hand wins! The college with the most participants to finish the run/walk will earn a place on the coveted ACC Poker Run Plaque.

**Industry Tours Pre-Registered Events**

**Dassault Falcon Jet** (Monday, 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.)
Five decades ago, Dassault conceived and launched the Mystère-Falcon 20 – our first true purpose-built business jet. Twenty different models have followed in the years since, each with the same sleek lines, smooth handling and peerless reliability and efficiency inherent in that first Falcon.

Today, more than 2,250 Falcons have been delivered to 82 countries around the world and our fleet has surpassed 16.2 million hours of flight time – testimony to the reputation for quality and performance that the Falcon family has acquired within the aviation community.

But numbers alone fail to convey the breadth and depth of that reputation. For more than anything, business aviation operators are attracted to Falcon by the passion for excellence that the Falcon brand represents. A passion shared by the engineers, factory technicians, skilled craftsmen and other specialists who design, build and service Falcon aircraft. A passion handed down by company founder Marcel Dassault and carried on to this day. *Meet at the Marriot Lobby entrance.

**Lost 40 Brewing** (Monday, 1:40 p.m. to 3:40 p.m.)
Lost Forty Brewing takes its name from the historic, storied forest that stands on 40 acres of Arkansas’s last truly virgin soil in Calhoun County. We aim to craft beers as unwavering, wild, and uniquely Arkansas as the land itself. Lost Forty, both the forest and the brewery, is part tall tale, a little bit of hearsay, a lot of history, a few facts, a big cast of characters and completely Arkansas. *Meet at the Marriot Lobby entrance.

**Brain Bowl** (Monday 7:00 p.m., AR Ballroom)
Watch your community college friends compete for the top spot and bragging rights in the annual Brain Bowl on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Arkansas Ballroom of the Marriott Downtown Little Rock. Awards will be given to the 1st place team and the team with the most school spirit. Registration details coming soon!
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. Each session has been given a letter for time reference and number for room reference.

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Find Full Session Descriptions in our ACC Conference App!

1. Download: Go to your app store and download the free “AR Community Colleges” app to your mobile device. Click the “download” button to access the 2017 ACC Annual Conference event.

2. Register: You will receive an email with instructions on how to access the app. When prompted, enter the event password: oppor2nity17.

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 Game 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.

Administration/Leadership:

A - Conway Lecture Hall: Don’t Tromp Through the Crime Scene - How to Respond to a Data Breach on Your Campus
A - Harris Brake Lecture Hall: ArFuture is BRIGHT
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D - Manning: Leadership Lessons from Dr. Seuss
D - Neosho: Why Student Media Is a Good Idea for Your School
E - Harris Brake Lecture Hall: Growing Leaders the NPC Way!
E - White Oak Lecture Hall: “Put Me in Coach” ECO Recruiting High School Students

Faculty:

A - Chicot: CJI Certificates and AAS Program Partnerships for Law Enforcement Professionals
A - Riverview: Faculty Lightning Round Discussions
B - Chicot: From Course Design to Best Practices: Enhancing Instructor Presence Online
B - Conway Lecture Hall: Simulation Education Solutions for Nursing
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E - Chicot: Assessment Coach Model

E - Grampas: Beating the Odds: High Success Rates in INET Classes

E - Ouachita: In-Class Work Sheets in Physical Science (and other) Courses

F - Chicot: Ditch the Clickers and Use Plickers

F - Harris Brake Lecture Hall: Enhancing Nursing & Allied Health Education with Interdisciplinary Simulation

F - White Oak Lecture Hall: Collaborate Ultra - Different Usages for the Software

**Student Success:**

A - Grampas: Enrollment Support Center

A - Neosho: Lowering Barriers to Student Success: Our Journey to a New LMS

B - Harris Brake Lecture Hall: Student Loan Defaults and Solutions

B - Neosho: Setting the Stage for Student Success: Academic Coaching for First-Year Students Upon Entry

C - White Oak Lecture Hall: Simplify & Focus - Why Canvas Shines

D - Hoffman: Three Little Words You Want to Hear: What Coach Says

D - Petit Jean: Guided Pathways: A Discussion on Institutional Progress and Support Needs

E - Neosho: Appreciative Advising: A Comprehensive Approach to Advising

F - AR Ballroom: STEM Students: Knowing the Right Time to Transfer for Success!

F - Conway Lecture Hall: The Best and Brightest: Creating an Honors Program at National Park College

F - Neosho: Suicide Prevention

**Workforce Development:**

A - Petit Jean: “Not Yet”: How to Respond When Opportunity Knocks!

B - Petit Jean: 10 Proven Strategies to Make the Most of Internships

B - White Oak Lecture: Career Ready Internship Grant

C - AR Ballroom: Desperately Seeking Soft Skills

C - Petit Jean: A System Approach for Enhancing College and Career Readiness AND Achieving National Designation as an ACT Work Ready Community

D - AR Ballroom: ADAPTing to Industry Demand:

ADTEC’s Regional Workforce Grant Initiative

D - Riverview: Workforce Development Lightning Round Discussions

F - Petit Jean: Understanding the Purpose, Process, and Benefits of OSD Grants

**Wildcard:**

A - AR Ballroom: Difficult Conversations: Recognizing Cultural Competence in Academia

A - Ouachita: Get Your Name in the Game: Growing Enrollment by Providing Opportunities for Underserved Students

A - White Oak Lecture Hall: Arkansas Department of Career Education

C - Caraway I: How to Thrive from 9 to 5 and Cure the Silent Killer: Mediocrity

C - Ouachita: Get the Word In! Using Blackboard Enterprise Surveys to Increase Survey Participation

C - Riverview: Wildcard Lightning Round Discussions

D - Caraway I: Advancement Strategies and How to Implement Them (An Interactive Discussion)


D - White Oak Lecture: Microsoft Word: Time Saving Tricks

E - Conway Lecture: Welcoming the Wanderers

F - Grampas: Creating an Inclusive College Campus

F - Ouachita: Marketing & Development: Traditional Advertising & Today’s Enrollment

F - Salon C: Digital Accessibility: A Collaborative Approach

**Business Meetings:**

B - AR Ballroom: Business Meeting: ACC Leadership Institute

C & D - Salon C: Business Meeting: ARNEC - 2-4 p.m.

E - Riverview: Business Meeting: Workforce Development

E & F - Hoffman: Business Meeting: Presidents & Chancellors - 8-10 a.m.

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  • Building a Culture of Community through Learning Communities
  • Closing the Assessment Loop
  • Collaborative Learning in Online Quantitative Literacy
  • Implementing a Health Sciences Advisory Seminar Series on Community College Campuses
  • Scaling the ALPs: What’s Working? What Can We Do Better?
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E - Riverview: Business Meeting - Workforce Development
E - White Oak Lecture Hall: “Put Me in Coach” ECO Recruiting High School Students

F Sessions: Tuesday, October 17, 9 - 9:50 a.m.
F - AR Ballroom: STEM Students: Knowing the Right Time to Transfer for Success!
F - Chicot: Ditch the Clickers and Use Plickers
F - Conway Lecture Hall: The Best and Brightest: Creating an Honors Program at National Park College
F - Grampas: Creating an Inclusive College Campus
F - Harris Brake Lecture Hall: Enhancing Nursing & Allied Health Education with Interdisciplinary Simulation
F - Hoffman: Business Meeting: Presidents & Chancellors
F - Manning: Business Meeting: CAOs & CSAOs
F - Neosho: Suicide Prevention
F - Ouachita: Marketing & Development: Traditional Advertising & Today’s Enrollment
F - Petit Jean: Understanding the Purpose, Process, and Benefits of OSD Grants
F - Salon C: Digital Accessibility: A Collaborative Approach
F - White Oak Lecture Hall: Collaborate Ultra - Different Usages for the Software
Outstanding Faculty

Arkansas Northeastern College

Rick Sones
HVAC Instructor
Through his efforts, Rick Sones has more than doubled the enrollment in Arkansas Northeastern College’s HVAC program. Rick fosters collaborative relationships with employers, which has led to significant donations to ANC, as well maintaining adequate lab equipment for the hands-on components of his program. He continually updates his curriculum to keep it relevant and incorporates computer based instruction to enhance students’ technological skills. Rick is always willing to take on additional classes and has been instrumental with workforce training initiatives in the area.

Arkansas State University Beebe

Teddy Davis
Associate Professor of Political Science
Teddy Davis, Associate Professor of Political Science, has taught at ASU Beebe for 35 years. She began her career as an instructor in Political Science and Geography. Teddy received an associate degree from ASU Beebe in 1978, and then transferred to Arkansas State, where she received a bachelor’s degree in Social Science, a master’s in Political Science, and a specialist degree in Teaching. She enjoys advising Education majors, saying “If you are doing a job that you love, and if you feel like you are making a difference in the world, then you are a success.”

Arkansas State University Mid-South

Sammie Redd
Mathematics Faculty
Departmental faculty know Sammie Redd as the “Mother of Mathematics” because of her methodical style of nurturing each student individually. Often, this makes her work even more demanding because she not only teaches, encourages, and guides her current students, but she does the same for her former students, and also for other students that come to the math lab seeking help. Sammie has helped to establish and transform many initiatives on campus including improvements in the college’s advising model. She is not only vital to the Math Department’s success, she is vital to the success of ASU Mid-South.

Arkansas State University Mountain Home

Dr. Rebecca Baird
Assistant Professor of English
Dr. Rebecca Baird has been with ASU Mountain Home since its inception. She has participated in the transformation of the campus from four re-purposed buildings in downtown Mountain Home to the beautiful academic village that is now known as ASUMH. In her time with the institution, Rebecca has served in various capacities, from Division Chair to Faculty Senate President to Director of the Fran Coulter Honors Program. She sees the ASUMH motto “Creating Opportunities, Changing Lives” as the reason for her calling. Those opportunities for her students to change their lives for the better are what inspire her.

Arkansas State University Newport

Misty Stroud
Assistant Professor of Chemistry/Physical Science (Former)
As an Assistant Professor of Chemistry/Physical Science at ASU Newport, Misty Stroud proved her devotion to student success on a daily basis. In addition to providing thoughtful instruction each day in the classroom, Misty believed her actions outside the classroom were equally invaluable. Misty was a mentor to her students and encouraged them to participate in her research, including research on the contamination of water supplies. Misty also fought for the betterment of the institution as a whole by instituting ASUN’s first campus-wide recycling program. Although her time at ASUN was short, her list of contributions is long.

Black River Technical College

Sissy Gray
Dean of Assessment and Accreditation
Sissy Gray served Black River Technical College as a full-time faculty member for five years prior to being appointed Dean of Assessment and Accreditation this fall. Sissy taught Psychology courses in a variety of delivery modalities, and she was awarded the PLC Students’ Choice Award for Outstanding Faculty in 2013. Sissy has served as BRTC’s Accreditation Liaison Officer (ALO) for two years. During this time, faculty and staff have come to appreciate her attention to detail and her efforts to create a better understanding of accreditation requirements and processes.

College of the Ouachitas

Jessica Beard
Associate Professor of Business
Jessica Beard has served as Business Faculty at College of the Ouachitas for twenty-nine years and served as Chair for twenty-one years. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Education from Southern Arkansas University and her Master of Science in Education from Henderson State University. Getting to know her students, sharing her professional experiences and knowledge with them, and helping them succeed is what motivates and challenges her to be the best role model both inside and outside the classroom. In her own words, “I want my students to excel in the classroom and on the job so they can experience success both personally and professionally.”

East Arkansas Community College

Jo Patterson
Math Faculty
Jo Patterson has gained a reputation among East Arkansas Community College students as being a caring and devoted instructor, one who goes to great lengths to ensure students’ success. She promotes a desire for learning and encourages students to think independently. Jo has been dedicated to improving the math program and in doing so, she has helped hundreds of students become successful. She was instrumental in the redesign of developmental mathematics, and worked many hours to make it a success. Jo has a special gift of seeing the big picture and willingly shares her thoughts and ideas because she is committed to providing more opportunities for our students.

National Park College

Rebekah Robinette
Professor of Microbiology and Immunology
Dr. Rebekah Robinette has been a professor in the Math & Science Department at National Park College since 2011. She began her college education at NPC, later receiving a Doctor of Philosophy
in Biomedical Science with a concentration in Microbiology and Immunology from the University of Florida. Encouraged as a student and mentee, Rebekah has come full circle to become a teacher and mentor to others. She is a Phi Theta Kappa advisor and serves on the board of the Oklahoma/Arkansas Region. She stated, “No matter what your life circumstances, background, education, you can overcome anything as long as you have assistance in the process.”

North Arkansas College
Jackson Murray
Social Sciences Instructor
Jackson’s interests reach around the world. He collaborates with colleagues in Japan, Thailand, and India who share his fascination of Asian Media and Drama. These interests combine to provide a diverse and enriching experience to benefit Northark students.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Barbara Radenmacher
Professor of Mathematics
Barbara Radenmacher has been a dedicated NorthWest Arkansas Community College mathematics faculty member since 2000. Her greatest impact is on the lives of her students, evidenced in this quote: “When I think back on the summer I spent with her for Intermediate and College Algebra I discovered that at 40 years old I could do this. Barb made herself available to tutor seven days a week and would spend several hours after class with anyone who asked for help. Barb is the most caring professor I’ve had since I’ve been a student and is a lighthouse in a storm for me and many others.”

Ozarka College
Tena Rosse
English Instructor
Tena Rosse is one of those faculty members who goes above and beyond expectations in working with students to ensure learning and success in her courses, as well as with co-workers. She gives of her own free time to help provide cultural experiences to students and staff as demonstrated by her recent leadership in a group learning experience to Costa Rica. Tena also provides leadership to faculty through her work on the faculty council and serving as “Chair” of the council.

Phillips Community College of the UA
Kayla Holland
Office Technology Instructor
Kayla Holland has a passion for teaching and encouraging students to strive to reach their goals. She has been an instructor in the Division of Business since 2001. Kayla says, “I absolutely love my job and could not think of a more rewarding career. I am a helper by nature, so to help students learn new material and see them grasp new concepts is truly my calling.” Holland assists with graduation and says it’s her favorite time of year. She sees the progression that students have gone through to reach this wonderful milestone, and to be a part of that is very rewarding.

South Arkansas Community College
Genevieve White
Practical Nursing Faculty Member
Genevieve White goes above and beyond her required duties in the teaching of didactic and clinical courses within the Practical Nursing program. She has a team attitude and has served in a variety of capacities outside of nursing, including as the assessment coach for the Health and Natural Science division and as member and/or chair on several committees. She is very dedicated, reliable, and efficient, and she always maintains a positive attitude. She is highly respected on campus, in her community, and by our clinical facility partners and we are honored to have her as a valuable asset at SouthArk.

Southeast Arkansas College
Tina Pierce
Radiological Instructor
Tina Pierce demonstrates a passion and dedication not only for her program but for students in general. On a daily basis, she encourages and supports students both in and outside the classroom. Tina goes above and beyond in assisting students to achieve their educational, career, and life goals. Tina’s commitment is demonstrated not only at Southeast Arkansas College, but also the community in which she lives. She develops the type of relationship with her students that continues beyond graduation. Tina is a key component in the success of students, demonstrates commitment to her field of study, and is an asset to her students and peers.

Southern Arkansas University Tech
Phyllis Hutson
Office Systems Technology Instructor
Phyllis Hutson is an instructor for Office Systems Technology at SAU Tech. She is the core and strength of this fast growing program. Phyllis is often overlooked as a faculty member due to her low-key and quite mannerisms. But this is, in fact, her strength. She is a kind, generous person, and her students love her. She is always willing to do whatever is asked, and goes the extra mile to make sure her students are learning and getting the help they need.

UA Community College at Batesville
Dr. Bill Wood
History Instructor
Dr. Bill Wood is described by his students and peers as passionate about his subject matter and dedicated both to the success of his students and to UA Community College at Batesville. He uses a variety of assessments and activities to promote critical thinking skills such as panel discussions, group skits, journals, map quizzes, and videos. He has led several study abroad trips that bring history to life for students. He has also served on several UACCB committees including serving as chair of the faculty affairs committee.

UA Community College at Morrilton
Cindy Minguez
English Instructor
Cindy Minguez has served as a devoted instructor, a caring academic advisor, and a dedicated member of numerous committees at UA Community College at Morrilton for 10 years. She says, “Teaching is a difficult job, but it’s rewarding when students succeed and flourish. A student told me just yesterday that
Outstanding Faculty

University of Arkansas Cossatot
Tabetha Nguyen
English Faculty
Tabetha Nguyen has been an English faculty member at UA Cossatot since 2004. She graduated from Henderson State University with a Bachelor of Arts in English and from National University with a Master of Arts in English. Tabetha is a member of NADe and a member of ArkADE whom she serves with as an executive board member. Locally, she volunteers her time as a board member for Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship of Howard County.

University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana
Mark Wilcox
Emergency Medical Services Instructor
Mark Wilcox has served the college since 2004 as an adjunct and full-time Emergency Medical Services Instructor. He also currently serves as the UA Hope-Texarkana Faculty Senate President and as Education Committee chairman for the Southwest Arkansas Regional Trauma Advisory Committee. His nomination letter stated, “Mark is someone who always helps with recruitment and convinces prospective students that UAHT is the best college around. Most of all, he is an incredibly talented instructor who can teach without a book, PowerPoint, or notes. He always captivates the audience, and the lessons are never forgotten.”

University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College
Dalana Nugent
Math Faculty
Dalana Nugent began working at UA Pulaski Technical College in 2014 and quickly gained a reputation for excellence in instruction and student interaction. She teaches College Algebra primarily, but pitches in and teaches other courses as needed without hesitation. Dalana’s students love all the different teaching methods she employs. She is devoted to her students in and out of class, spending time with them to give them every opportunity to conquer the required skills and to reach their goals.

University of Arkansas Rich Mountain
Dr. Gyanwali
Physical Science Instructor
Teaching for over 20 years, with the past three years as UA Rich Mountain’s Physical Science Instructor, has grown Dr. Gyanwali’s love of teaching and learning, which is evident in his high level of enthusiasm and energy. He stated, “In teaching the physical sciences, I love the part that we can correlate the underlying principles using mathematical formulas and calculations. When students express a “wow!” moment when they understand a concept for the first time and keep asking questions, that is the time I feel I have accomplished something. I have found such moments many times at UA Rich Mountain.”

Outstanding Staff

Arkansas Northeastern College
Marlene Banks
Administrative Specialist II
Marlene Banks has served Arkansas Northeastern College since 2003 and has always been a dependable, hard-working, and conscientious employee. She is an example of dedication and professionalism, someone who cares about every person who enters her office. She works quietly and methodically to keep the operation functioning smoothly. Not only is she an exceptional employee, she is an exceptional lady. She is involved in community events and with her church where she freely gives of her time and effort to improve the quality of life for others.

Arkansas State University Beebe
Linda Yelder
Associate Director of Financial Aid
Linda Yelder, Associate Director of Financial Aid, began her career at ASU Beebe in 1999 as a Financial Aid Officer I, later moving to an Officer II, and then to the Assistant Director position before promoting into her current position. Over the course of the last 18 years, Linda’s commitment to enhancing the understanding of the financial aid process has benefited many. She goes above and beyond to help the students, faculty, and staff of ASUB. One of the most rewarding pieces of her job is seeing someone she has helped in previous years become successful.

Arkansas State University Mid-South
Brenda Pannell
Equipment Mechanic
The impressive facilities of ASU Mid-South were designed by talented architects, but their sustainable beauty is largely due to the diligent and conscientious efforts of Brenda Pannell. Rain or shine, she is steadily working to see that doors are unlocked, light bulbs are replaced, and that the college continues to be a clean, safe and attractive place for our students and staff. Brenda is an electrician, plumber, and jack-of-all trades who consistently applies attention to every detail. And despite the fact that her job is often laborious and thankless – she does it with a genuine smile on her face – always friendly, always helpful.

Arkansas State University Mountain Home
Kimberlee Booth
Information Technology Project Specialist
Kimberlee Booth has been interested in programming and information technology since high school, and had worked in the tech field for many years before graduating from ASU Mountain Home with an Associate of Applied Science in Information Technology. Kimberlee continued her education and graduated from South University in 2015 with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology. Six years ago, she joined ASUMH as a programmer and has moved up to Project/Program Specialist. Additionally, in 2013, she was recognized at ACC as ASUMH’s Outstanding Alumna of the Year.
Arkansas State University Newport
Mary Williams
Career Facilitator
Mary Williams has spent the last seven years inspiring both youth and adults to pursue education and training that will allow them to achieve economically self-sufficient careers. Mary has always gone the extra mile to ensure that the students in her care are successful. Referred to by her coworkers as a “cheerleader,” she is accessible, responsive, and emotionally invested in her job. Mary understands that to inspire a student to succeed, she must herself be passionate about success — and she exhibits that passion every day, both in the office and across the ASU Newport campus.

Black River Technical College
Amber Green
Human Resources Assistant
Amber Green is extremely conscientious and endeavors to serve faculty and staff in her role as Human Resources Assistant each and every day. She is always pleasant, even in the most difficult situation. Her positive attitude brightens the day of those she encounters on a regular basis.

College of the Ouachitas
Josh Holiman
Academic Advisor/Testing Coordinator/Veterans Affairs
Josh Holiman is an Academic Advisor, Testing Coordinator, and Veterans Affairs officer at College of the Ouachitas. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Education from Henderson State University. During his ten years at COTO, Josh has made a positive impact not only on students but on his co-workers as well. He is constantly seeking ways to help students feel welcome and to provide them with information they need to be successful. He understands that college can be overwhelming and it is good to have a helping hand. Josh’s mantra is to always be kind and stay humble.

East Arkansas Community College
Bob Fowler
Computer Lab Assistant
Bob Fowler is always willing to lend a hand and provide assistance to instructors, students, and staff members at East Arkansas Community College. He gladly assists both students and employees of the College whenever there is a computer-related problem. Working to eliminate or alleviate student frustration with technology is integral to student success and student retention, and he does an excellent job in this area. Anytime Bob is asked to perform updates or provide assistance, he does so willingly and without complaint. He is always patient and can explain computer and technology related problems on a level that is understandable.

National Park College
Bill Ritter
Director of Adult Education
Under Bill Ritter’s leadership as Director of Adult Education, the GED diplomas earned by National Park College students ranked second in the state and the enrolled student population and students served has increased significantly. Bill established a partnership with the Garland County Sheriff’s office in the Garland County Detention Center to offer inmates the opportunity to further their education. He currently serves as the President of the Arkansas Association of Administrators of Adult Education and Chair of the Arkansas Adult Education and Literacy Council Advisory Committee. Bill stated, “My passion lies in service to others, and as such, I seek or create opportunities to serve.”

North Arkansas College
Davina Hefley
Program Manager, Northark Technical Center
Davina Hefley puts her whole-heart into student success. She has worked for North Arkansas College for three years. Her life’s goal is for students to leave Northark’s Tech Center with either a certificate or industry certification. Last year, Davina updated the Programs of Study to ensure students achieve eligibility for a Northark Certificate of Proficiency. Thanks to her efforts, some students can now achieve a Technical Certificate as well. Davina says, “The desire to help this generation thrive is what motivates me and I hope they leave the Tech Center understanding the value of accountability, honesty, integrity and hard work!”

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Erin Hollingsworth
Director of Career Services
Erin Hollingsworth has grown from a student worker to Administrative Assistant, to Recruiter, to Academic Advisor, and now to her current role as Director of Career Services. She provides additional guidance and support to students involved with the Single Parent Scholarship Organization of Benton County and those involved in NorthWest Arkansas Community College’s LIFE program. Additionally, Erin volunteers at the NWA Children’s Shelter, Odyssey of the Mind, and Saving Grace. She truly cares about helping people reach their goals and goes above and beyond in her assistance with them.

Ozarka College
Amber Rush
Business Manager
Amber Rush is an exceptional business manager for Ozarka College. She is meticulous in her work and always maintains a caring, supportive perspective for her colleagues.

Phillips Community College of the UA
Theresa Dupuy
STEM/Advising Specialist
As the Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Advising Specialist for the DeWitt and Stuttgart campuses of Phillips Community College of the UA, Theresa Dupuy coordinates the STEM Summer Academy programs for Arkansas County PCCUA students. She says, “I enjoy working in the Learning Center on the DeWitt campus and showing students how careers in STEM fields can be great choices for them.” Theresa also serves as a Phi Theta Kappa honor society advisor and loves to tell PCCUA students how proud we are of their academic accomplishments.

South Arkansas Community College
Tim Johnson
College and Career/Transfer Advisor
As a College and Career Coach, Tim Johnson works with school districts in Union County to help facilitate college readiness activities, such as concurrent enrollment, ACT prep, and summer
bridge programs. He oversees a CRP which begins working with students in the 7th grade. Tim also assists college students who are planning to transfer to 4-year universities with regard to degree programs and scholarship information. He has participated in various leadership programs, which have assisted in him becoming a great leader. He is professional, diligent, and goes out of his way to ensure students receive the tools needed to be successful.

**Southeast Arkansas College**

**Gene White**

**Director of Distance Learning**

Gene White is Southeast Arkansas College’s Director of Distance Learning. He handles his responsibilities very well and has a great rapport with his peers and students. You can count on him to meet his commitments and work in a professional matter. He has a positive attitude, is very personable and conscientious. His involvement in the local community provides an excellent example of his dedication. Gene’s helpful and enthusiastic nature, along with his strong moral character and excellent communication skills help prove that he is an asset to Southeast Arkansas College.

**Southern Arkansas University Tech**

**Connie Riley**

**Financial Aid Analyst**

Connie Riley is a Financial Aid Analyst at SAU Tech. The institution was once required to complete a Default Management Plan. Within this plan, SAU Tech implemented many institutional changes in the processing of student loans in order to help educate students concerning the loans issued to them and the consequences they could suffer if they did not repay their loans. Connie was a vital part of this process and has continued to be extremely creative and resourceful in finding material in which to educate students about the loan programs.

**UA Community College at Batesville**

**Casey Bromley**

**Career Service Facilitator, Career Pathways Initiative**

Casey Bromley exemplifies UA Community College at Batesville’s commitment to helping students succeed and the importance of lifelong learning. She is a UACCB alumnus and went on to earn a Bachelor of Applied Science through UACCB’s 2+2 agreement with UA Fort Smith. Her peers describe her as approaching every task presented to her with integrity, confidence and a positive attitude. Casey frequently goes the extra mile to help students and colleagues even when it falls outside the realm of her required duties.

**UA Community College at Morrilton**

**Cande Jaramillo (Posthumous)**

**Coordinator of Instructional Technology**

Cande Jaramillo dedicated himself to the goals of UA Community College at Morrilton as a member of the IT staff for nearly 20 years. He stood out among his peers because of his work ethic, eagerness to serve others, and his kindness to all faculty, staff, and students. Cande was awarded staff of the year just a few short weeks before he passed away. UACCM lost not only a stellar employee, but also a stellar friend, and he will be dearly missed. Here to accept his award is his wife, Linda Jaramillo.

**University of Arkansas Cossatot**

**Tony Hargrove**

**Director of Information Technology**

Tony Hargrove is a 2012 graduate of the University of Arkansas and an employee at UA Cossatot since 1998. Tony works long hours each day and most every weekend to ensure the technology at the college is properly operating. He is truly a valuable member of the UA Cossatot team! In his spare time, Tony enjoys playing golf and watching the Hogs. He also enjoys playing drums and guitar.

**University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana**

**Bernice McDonald**

**Administrative Specialist for the Office of Admissions**

Bernice McDonald has served UA Hope-Texarkana for 15 years. In addition to her daily duties, she takes the time to help with the annual UAHT Fish Fry scholarship fundraiser, volunteers at the watermelon festival, and at graduation. Bernice’s nomination letter stated, “She is a hard worker who helps students with a variety of needs. Despite always being tied up with other duties, she is always there to help. She is always up to completing any task that is asked of her, and she keeps everyone in line, even on the craziest of days.”

**University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College**

**Rebecca Castleberry**

**Director – Little Learners Academy**

Rebecca Castleberry is Director of the Little Learners Academy Early Childhood Lab School at UA Pulaski Technical College and has worked at the college for six years. She has shown determination and dedication in her leadership role at the college and is a source of inspiration for the staff and faculty with whom she works. Rebecca supplements the curriculum at the Academy with creative opportunities for learning. The students, children, and the parents at Little Learners are extremely grateful for her willingness to go the extra mile for them.

**University of Arkansas Rich Mountain**

**Audra Titsworth**

**Registrar’s Assistant**

As Student Affairs Secretary, Audra Titsworth is the first person someone meets when they walk through the campus’s main entrance. She has never met a stranger and always has a contagious smile to share with everyone. Her colleagues state, “Audra is always friendly and helpful to students, staff, and community members. She is courteous and professional in her role as she welcomes students and patrons to the College. Audra is the first point of contact in the registration process and an asset in supporting first time students by her welcoming and reassuring presence.”
Arkansas Northeastern College
Randy Henderson
Nucor-Yamato and Nucor Steel Arkansas
Director of Community Relations
Randy Henderson of Blytheville, AR, is the Director of Community Relations for Nucor-Yamato and Nucor Steel Arkansas. He graduated from Arkansas Northeastern College in 2007 with a Steel Industrial Technology Degree before earning a Bachelor’s Degree in 2015. Randy is a graduate of Arkansas State Chamber Leadership and National Society of Leadership and Success. He serves on three education boards in Arkansas, as well as the KIPP Delta Committee and Delta Grassroots Caucus. He was appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on the Legislative Task Force on Workforce Education Excellence. Randy is married to Alvique Henderson.

Arkansas State University Beebe
Tom Brannon
KTHV Television
THV 11 Meteorologist
Tom Brannon attended ASU Beebe from 1985 to 1987. He has been a meteorologist at KTHV for 21 years! The event that sparked Tom’s interest in, and passion about, weather occurred on March 29th, 1976 when, as a third grader, a tornado almost destroyed downtown Cabot. Tom enjoys working with children and educating them about weather and volunteering his time working with charitable organizations such as the Arkansas Food Bank. He travels the state performing various duties for groups and nonprofits. Tom and his wife, Leigh Ann, live in Little Rock with their daughter, Sophia.

Arkansas State University Mid-South
Takelia Carter
Marion School District
Assistant Principal
Takelia Carter’s road to success has been a long, bumpy ride. As a mother of six school-age children in a low paying job at a gas station, Takelia had long wanted to be a teacher, but life and family responsibilities kept getting in the way. With assistance from Career Pathways and the nurturing staff and faculty at ASU Mid-South, Carter completed all of her coursework at home in Crittenden County, earning an Associate Degree. She then earned a Bachelor’s Degree in Education from Arkansas State University. She is currently the Assistant Principal at Avondale Elementary in the Marion School District.

Arkansas State University Mountain Home
Zach Reed
Baxter Regional Medical Center
Registered Nurse
Zach Reed, a leader by example, graduated from ASU Mountain Home’s Paramedic Program and was admitted into the first class of the LPN/Paramedic to RN Program in 2013. His class graduated in early December that year during an ice storm, but that didn’t stop Zach from taking (and Passing) his NCLEX-RN exam before the end of the year. He was soon accepted into the RN to MSN program at UAMS (prior to even completing his nursing degree). He has served as a Clinical Coordinator adjunct in ASUMH’s Paramedic Program and continues to mentor students in the clinical area as a nurse in the ER at Baxter Regional Medical Center.

Arkansas State University Newport
Patrick Weatherford (Posthumous)
Newport Police Department
Lieutenant
Lt. Patrick Weatherford graduated from ASU Newport with an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice in 2013. After completing his undergraduate and graduate degrees, he enjoyed a 15-year career with the Newport Police Department, also serving ASUN as a part-time officer. In 2016, he was invited to attend the FBI National Academy. Patrick was also recognized as the Jackson County Officer of the Year by Attorney General Leslie Rutledge. Patrick was known for his hard work and talent, but also the kind manner with which he treated those around him. Lt. Patrick Weatherford made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty on June 12th, 2017. Here to accept his award is his wife, Kristen Weatherford.

Black River Technical College
Ben Runnels
U.S. Marshals Service
U.S. Marshal
Ben Runnels graduated from Black River Technical College in December 2012 with his Associate of Science in Law Enforcement. Ben also holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology and a master’s in Public Administration from Arkansas State University. He began teaching at BRTC as the Blood Alcohol Testing instructor in 2011 and then became a BRTC Law Enforcement Training Academy instructor in 2015. He worked with the Jonesboro Police Department for five years, was in the U.S. Marine Corps for six years, with one year in Iraq. Today, Ben is a U.S. Marshal with the U.S. Marshals Service.

College of the Ouachitas
Jim Whitley
Baptist Health Medical Center - Hot Spring County
Director of Nursing
Jim Whitley has been in nursing for 27 years, 17 in a Leadership position. He is a 1990 graduate of Ouachita Vocational Technical School where he was president of his nursing class. He pastors New Beginnings Church of Bryant, is in his third term on the Quorum Court of Saline County, and has volunteered time with the Red Cross Disaster relief team. Jim says, “I feel honored to be a graduate of the College and am thankful for the many ways that the educational start I received has impacted my life for the good. They offer people like me a chance to grow and succeed. All I needed was a chance and I’m thankful COTO was there to grant it!

East Arkansas Community College
Debra Frost, APN
Dr. James Meredith
Nurse Practitioner
Debra Frost graduated from East Arkansas Community College in 1985 with an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing. She continued her education at UAMS where she earned a bachelor’s degree in 1996 and a Master’s of Nursing in 1998. Her licenses and certifications include RN, APRN, and Family Nurse Practitioner. Debra is a member of Sigma Beta Tau and the American Nurses Association. She has practiced nursing for 32 years and has provided Advanced Practice Nursing to clients in the pediatric, dermatologic, and family practice settings throughout eastern Arkansas. In addition, she is also a wife, mother, and grandmother.
Dr. Nancy Anderson, Superintendent of Cutter Morning Star School District, credited National Park College for laying the foundation for her love of education. She has spent the past 19 years as an educator and is very active in multiple state educational associations working to improve public education in Arkansas. Nancy took a school district placed on financial distress by the state and, after a year, turned the situation completely around. Her life philosophy is the same as educational reformer John Dewey: “Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself.”

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Rodney H. Bailey
Washington Regional Medical Center
Registered Respiratory Therapist

Rodney Bailey is a 2011 graduate of the Respiratory Therapy program at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. Since that time, he’s been supporting patients in the Intensive Care Unit at Washington Regional Medical Center. In addition to that role, he is a volunteer with the Farmington Fire Department and teaches Advanced Cardiovascular Life Support and Pediatric Advanced Life Support classes through the American Heart Association. Not only has he excelled in his professional career, he continues to serve as a leader and volunteer in his community, exemplifying the strong character and integrity we have come to expect of NWACC alumni.

Ozarka College
John “Mike” Rogers
Ozarka College
LPN Instructor

Mike Rogers graduated from Ozarka College in 2009, then came back to the College as an employee in 2014. Not only is he an exceptional instructor, he has even been credited with helping save a student’s life. The student began experiencing heart failure between classes, so Mike and fellow colleagues jumped into action. Mike’s skills are often credited for the situation having a positive outcome. He is well respected by his peers, his students, and members of the medical community.

Phillips Community College of the UA
Gwen Davis
Bell Family Practice
Nurse Practitioner

Gwen Davis already had business degrees from Phillips Community College of the UA and Arkansas State University and had been working full-time for over 10 years when she decided to re-enter college for a career change. She re-entered PCCUA leaning toward childcare and left with a nursing degree; a choice she says was one of the best decisions of her life! The challenges of nursing school, raising four sons, and working full-time were great, but she persevered, completing her Registered Nursing degree at PCCUA and her master’s degree from UAMS. Now working as a Nurse Practitioner for the Bell Family Practice in Helena, Gwen urges others contemplating a career change to “step out on faith!”

South Arkansas Community College
Kristi Lowery
HOPE Landing, Inc.
President, CEO, and Occupational Therapist

Kristi Lowery is the founder of HOPE Landing, Inc. and of #teamcorrie Cancer Foundation in El Dorado. In addition to serving in those roles, Kristi also participates in the El Dorado Service League. She is a former American Cancer Society Board President and Relay for Life Chair. Krist is a Chamber of Commerce Board Member and frequently presents at various organizations around the state about Occupational Therapy practices with children. She is a former Parent of the Year, a member of Phi Thepa Kappa Honor Society, and was in the work study program at South Arkansas Community College.

Southeast Arkansas College
Sarah Williams
Psychologist

Sarah Williams began her journey at Southeast Arkansas College and realized she could achieve her dreams of becoming a Psychologist. After graduating from SEARK, Sarah transferred to UA Little Rock in 2006, completing her Bachelor of Arts in Psychology. Sarah was accepted into the University of Missouri-Kansas City program receiving a Master of Arts in 2012. Fulfilling her dream, Sarah earned her Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from UMKC in May 2017.

Southern Arkansas University Tech
Catherine “Christy” Glaze
Catherine’s Bistro
Owner

Christy Glaze graduated from SAU Tech in 1983 with her degree in Business Administration. She is now owner of Catherine’s Bistro in Camden, AR. Christy was one of the first business owners to become an SAU Tech Alumni Association Supporter. She was also the first individual to become an SAU Tech Alumni Association Lifetime Legacy Member which allows her name to be placed on the wall in the Atrium of Impact on the campus of SAU Tech. Thank you, Christy Glaze for being an active participant in the SAU Tech Alumni Association!

UA Community College at Batesville
Josh Bryant
White River Medical Center
Health Coach Coordinator

Josh Bryant considered nursing as a career after high school, but it wasn’t until his daughter was born with a rare disorder that he began to pursue his nursing degree. Josh graduated from the Registered Nursing program at UA Community College at Batesville in December 2016. He now serves as the Health Coach Coordinator at White River Medical Center. While at UACCB, he served as a student ambassador and was a member of the Student Government Association. Josh plans to continue to pursue his education and is considering a bachelor’s in Nursing, Hospital Administration or Public Health.
Rachel Mullins is a testament to perseverance and community colleges. Rachel received her GED but never thought she would attend college. Encouraged by Adult Ed and UA Community College at Morrilton staff, she got her associate degree and thrived as a work-study student. She then moved up the ranks at UACCM while continuing her education. Now, she is the Director of Admissions at the College and has a master’s in Higher Education. Rachel is an inspiration to the community and students as she shares the story of her success. UACCM is proud to call Rachel an alumnus and a priceless part of the UACCM family.

University of Arkansas Cossatot
Ernesto Echevarria
Arkansas State Police
State Trooper
A California native, Ernesto Echevarria moved to De Queen, Arkansas in 1997. He began his career in law enforcement as a correctional officer with the Sevier County Sheriff’s Office at the age of 20. Shortly after being hired, he decided to further his education by enrolling with Cossatot Community College of the UA. He graduated with an Associates of Applied Science in 2009. Ernesto is now a trooper with the Arkansas State Police. In addition to being in law enforcement, Ernesto is a volunteer firefighter for the Gillham Fire Department. He also assists with fundraisers and participates in community events.

University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana
Christopher Smith
Philander Smith College
Program Coordinator for Special Programs and Special Assistant to the President
Chris Smith is a 2008 graduate of UA Community College at Hope, where he obtained an Associate of Arts. He completed a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science from UA Little Rock in 2010. There he served as the student body president. He received a Master of Public Administration from Arkansas State University in 2014 and is currently pursuing a Doctor of Education in Organizational Change and Leadership from the University of Southern California. Chris serves as a Commissioner of the City of Little Rock Board of Adjustment.

University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College
Sky M. Collins
Southern Counseling Services
Mental Health Therapist & Home Study Examiner
Sky M. Collins graduated from UA-Pulaski Technical College in 2010. After graduation, she earned both a bachelor’s and master’s of Social Work from UA Little Rock. Sky currently works as a mental health therapist with Southern Counseling Services and conducts home studies for DCFS. She is passionate about helping abused children and holds multiple certifications to train foster parents and other professionals. Sky currently serves on the Board for the National Association of Social Workers-Arkansas Chapter and the Bethlehem Ranch. She has been featured on ABC’s 20/20 television program for her work with Reactive Attachment Disorder.

University of Arkansas Rich Mountain
Damon Miller
Arvest Bank
Assistant Vice President Commercial Lender
Damon Miller obtained his Associate of Arts from UA Rich Mountain in May 2006 and finished a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration at Arkansas Tech University. In 2008, he began his career as a teller at Arvest Bank and rose through the ranks to Branch Manager and now Assistant Vice President Commercial Lender. He stated, “The faculty and administrators showed me the importance of treating everyone, whether from our community or out of town, with the professionalism and respect they deserve. I have used that same philosophy in my banking career at Arvest Bank.”

Academic All-Stars

Arkansas Northeastern College
April Baker

Bao Van serves as President of ASU Beebe’s Student Advisory Board, has a 4.0 GPA, is a member of the Leadership Council, Gamma Beta Phi, and volunteers as a firefighter in his hometown of Lonoke. Bao credits his success in community college to the TRiO program. TRiO has helped him navigate the educational process and overcome barriers that came with English being his second language. He loves TRiO so much that he is now a peer math and science tutor for other students. Bao plans to attend Arkansas State University to complete his bachelor’s degree in Biology. His goal is to become an Optometrist and practice in Arkansas.

Arkansas State University Mid-South
Tiffany Williams

Tiffany Williams is currently pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Allied Health at ASU Mid-South. An excellent and prepared student, as evidenced by her GPA, she has the attitude and compassion for the healthcare profession. She currently juggling work as a Cardiac Arrhythmia Technician along with a demanding schedule, leaving little time for extracurricular activities. She is always professional in her conduct and exhibits her leadership ability by helping other students become familiar with the demands of this profession. Her goal upon completion of her associate degree is to become a Registered Nurse through transfer to Arkansas State University.

Arkansas State University Mountain Home
Bruce Chandler

“Going beyond what is required,” is the way many faculty members talk about ASU Mountain Home’s Academic All-Star,
Bruce Chandler. Bruce is an insightful thinker and has achieved numerous awards at ASUMH, including a designation as the World History Academic Achiever. At Calico Rock High School, Bruce was active in Beta Club, FBLA, basketball, and was twice class President. He has continued that active service on the ASUMH campus. In his community of Calico Rock, he serves through the Food Bank, coaching, and promoting the area through video and photography projects. Bruce hopes to continue his education at Arkansas Tech and become an engineer.

Arkansas State University Newport
Megan Martin

Megan Lynn Martin is a 28 year-old, US Army veteran majoring in General Studies- Pre-Allied Health at ASU-Newport. She plans to graduate in December 2017. Megan is a member of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society and plans to attend Arkansas State University to pursue a bachelor’s degree in Biological Sciences with emphasis in Pre-Professional Studies. While in the Army, Megan was a Flight Paramedic. She has a passion for helping others and hopes to pursue a career in research or teaching after she obtains her bachelor’s degree. She is married to Tyler, also an Army veteran, and has a stepson named Tommy.

Black River Technical College
Christie Emery Duke

Christie Emery Duke and her husband live on-site in a faith based rehabilitation center that houses men struggling with addictions. Her passion for wanting to help these men and understand what led them into addiction was her main reason for returning to college. Christie will graduate in December with an Associate of Science. After graduation, her credits will transfer to the University of Central Arkansas where she will study more in-depth about addiction while working on a Bachelor of Science in Addiction Studies. Her goal is to eventually become a Clinical Psychologist.

College of the Ouachitas
Yessenia Gonzalez

While at College of the Ouachitas, Yessenia Gonzalez has been an Honor’s College student, Phi Theta Kappa member, and tutored in the College’s TRiO program. She made the President’s List for two semesters and the Dean’s List for one semester. Outside of the College, she is a religious teacher for 6th and 7th graders. She states that in all the opportunities that she has been given, she is able to impact others positively. But not only is she able to influence others, she says that she has also been greatly influenced as well. Yessenia plans to major in Civil Engineering upon transferring from College of the Ouachitas.

East Arkansas Community College
Destiny Grady

Destiny Grady is an exceptional, highly motivated, and dedicated student. She always gives her best effort and goes beyond what is expected. At East Arkansas Community College, she has served as an Ambassador, organized and led study groups for her Psychology class, tutored Algebra students, and participated in intramural activities and Phi Theta Kappa. She has consistently exhibited leadership through her encouraging words to teammates and a desire to get others involved in campus activities. Destiny always has a positive attitude and truly loves EACC. After graduating, she plans to continue her education in the area of Psychology and obtain a Doctorate degree.

National Park College
Lorena Fitzpatrick

Lorena Fitzpatrick is pursuing a degree in Education. She said her dream of becoming a teacher was born out of the positive influence of her first grade teacher at a small town in Southern Mexico. As a small child, she knew that there was a larger world with more opportunities, so she took a risk and migrated to the United States alone in 1988. She is grateful for the opportunity to receive a quality education at a place like National Park College. Fitzpatrick stated, “I am living proof of the American dream. Success can be achieved if one works hard and never gives up”.

North Arkansas College
Mykal Elkins

Mykal Elkins is well on her way to becoming a Nurse specializing in Neonatal Intensive Care. She is President of Phi Theta Kappa, President of the 2018 RN Student class and volunteers at many community events. Mykal has a 4.0 GPA and has been on the Dean’s List every semester. Her career path was set when her premature son spent three months in a neonatal intensive care unit. Mykal’s nursing instructors hold her in the highest regard saying, “Mykal is not only an outstanding student, she is an outstanding person who is passionate and caring.” North Arkansas College is proud to recognize Mykal Elkins.

NorthWest Arkansas Community College
Beatrice Becerra

Beatrice Becerra plans to transfer to UA Fayetteville in Fall 2018 to pursue a Bachelor’s of Science in Mechanical Engineering after completing her Associate of Science at NorthWest Arkansas Community College. She then plans to earn a master’s in Aerospace Engineering. Beatrice is involved in many activities, including Honors, the Eagle View Newspaper, Service Learning, Dean’s list, Phi Theta Kappa, and Art Club. She volunteers at Crystal Bridges Museum, Helping Hands, Make a Difference Youth Foundation, Tinkering Lead at Scott Family Amazeum, and is a tutor.

Ozarka College
Megan Moxley

Megan Moxley is a gifted scholar and student leader who takes pride in being active in her church and community. Megan has earned a 4.0 GPA and is expected to complete her Associate of Arts in General Education in May 2018. Upon completion of her degree at Ozarka, Megan plans to attend the University of Central Arkansas in fall 2018 and double major in English and Spanish. Megan’s future goals include pursuing a master’s degree and teaching at a community college. Megan is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and serves Ozarka College as an exceptional Student Ambassador.

Phillips Community College of the UA
Madison Mack

Madison Mack says Phillips Community College of the UA has broadened her life experiences through learning to listen and become more open to other people’s thoughts and views. Boasting a 4.0 GPA, Madison is on track to graduate in spring 2018, with both an Associate of Applied Science in Criminal Justice and an Associate of Arts in General Education in just four semesters. Her focus and drive are what set her apart from other students. Madison
plans to graduate from PCCUA and transfer to the University of Central Arkansas, where she will pursue degrees that will prepare her for a career with the FBI as a behavioral analyst or profiler.

South Arkansas Community College
Dioselina Guzman-Mancero
Dioselina Guzman-Mancero plans to obtain a bachelor’s degree in Accounting and get her CPA license. She would like to get an internship soon to get her “feet wet” in the field. She has an Associate of Arts (Cum Laude) and graduated with Honors from South Arkansas Community College this past spring. She plans to take the remaining few classes at SouthArk before transferring to Southern Arkansas University. Dioselina received the Outstanding Academyi Student Award in Accounting and College Algebra and is a member of Phi Theta Kappa, Phi Beta Lambda, and National Society of Leadership and Success. She is very active in her church and translates to Spanish speakers in the community who do not speak English.

Southeast Arkansas College
Jason Givens
Jason Givens began his college career in Spring 2015. He readily admits his apprehension starting college. He is the ninth of eleven siblings, the fifth to complete high school and the first to attend college. While maintaining a 4.0 GPA, Jason serves as a Southeast Arkansas College Student Ambassador, member of Phi Theta Kappa, and as a mentor to many students on campus. In addition, he has excelled with the assistance from Career Pathways and TRiO Services. Jason’s long-term goal is to complete a double major in Biology and Psychology and then pursue his master’s degree so he can teach at the collegiate level.

Southern Arkansas University Tech
Stevie Price
Stevie Price has been an extremely valuable student at SAU Tech during her attendance. She became involved in SAU Tech’s Student Leadership team and was the President during the 2016-2017 year in which she accrued many volunteer hours. Stevie attended the Golden Triangle event and a Legislative Conference in Little Rock. She also plans to attend UA Fayetteville after graduating. She then wants to complete law school and eventually become a Senator. Stevie feels that attending the Legislative Conference and meeting State Representatives confirmed her future desires to serve in the political arena.

UA Community College at Batesville
Randa Garlin
Randa Garlin has never let the personal challenges that have crossed her path stop her from pursuing her educational goals. As a working mother of four, Randa is currently pursuing an associate STEM degree from UA Community College at Batesville. She graduated with honors from UACCB in May 2017 with an associate degree in Elementary Education. Randa said she plans to pursue a career as a science teacher. She said that receiving the honor of being selected as the Academic All-Star was proof that her hard work has paid off.

UA Community College at Morrilton
Loretta Carr
Loretta Carr resisted the idea of going to college for a long time. She believed there was no point in trying because there was no possibility for success. When her husband decided to attend UA Community College at Morrilton, he encouraged her to do the same. Not only did she test high enough to earn a scholarship, but for the first time she saw herself as a college student. While attending college to become the teacher she has always wanted to be, she has learned that “my dreams don’t have to stay dreams; they can be my reality.”

University of Arkansas - Cossatot
Eduardo Medina
Eduardo Medina is a shining example of a leader and student. He excels both within academics and community involvement. Eduardo is a member of Student Ambassadors, Student Diversity, Phi Theta Kappa, and Collegiate FFA. He volunteers frequently in various community activities and maintains a part-time job at the local animal clinic. Eduardo plans to graduate in December 2017, transfer to Arkansas Tech University to complete an Animal Science degree, and ultimately become an Animal Scientist with a goal of studying livestock and enhancing animal production within the local area.

University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana
Xavier McDonald
Xavier McDonald was selected for the Quality Care Pediatrics Scholarship and the Chancellor’s Honor Roll. He is a member of Phi Theta Kappa and the Fine Arts Club. Xavier also participated in the UA Hope-Texarkana “Support the Troops” fundraiser. His plans include transferring to UA Fayetteville to major in Biology. Upon graduating from UA, he plans to attend the University of Houston College of Optometry. After becoming an Optometrist, Xavier plans to open his own optometry office, donate back to his hometown, and travel to third world countries to provide free eye care.

University of Arkansas Pulaski Technical College
Loc Huynh
Loc Huynh participates in Phi Theta Kappa and Sigma Kappa Delta as an active member, works in the Division of Mathematics/Natural & Social Sciences, volunteers with Habitat for Humanity and the Museum of Discovery, all while maintaining a 4.0 GPA and pursuing an Associate of Science in Technology and Engineering. After completing his degree at UA-Pulaski Technical College, he plans to transfer to UA Fayetteville where he will complete a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering. Loc is an outstanding student and a very enthusiastic individual who plans to fuse his degree and passion for soccer to design shoes for Niké or New Balance.

University of Arkansas Rich Mountain
Danni Smyth
Instructors describe Danni Smyth as a hard worker, natural leader, studious, and dedicated. In addition to her responsibilities as a single mom and working part time, Danni maintains a 4.0 GPA and is a member of the Beta Eta Upsilon chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. Her career goal is to earn a master’s in Psychology and become a Licensed Professional Counselor. She stated, “I have learned that by striving to reach my personal, educational, and professional goals, other outcomes emerge. My personal development is due to the positive influences that I have received from my advisors, teachers, family, and fellow students.”
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