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### OUR MISSION

Arkansas Northeastern College is committed to providing accessible, quality educational programs, services, and lifelong learning opportunities.

# Heigle Named Fifth ANC President



In March of 2023, Dr. Christopher Heigle was named as Arkansas Northeastern College's fifth President in the College's 48 year history.

"Dr. Heigle is a highly qualified and experienced leader in higher education, government relations, and economic development, making him an excellent fit as the leader of Arkansas Northeastern College. He and his family have made Mississippi County their home and we are very happy to have his vision and leadership as we plan to move Arkansas Northeastern College forward," said Randy Scott, Chairman of the ANC Board of Trustees.



Dr. Christopher Heigle (CENTER) is pictured with his wife, Amber (LEFT), and their daughter, Hollyn (RIGHT), along with their dogs Alley and Reese.

## By Dr. Christopher Heigle

As I look forward to a new beginning at Arkansas Northeastern College, I am excited about the future and I am honored to lead such a wonderful organization. Serving as your president and continuing a legacy of academic and workforce excellence is a role I take very seriously and for which I am very proud. It is my desire to build on the successes this College and its past presidents have achieved. The reputation of this institution and its commitment to student success is unrivaled. Our students are the cornerstone to what we do. We are in the business of changing

lives, and in doing so, we help meet the needs of our service areas while improving the overall quality of life for the people of Mississippi County and the surrounding areas. Having spent the last three years of my career at ANC, I fully understand the importance of what we do, and I know that I have landed in a position surrounded by caring, capable employees who share in the vision of the College and a community that supports our students and what we do. Together, we will continue to pour ourselves into the betterment of this area and Arkansas Northeastern College will thrive in its mission of providing accessible, quality educational programs, services, and lifelong learning opportunities. From the lakes and trails in Heber Springs to the Capitol offices in Washington D.C., this is one Arkansas guy who, committed to public service, has found his calling in education. I know that is where my passion lies, and I know that I have found my home with Arkansas Northeastern College. I, my wife Amber, and our daughter Hollyn, are happy to live in Mississippi County and enjoy the many wonderful things our county has to offer. From cotton fields to steel mills and everything between, this area provides a wonderful place to live and work and the potential for even more opportunities. Arkansas Northeastern College is a vital part of the community, and we will nurture that role and continue to partner with and support our local businesses and industries. We have a remarkable history, but an even brighter future. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve as the President for this wonderful institution and look forward to the things to come.

# Dr. James Shemwell

Retirement Reception



Members from the College and Community gathered Friday, May 19, 2023, at a Retirement Reception hosted by the ANC Foundation in honor of Dr. James Shemwell who will be retiring as the College's president on June 30, 2023. Visitors came to the Center for Allied Technologies to show their appreciation. During the event, Mr. Randy Scott, Chairman of the ANC Board of Trustees, announced the naming of the James R. Shemwell Tower at the Center for Allied Technologies and the name was unveiled.



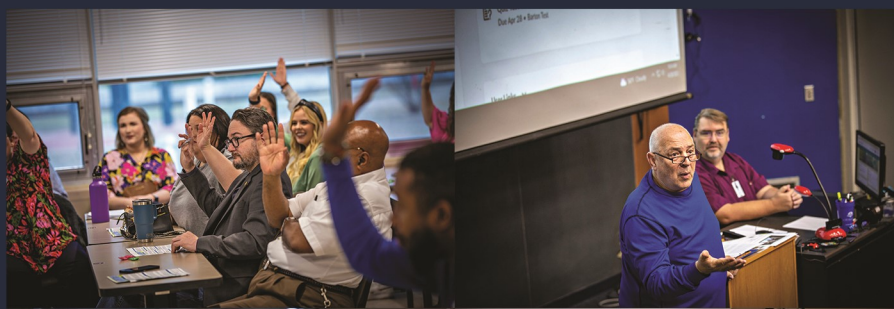
View pics of  
Dr. James Shemwell's  
Retirement Reception



# 10TH ANNUAL BEST PRACTICES SYMPOSIUM



Arkansas Northeastern College's faculty and staff participated in the College's 10th annual Best Practices Symposium on April 28, 2023. Jen Worth, Senior Vice President for Academic and Workforce Development for the American Association of Community Colleges, came from Washington D.C. to attend the event and to address employees with words of encouragement. The symposium is a celebration and display of best practices and collaborations ANC employees develop throughout the year. With 15 different breakout sessions, employees had the opportunity to learn from innovative practices from other employees. Over 90 employees were recognized for projects done throughout the year including Advancement By Collaboration project awards, Best Practice Merit Awards, and Smart Practice Project Awards.



Jen Worth (CENTER), Senior Vice President for Academic and Workforce Development for the American Association of Community Colleges, came from Washington D.C. to attend the event and offer words of encouragement. Worth is pictured with Dr. Christopher Heigle (LEFT) and Dr. James Shemwell (RIGHT).



View all pics  
from the  
Best Practices  
Symposium



# ANC

# Outstandings

### **KIMBERLY HART, OUTSTANDING FACULTY**

ANC is proud to announce Education Instructor/Coordinator Kim Hart as its Outstanding Faculty Member. Kim is professional and always goes the extra mile to advise and mentor her students. She makes a special point to know and communicate with principals and teachers in the local schools to nurture the relationships needed and to be a part of the local educator network. She ensures that the curriculum and context in her courses meet the highest standards. She serves on committees and volunteers on boards working with programs like EOC/Head Start to remain cognizant of the needs of early childhood programs.



Kim Hart



Stacey Walker

### **STACEY WALKER, EUGENIA C. HALE DISTINGUISHED STAFF SERVICE AWARD**

ANC is proud to announce Stacey Walker as its Outstanding Staff Member. Stacey has exemplified excellent leadership skills as Dean for Customized Training. She navigates many duties while overseeing trainers and instructors to ensure that programs are well-designed and effective. Stacey is very caring and considerate of the personal and professional well-being of her co-workers. She has a positive attitude and can handle many different situations with professionalism and kindness. She is committed to helping businesses and organizations succeed by providing them with the training and resources they need to thrive.

### **MELISA LOGAN, OUTSTANDING ALUMNI**

Mayor Melisa Logan of Blytheville is ANC's Outstanding Alumni. Former Election Coordinator, Owner and Operator of the Tax Boutique Bookkeeping and Tax Preparation Service, and Adjunct Instructor at Arkansas Northeastern College, she also adds 16 and one half year decorated Army Veteran to her resume where she had tours of duty in Venezia, Vincenza, Italy, Ramstein AFB, Germany, the 121st Infantry Hospital, Seoul, Korea, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and her most grueling tour Operations Iraqi and Enduring Freedom. She considers service to her country and for her fellow man to be one of her most treasured milestones. She began her studies at Arkansas Northeastern College while a senior in high school and has since earned two undergraduate degrees, a master's degree and her Ph.D. Melisa is the mother of three amazing children Ellisjah 21, Jelisa 18, and Christopher 12.



Mayor Melisa Logan



Sydney Branscum

### **SYDNEY BRANSCUM, ACADEMIC ALL-STAR**

ANC is proud to announce Sydney Branscum of Burdette as its Academic All-Star student. Sydney boasts a 4.0 GPA while also serving as a member of H.I.S. Ministries in Blytheville. She works at the Mississippi County Regional Chamber of Commerce and loves being involved in all the various activities in the community. She is a general studies major planning to do something in the field of psychology. Sydney said she chose ANC because she wanted a high-quality education without having to go in debt. On her selection, Sydney said, "I would like to give a special shout out to my momma and sister who always support me no matter what! Over the course of my time at ANC, I have come across so many amazing people, but there are a few who will always be special to me because they made a difference in my life. Sometimes you just need someone to believe in you when you can't believe in yourself and these educators did that for me. Ms. Rayder (she always gave the best hugs), Ms. Berry, and Mr. Carr — thank you for everything!"

## 2023 SPRING FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



**Judge David and Sonja Burnett Scholarship:** Kylie Jones, Rikki Wilson; **Sharon Wingo Churchill Scholarship:** Jessica Rayburn; **Cohen Scholarship:** Abigail Anderson; **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship:** Trinity Smith; **Dr. Eldon Fairley and Dr. John Williams Scholarship:** Bethany Hall, Ashley Osborne; **L.D. and Reddie Harris Scholarship:** Chris Jenkins; **Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Shelbie Collard; **Sue and John Logan Nursing Scholarship:** Grace Martin, Alexis Nichols; **Newcomb Memorial Scholarship:** Connor Milligan; **Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship:** Kaitlyn King; **Temple Israel Scholarship:** Jessica Ibarra, Lindsey Treece; **George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Tai'Mhariya Allen, Elizabeth Anderson, De'Ondre Atterberry, Elizabeth Barks, Tracey Bobo, Sydney Branscum, Jonathan Bratton, Karsen Brown, Devin Cammack, Trinity Casinger, Ashton Caviness, Forrest Christiansen, Dekari Clark, Shelbie Collard, Leighanna Collins, Matthew Cook, Bianca Covington, Steven Cuble, Aliya Davis, Addison Ephlin, Mandi Flatness, Geoffrey George, Jenifer Guthrey, Chandler Helton, Brittany Holmes, Jonathan Hopper, McKinley Jackson, Baylee Johnson, Connor Johnson, Sonya Johnson, Kylie Jones, Taylor Jones, Breanna Kirkwood, Amy Lancaster, Kaylee Lanier, Brandi Leaks, Hope Leathers, Grace Martin, Annette Middlebrook, Trachica Newmy, Alexis Nichols, Courtney Pannell, Kayla Parker, Savannah Perez, Felicia Poore, Alysa Shumate, Trinity Smith, Sydney Stigall, Stephanie Stone, Petra Sutterfield, Caleb Tidwell, Tiffany Treece, Madison Walker, Te'Onna Washington, Savannah Wheeler, Caden Whitehead, Rachel Wilbanks, Miranda Wilson, Rikki Wilson; **Yamato/Kogyo Scholarship:** Talisia Brown, Ashley Capps, Jennifer Crocker, Yanelly Davila, Susana Gonzalez, Bethany Hall, Dakota Harris, Kaylee Hood, Jessica Ibarra, Lucretia Jamison, Chris Jenkins, Kaitlyn King, Robert McClendon Jr., Ashley Osborne, Monique Parker, Shelbi Phillips, Jessica Rayburn, Tristan Sipes, Lindsey Treece, Vivianne Wallace, Stephanie Webb, Madison Whittington, Sheyenne Woodson, Lacy York, Tanya Young



# WORLD CLASS CUSTOMIZED TRAINING THE SOLUTIONS GROUP

## Lexicon and The Solutions Group Partner to Create Lexicon University



Lexicon and The Solutions Group partnered to create a Lexicon University to provide their employees with customized training geared towards Millwrights utilizing the NCCER curriculum. The customized Millwright training was approximately 50 hours and including topics such as Millwright Safety, Craft-Related Mathematics, Oxyfuel/Plasma/Oxy-Lance Cutting, Tools of the Trade, Fasteners & Anchors, Basic Rigging, and Construction Drawings.

During these sessions, the employees learn valuable skills taught by The Solutions Group instructors. Upon completion of each session, each Lexicon employee received a Certificate of Completion. There were approximately 15 employees in each session for a total of four sessions. Training began in February 2023. After completion of Millwright Level 1 training, The Solutions Group will be delivering Millwright Level 2 and 3 to the individuals who completed the first level. Alongside this training, there are conversations to develop more experienced Lexicon employees with valuable certifications such as Heavy Equipment certifications and nationally recognized credentials such as OSHA 10.

## The Solutions Group and **NUCOR**<sup>®</sup> Hosted Maintenance Bootcamp

In a world driven by innovation and constant technological advancements, it is imperative for industries to invest in developing a highly skilled workforce. Nucor, a pioneer in the steel and manufacturing industry, understands this need and has taken a proactive approach in nurturing talent through its Maintenance Bootcamp. This intensive training program recently concluded with 25 participants successfully completing 40 hours of comprehensive training delivered by The Solutions Group instructors. Topics for this training included Welding, Technical Math and Measurements, Rigging, Hand Tools, Power Tools, Energy Sources, Mechanical Advantage, Basic Hydraulics, and Basic Electrical.

Training took place May 15-19, 2023. After successful completion, the participants obtained a Certificate of Completion. Training was customized by The Solutions Group instructors along with Nucor partners. Training was provided by the following Solutions Group instructors: Allen Holmquist - Steel Industry Technology; Josh Chipman - Construction Technology; Scott Follett - Industrial Technologies; Anthony Mula - Industrial Electrical; and Ibrahim Alisic - Welding Technologies.



## The Solutions Group Welcomes New Instructors

The Solutions Group (TSG) recently added two new members to their world-class customized training team — Anthony Mula and Allen Holmquist.

Mula has teaching experience as an Air Education and Training Command Faculty Development Instructor, Avionics Master Instructor, and a former ANC Adjunct Instructor. He comes to TSG with years of experience as an Electrical Supervisor at Optimus Steel and Nucor-Yamato Steel. Mula holds several licenses and certifications in teaching, leading, and public speaking. He has also trained as a Master Technician and possesses many other qualifications and skills. He is responsible for teaching customized training for The Solutions Group as well as delivering the Electrical courses that are embedded in the Advanced Manufacturing and Steel Industry Technology degree program.

Holmquist is the new Steel Industry Technology Instructor. He has industry experience at Steel Dynamics and Nucor-Yamato Steel as a Quality Control Operator and a Plant Metallurgist. Holmquist will be able to bring real-world training and experience to the classroom. He has worked as a Quality Manager for the South Texas Lighthouse for the blind where he was responsible for quality inspection and supervised a team of individuals at a variety of locations. He holds many qualifications and certifications in the following area such as a Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering, Certified Welding Inspector, and skilled in Non-Destructive Testing.



**Anthony Mula**  
Instructor for Electricity and Electronics

**Allen Holmquist**  
Steel Industry Technology Instructor



# ASSOCIATE DEGREE NURSING PINNING

On May 10, 2023, the ANC Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Program awarded pins to 28 graduates during the annual Pinning Ceremony held in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. This event represents the completion of a nursing student's perseverance and dedication and serves as a rite of passage for those entering the nursing profession. Family, friends, and faculty were in attendance as the graduates received their nursing pin, Florence Nightingale Lamp, and recited the International Pledge for Nurses.

The Academic Excellence award was presented to graduates based on their academic performance throughout the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Recipients of this award were Kaitlyn King, Kelsi Hastings, and Kelsi Rose.

The Clinical Excellence Award was presented to students that demonstrated professionalism, leadership, and outstanding clinical performance. Recipients of this award were Addison Ephlin, Taylor Hampton, Brianna Lambert, Jacob Pilgrim, Rikki Wilson, and Tanya Young.

The Sharon S. Fulling Memorial Award of Nursing Excellence was presented to a graduate who exemplified outstanding qualities of professionalism, academic merit, clinical competence, and leadership in both classroom and clinical. The recipient of this award was Tonya Williams.

Congratulations to all of our 2023 ADN Nursing Graduates!



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ADN PINNING  
PICS



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ADN PINNING  
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2023

# NUCOR® DIPLOMA SQUARED COMMENCEMENT & RECOGNITION EVENT

On May 11, 2023, Arkansas Northeastern College held the Nucor Diploma<sup>2</sup> Commencement and Recognition event in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. We want to congratulate ANC's Nucor Diploma<sup>2</sup> graduates. This year, 47 graduates from high schools across Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri graduated from ANC thanks to the generosity of Nucor-Yamato Steel and Nucor Steel Arkansas. These students graduated with either the one-year Certificate of General Studies or a two-year Associate Degree. We are so proud of these students and their accomplishments and look forward to seeing what the future holds for each of them. Congratulations!



## 2023 NUCOR DIPLOMA<sup>2</sup> ANC GRADUATES

Abigayle Baker, Rivercrest  
Emma Baker, Rivercrest  
Colton Ball, Rivercrest  
Nathaniel Barajas, Southland  
Hadleigh Bell, Rivercrest  
Torian Bell Jr., Osceola  
Mya Britman, Gosnell  
Elizabeth Burchell, Clarkton  
Elizabeth Callis, Holcomb  
Annabelle Chandler, Rivercrest  
Ka'Mia Cowley, Blytheville  
Alyssa Crafton, Osceola  
Atley Crawford, South Pemiscot  
Jenna Davis, Cooter  
BreAnn Fultz-Foster, Osceola  
Ella Gall, Gosnell

Gabriella Garcia, Southland  
Hayley Gore, Rivercrest  
Clair Gray, Armored  
John "Reyn" Griggs, South Pemiscot  
Maria Hildebrand, Rivercrest  
Lauren Hines, Gosnell  
Laurn Holloway, KIPP  
Zoe Imel, South Pemiscot  
Andrew Jones, Portageville  
Hailey Lambert, Rivercrest  
Mackenzie Macklin, Rivercrest  
Ivy Martinez, Clarkton  
Jelisa McNeary, Blytheville  
Jadeigh Moore, Manila  
Yesenia "Denise" Mortero, Gosnell  
Brian Neal, Manila

Kadan Newson, Osceola  
Holly Nixon, Armored  
Jadyn Orton, Gosnell  
Shelby Rinderer, Rivercrest  
Amare Robinson, Rivercrest  
Kinley Shelton, Manila  
Logan Slayton, Osceola  
Sara Stafford, Portageville  
Candon Starnes, Rivercrest  
Morgan "Grace" Strop, Rivercrest  
Ashley Sullivan, Rivercrest  
Logan Tilley, Gosnell  
Kinsley Weathers, Rivercrest  
Chloe Whitenton, Gosnell  
Sara Wright, Osceola

VIEW  
NUCOR DIPLOMA<sup>2</sup>  
PICS



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NUCOR DIPLOMA<sup>2</sup>  
LIVESTREAM





Arkansas Northeastern College's Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center was filled May 12, 2023, as students participated in commencement exercises. Over 130 students participated in the graduation which included associate degree and technical certificate earners. ANC Board of Trustees Chairman Mr. Randy Scott was the keynote speaker. He encouraged students to see their graduation accomplishments as the beginning and encouraged them to use it as their foundation for future successes. This marked the last graduation overseen by current President Dr. James Shemwell as he will retire at the end of June.





An investment in knowledge  
always pays the best interest.

*BENJAMIN FRANKLIN*



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GRADUATION  
PICS



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GRADUATION  
LIVESTREAM



# WOMEN'S POWER

PRESENTED BY ANC'S  
CAREER PATHWAYS INITIATIVE

# Talk

Career Pathways Initiative wrapped up its annual celebration of Women's Month with a women's event that celebrated Mississippi County authors. The Women's Power Talk: Networking & Empowerment event took place on March 30, 2023. This year's keynote speaker, Tyneisha Reed, spoke on the importance of self-love and authenticity. The six panelists in attendance (Rachel Gifford, Cassandra Hill, Ramona Webb, Debbie Finch, Kristi Hopper, Rhonda Hodges, and Finda Robinson) shared their experiences and answered questions about the hardships and self-gratitude of writing a book. The event was catered by Keith Clowers and Kimberly Riggins provided delicious cupcakes. With 72 attendees, including local high school students, the event was a huge success. We're inspired by the motivation and encouragement shared with young women in attendance to never give up on their dreams.



All who participated had a blast at Arkansas Northeastern College's annual Walk-A-Mile event on April 14, 2023, with an amazing turnout of 150 people from Mississippi County, the Missouri Bootheel, and beyond! Participants from Blytheville, Armorel, Rivercrest, Osceola, and Gosnell, as well as TRIO educators from all over Arkansas, joined this awesome event. It was fun seeing people from all walks of life, ages 14-88, come together and take a lap around our main campus. We loved seeing everyone share their experiences and perspectives while taking a stroll in great company. We want to thank everyone who helped to make this event a massive success. Your participation and support added so much value to the event, and we can't wait to do it again next year!



# Living the LEGACY

AN ANC BLACK HISTORY MONTH EVENT

Arkansas Northeastern College hosted “Living the Legacy” on February 23, 2023, to celebrate Black History Month. The Adams/Vines Recital Hall was packed with local officials, pastors, community members, and students. Dr. Blanche Hunt, Vice President for Community Relations, welcomed the crowd before Success Navigator Willie D. Williams, Jr. introduced the event’s emcee, Pastor Ryan Martin of Wellspring Church. Pastor Archie Thomas of Living Word C.O.G.I.C brought the invocation. The keynote speaker was James W. Sanders. The former Blytheville mayor inspired and imparted wisdom to the crowd and left attendees with the challenge to be the change they want to see. Dorothy Erby’s rendition of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” was powerful and stirring. The musical performances by the Blytheville Elementary, Blytheville High School, and Osceola High School choirs and the expressive dance by members of Faith Temple House of Prayer, were inspiring. KIPP, Gosnell, and Blytheville Elementary students submitted artwork that was displayed in the Adams/Vines Gallery. ANC President Dr. James Shemwell closed the event by speaking about the progress that the College has made over the past decade in closing the achievement gap and quadrupling graduation rates for African American students.



On May 4, 2023, Arkansas Northeastern College held an incredible Cinco de Mayo celebration! In attendance were agencies including UMOs, Arkansas Development Corporation, and El Centro Hispano, who brought awareness to the essential services they provide for the Hispanic communities we serve. ANC’s Hispanic Success Navigator, Julie Ponce, engaged with students and community partners to gain a better understanding of how we can improve our service to the Hispanic student body. This event perfectly aligned with part of our mission to serve everyone with quality and equity. We’re proud to have hosted such a memorable event, thanks to the hard work of ANC’s Office of Community Relations. We look forward to many more celebrations!

# Cinco de Mayo



# Campus Events Celebrate Cultures



Arkansas Northeastern College held a series of vibrant campus events with the idea of enhancing the student experience while highlighting other cultures. These celebrations provided an opportunity for students, faculty, and staff to come together and immerse themselves in traditions and customs of various cultures. From the lively Mardi Gras celebration to the festive St. Patrick's Day and beautifully serene Cherry Blossom Festival, ANC prides itself on fostering cultural appreciation and unity.

On February 21, 2023, ANC students and staff embraced the spirit of Mardi Gras with traditional fare like hurricane punch, king cake, jambalaya, and pralines. "Laissez les bons temps rouler" — Let the good times roll!

The St. Patrick's Day Celebration on March 14, 2023, brought a bit 'o Irish fun to ANC's Sunshine Grille. Attendees enjoyed shepherd's pie, shillelagh punch, bread pudding, and several engaging activities.

ANC honored Japanese culture with the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 25, 2023. Those present enjoyed three types of sushi, a self-guided origami station, and the traditional Japanese festival snack of matcha tea and hanami dango.

These events serve as a testament to the college's commitment to inclusivity and fostering cultural appreciation. By embracing traditions and customs of various cultures, ANC provides a platform for students, faculty, and staff to broaden their horizons and develop a deeper understanding of the world around them.

## MARDI GRAS



View Event Pics



## St. PATRICK'S DAY



View Event Pics



## Cherry Blossom FESTIVAL



View Event Pics



# 日本文化

## PROGRAM RESUMES


Grace Shepard of Gosnell and Johnathan Perez of Leachville recently returned from a two-week stay in Japan where they served as ANC Ambassadors. This marks the first student ambassadors to visit Japan since before the pandemic. “We are so happy and fortunate that the ANC Student Ambassadors to Japan Program was able to resume, and we greatly appreciate the Yamato Kogyo Company for sponsoring this wonderful opportunity for our students,” said ANC Vice President for Development and College Relations Rachel Gifford. Gifford shared that the program, which began in 1996, is an opportunity for our students to travel to Japan for a two-week stay to learn about that country. The trip is totally paid for by the Yamato Kogyo Company with the ANC Foundation paying the airfare.

Shepard and Perez, who spent May 13-27, 2023, in Japan, were able to tour Himeji City, home of the Yamato Kogyo Company, in addition to many other areas such as Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima, and Tokyo. They toured places like Himeji Castle, the Yamato Kogyo Steel Mill, and many shrines and temples. For part of their stay, they were joined by ANC Board of Trustees Chairman Randy Scott and ANC Foundation Governor Brad Harrison who were also visiting the country. The trip was beyond amazing and allowed the students to soak up and learn so much about the Japanese culture which they can now share with people here at home.

To earn their roles as ambassadors, Shepard and Perez had to meet criteria that included a minimum GPA of 3.0, be currently enrolled in a minimum of nine credit hours, be planning to graduate from ANC, and be between the ages of 18-24. As part of the application process, they had to write an essay about why they wished to travel to Japan and they were interviewed by a selection committee.

“ANC is fortunate to have the support and friendship of the Yamato Kogyo Company. This is an amazing opportunity for our students and it would not be possible without their generosity. We cannot thank the Yamato Kogyo Company enough for their continued support and the kindness that they show us,” added Gifford.





# ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE COMMUNITY EDUCATION

SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE!

We are counting down to experiencing the magic of Christmas in New York, an unforgettable journey this December 2023! As the holiday season approaches, ANC's Community Education will enjoy the enchanting streets of New York City, immersing themselves in the vibrant energy and cultural wonders of the Big Apple while exploring iconic landmarks and creating cherished memories together. Keep watching as we embark on future adventures, celebrating the transformative power of education and travel, and we will always come back home to our beloved community.

Although we continue enjoying the remaining days of the summer camps and sunshine, we are already preparing for Fall 2023's community education offerings. Discover a world of learning and excitement with our diverse classes and events. From making jewelry to gaining confidence in building spreadsheets, there's something for everyone. Enrich your mind, connect with fellow learners, and make the most of every season. Join us today as we embrace the joy of lifelong learning!



Kaci Bell, ANC Coordinator for Osceola Center & Community Education

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS IN



Find out more about our Christmas in New York City trip!




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# TRIO NEAR PEER EVENT

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

On March 10, 2023, approximately 70 TRIO Educational Talent Search 9th graders attended Arkansas Northeastern College for the Near Peer Event. Representatives from Admissions, Early College, Advising, Allied Tech, Secondary Center, and ANC Ambassadors met with students. During the visit, students rotated through several sessions, including round table discussions with the Ambassadors who shared their experiences as college students at ANC, toured the campus and learned about the admissions process, Early College, and the Secondary Center. Each student participated in hands-on activities in Allied Tech. Students from Caruthersville, Delta C7, Hayti, Armored, Blytheville, EPC, Gosnell, Manila, Osceola, and Rivercrest attended the event.



View pics from TRIO's Near Peer Event






# A-tech Inc. Donates Parts to ANC Worth Approximately \$25,000



We are thrilled to announce that Arkansas Northeastern College has received generous support from A-tech Inc., a technical automation and controls distributor based in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Through our partnership with Rodney Atkins of Nucor Hickman and Chris Platt, A-tech's Automation Sales Representative for North Arkansas, essential product categories were identified and we received a donation of approximately \$25,000 worth of parts from A-tech.

At Arkansas Northeastern College, we highly value the importance of education and industry training including the thriving and growing steel industry. We are grateful for the support of A-tech, Nucor Hickman, and our local community. With the help of A-tech's donation, our students and industry partners' trainees will have access to the latest technologies and products in automation and controls, providing them with valuable hands-on experience and knowledge essential in today's world.



Instructor Rodney Atkins of Nucor Hickman and students standing next to a table full of donated equipment from A-tech Inc.

Instructor Rodney Atkins (LEFT) of Nucor Hickman with Chris Platt (RIGHT) of A-tech Inc.

We look forward to continuing our partnership with A-tech, Nucor Hickman, and the local community in promoting education and training in various forms. Thank you to A-tech for their generosity and commitment to supporting education and training programs.



On April 14, 2023, students from Armorel, Blytheville, Gosnell, Rivercrest, and Osceola participated in the Career Exploration Camp hosted by Arkansas Northeastern College. This event provided a unique opportunity for students to gain hands-on experience in multiple career paths. The event featured presentations by D&L Incorporated, who introduced students to HVAC careers, and Tenaris, who showcased the careers available in the steel industry. In addition, students had the opportunity to explore the ANC Steel Tech Academy and learn about the opportunities it offers. The event wasn't just about learning. Students also had fun working together to solve an escape room challenge, as well as participated in the Walk-A-Mile event hosted on campus. We are proud to have hosted such an impactful event and look forward to seeing these students thrive in their future endeavors.

CAREER EXPLORATION CAMP



View pics from the Career Exploration Camp

# SPARK

2023

We are thrilled to announce that the 2023 SPARK magazine launch and awards event was an incredible success! Over 200 attendees gathered at the Adams/Vines Library on April 11, 2023, to celebrate the creative achievements of kindergarten to 8th grade students from Armorel, Blytheville, Gosnell, Manila, Rivercrest, and Lions & Lambs Academy. The fourth edition of SPARK was jam-packed with inspiring and imaginative works. Dean for Arts & Sciences, Ryan Perkins, and English Instructor, Mallory Burnette, recognized the SPARK Award winners. ANC Webmaster, Danny Graham, presented the awards, with a total of 59 being presented and 146 students' work being represented in the publication. Ryan Perkins and Mallory Burnette served as Editors-in-Chief, while Danny Graham contributed as an Editor and Designer. A reception was held for all guests. Copies of SPARK were provided allowing those present to view all of the amazing student work. We are proud of the students who contributed their creative talents, and we'd like to extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who attended this incredible event. Congratulations to all of the SPARK Award winners and contributors!



View  
SPARK Magazine



## ANC'S HARTLEY PART OF SMITHSONIAN EXHIBIT ON DISPLAY IN BLYTHEVILLE

The Delta Gateway Museum in downtown Blytheville is hosting the traveling Smithsonian exhibit, *Voices and Votes: Democracy in America* until July 14. The Arkansas Humanities Council-sponsored exhibit is based on a major exhibition currently on display at the Smithsonian's National Museum of American History. This Museum on Main Street adaptation has many of the same dynamic features, including historical photos, archival videos, campaign souvenirs, and protest material. The exhibit also features stories from citizens about their voting experiences and the importance of civic responsibility. Dr. Jillian Hartley, Professor of History at Arkansas Northeastern College, appears in the exhibit with two interviews — "Being a Good Citizen and Upstander" and "Never Missed a Chance to Vote."



Dr. Jillian Hartley, ANC Professor of History



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Smithsonian

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Voices and Votes exhibit





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- Digital Special Video Under 2 Minutes - ANC Was with Me Video - **MERIT**
- Digital Video Ad - ANC Leads Video - **MERIT**



MARKETING AWARDS



**James Hartley**  
Media Director



**Danny Graham**  
Webmaster

The marketing endeavors of Arkansas Northeastern College, led by Media Director James Hartley and Webmaster Danny Graham, received national recognition from both the Education Digital Marketing Awards and the Collegiate Advertising Awards. The duo submitted multiple entries, earning the highest distinction of excellence - **GOLD** - in several categories. It is worth noting that while many competing institutions relied on outsourced marketing firms to create their entries, Arkansas Northeastern College's submissions were entirely developed in-house. This recognition on a national scale is a great honor for ANC and highlights their commitment to excellence.



**ANC Student Snapshot Recipient Octavia Madison**



## Madison Named ANC Student Snapshot Spring Recipient

Arkansas Northeastern College is pleased to announce that Octavia Madison has been named the ANC Student Snapshot recipient for the Spring 2023 semester. Madison, who was nominated by Associate Professor and Director for Associate Degree Nursing Tonya Pankey, is a shining example of perseverance and professionalism.

One of the most remarkable things about Madison is her consistently positive attitude. She is always punctual for class and clinical, and she goes above and beyond in all of her assignments. Though she has a quiet demeanor, she participates actively in class discussions and always has a warm, welcoming smile for those she encounters in the hallway.

At ANC, we are committed to providing our students with the education and support they need to achieve their goals. We are proud to count Octavia Madison among our students and look forward to seeing all that she will accomplish in the years to come.

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## career fair



View all pics from the 18th annual ANC Career Fair

Arkansas Northeastern College held the 18th annual ANC Career Fair on April 6, 2023, in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. The event was incredibly well-attended and offered a great opportunity for attendees to market themselves with working professionals from one of 73 registered companies and organizations present. Thank you to everyone involved in this great event!



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