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ANC Spring Schedule of Classes is available for viewing online only at  
**[www.anc.edu/schedule](http://www.anc.edu/schedule)**

### Fall 2014 Academic Calendar

- August 13 - Fall Registration Closes
- August 13 - Last Day to Declare Audit Status
- August 18 - Fall Classes Begin
- August 29 - Last Day to Drop with a Refund
- September 1 - Labor Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)
- November 3 - Spring 2015 Registration Opens (All Campuses)
- November 14 - Graduation Application Submission Opens
- November 21 - Last Day to Withdraw from Class with a "W"
- November 26-28 - Thanksgiving Break - STUDENTS
- November 27-28 - Thanksgiving Break (COLLEGE CLOSED)
- December 2 - Last Day of Fall Classes (Tuesday/Thursday)
- December 3 - Last Day of Fall Classes (Monday/Wednesday)
- December 4, 8-10 - FINAL EXAMS

*Pictured on the cover is Morgan Smith of Keiser, Arkansas*

## ANC to Serve as National Mentor in Job Ready, Willing, and Able Initiative

The American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) announced a \$4.19 million three-year grant from Walmart Foundation to support the Job Ready, Willing, and Able (JRWA) Initiative, including \$2.67 million directly supporting 17 community colleges across the country—including Arkansas Northeastern College. The JRWA Initiative will provide middle-skill training, industry recognized credentials, and access to employment across varying industry sectors in each of the 17 communities. Students who have access to high-quality education and training programs, relevant and quality job opportunities, and public benefits and supports are more apt to persist and succeed.

Arkansas Northeastern College will use its portion of the grant funding of \$180,000 (\$60,000 for each of three successive years) to fund equipment purchases, supplies, and other operational expenses associated with a new Certificate of Proficiency in Construction. This new CP program will serve the local construction industry that is expected to have a labor force demand of over 2,000 new construction jobs in Mississippi County over the next several years.

The 17 participating colleges were selected through a highly competitive process. Four colleges will be mentor colleges, with support from AACC, the National Association of Workforce Boards, AACC Affiliate Councils and industry associations. Mentors were selected from AACC's 2008–2010 Workforce Economic Opportunity Initiative funded by Walmart Foundation and will provide additional guidance to 13 mentee colleges. The four selected mentor colleges are Arkansas Northeastern College (Ark.); Northeast Community College (Neb.); Umpqua Community College (Ore.); and Northern Virginia Community College (Va.).

Mentee colleges selected for the JRWA initiative are Grossmont College (Calif.); Community College of Aurora (Colo.); St. Johns

River State College (Fla.); Kirkwood Community College (Iowa); Ivy Tech Community College (Ind.); Hazard Community and Technical College (Ky.); Jamestown Community College (N.Y.); Cuyahoga Community College (Ohio); Montgomery County Community College (Penn.); Northeast State Community College (Tenn.); Tarrant County College District (Texas); Snow College (Utah); and West Virginia University at Parkersburg (W.Va.).

ANC President Dr. James Shemwell and Dean for Economic Development Gene Bennett traveled to Washington D.C. in May where they joined representatives from the other 16 participating colleges to discuss and plan initiative strategies with the AACC Project Team. As part of the collaborative effort, other leading colleges from around the nation will benchmark their efforts with those of ANC and vice versa. As a mentor college, ANC anticipates hosting other colleges' representatives for facilities tours and information sharing sessions.

**August Launch of the Construction Program**

**10-Week Option for Day Program**

**16-Week Option for Evening/Saturday Program**

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“The list of the seventeen colleges selected for this grant include some of the most prominent, well-respected community colleges in the nation. For ANC to be in that company is indeed an honor. Furthermore, to be selected as one of the four mentor colleges is a validation of not only our many years of innovative workforce training initiatives but also reflective of the world-class companies with whom we have had the opportunity to learn from and work,” said ANC President Dr. James Shemwell.

“We are proud to continue our work with Walmart Foundation at a time when the nation is focused on middle-skill careers and opportunities. This initiative is a model for how community colleges can connect students with specific, sustainable jobs in their communities and contribute to long-term economic growth,” said Dr. Walter Bumphus, AACC president and CEO.



## Two New Scholarships Approved - INET 40 and Early College Scholarship

In a special board meeting of the Arkansas Northeastern College Board of Trustees, two new institutional scholarships were approved.

An institutional scholarship was approved as a temporarily-available scholarship to be offered the Fall 2014 semester. The INET 40 Scholarship decreases internet courses to a flat \$40 dollars per credit hour for students interested in pursuing an online degree at ANC, and have either never attended ANC or who have not attended within the previous two years. The INET 40 Scholarship does not have a residency requirement and officials hope to reach individuals living in Mississippi County as well within ANC's service region, including Craighead and Greene Counties and the Bootheel of Missouri.

The INET 40 Scholarship offers qualifying students a net tuition/fee cost of \$40 per credit hour for up to 12 credit hours per semester. It will be made available for the equivalent of up to approximately 100 full-time students and will be available to those attending either part-time or full-time. This scholarship is only available to students pursuing degrees that ANC offers entirely online.

Because developmental coursework is not currently designed or best delivered online, only students not requiring remedial coursework will be academically eligible. The scholarship will carry forward for qualifying students enrolling in the Fall 2014 semester to provide these students the opportunity to finish their degrees with the scholarship's assistance. Students starting the Fall 2014 semester on part-time status will be able to receive elevated amounts of scholarship assistance in subsequent semesters (to attend full-time, for instance) if scholarship funds are available.

To take advantage of this scholarship opportunity, new students or students who have not attended ANC for at least two years, must enroll this coming Fall semester. This scholarship opportunity is temporarily available. There are no current plans to offer this scholarship

to new students entering after the Fall 2014 semester. Students not taking advantage of the INET 40 Scholarship this Fall may not have the opportunity to receive it in the future.

The purpose of the INET 40 Scholarship is to advance online education and encourage college attendance at ANC for students who have never attended ANC, or who have not attended in recent years.

The second institutional scholarship, the Early College Scholarship, was approved. It offers students enrolled in all Mississippi County high schools, public or private and including Buffalo Island Central, net tuition/fee cost of \$25 per credit hour for up to six hours of concurrent credit per semester. The Early College Scholarship applies to blended online/Advanced Placement courses, live general education offerings delivered to local high schools, and courses taken independently by county high school students while concurrently enrolled in high school.

ANC can serve up to 300 county high school students each year through this scholarship. If all 300 scholarships are not utilized by Mississippi County students during their registration process for each upcoming school year, remaining concurrent credit scholarships would be offered to students at other Arkansas high schools within the ANC service district such as Greene and Craighead Counties. ANC officials met with all seven county school superintendents on March 19th to present this proposal. The superintendents predicted high interest and demand. To allow the local schools to factor this opportunity into their planning for FY15 that is occurring presently, staff made a request of the Chairman to call a special meeting of the Board of Trustees.

The Early College Scholarship will be ongoing from year to year. The purpose of the scholarship is to increase affordable college access to area high school students and to increase college matriculation rates, particularly students matriculating to ANC.

## New Construction Technology Program at ANC

Arkansas Northeastern College is pleased to announce a new Construction Technology Program designed to prepare students for entry level construction jobs. Students will learn the basics of construction safety, math, and power and hand tools. Students will develop skills in construction welding, concrete finishing, rigging, and light equipment usage. The goal of the program is to help the student acquire skills that can be used to enter the workplace and be a versatile member of a construction team. Pending program approval, the Construction Technology curriculum will include courses in Construction Craft Skills, Oxy/Acety Safety and Orientation, and SMAW Partial

Joint Penetration. Great new jobs are coming to this area. Let Arkansas Northeastern College help you gain the skills and knowledge necessary to begin or advance in a construction career!

**2,000 Construction Jobs  
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# Tenaris Donates Towards Technical Education Equipment

Tenaris donated \$80,000 to Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC) for the purchase of educational equipment to be used in laboratories.

“Mississippi County residents will benefit greatly from the donation”, said Dr. James Shemwell, President - Arkansas Northeastern College. “We are very appreciative of Tenaris’ support of Technical Education in Mississippi County,” he added.



**Gene Bennett, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development at ANC; Dr. James Shemwell, ANC President; Hernan Brondino, Operations Director TenarisHickman; Sherri Bennett, ANC Vice-President for Advancement**

Gene Bennett, Dean of Workforce and Economic Development- ANC, said the donation would cover equipment for several different areas. “We will make improvements to our electrical labs, welding equipment and will add additional MIG Welding machines,” Bennett said. “We also plan to add safety equipment for our OSHA safety labs and add a hydraulic pneumatic trainer to the existing mechanical lab.”

Bennett said the purchase would serve both technical classes and career technical Education classes located in the Crisp and Burdette Centers in Mississippi County, which serve both secondary and post-secondary students.

Hernan Brondino, Operations Director- TenarisHickman, said that the opportunity to be part of the growth at ANC is important to Tenaris. “We want to help support the education of Mississippi County residents, as well as support Arkansas Northeastern College,” Brondino said. “For the college to have upgraded and new equipment available in its labs and classrooms not only benefits Tenaris, but also other industries in the county.”

“These opportunities will help to provide Tenaris with employees in the future,” said Tracey Ritchey, Community Relations- TenarisHickman. “We

will have employees with a current knowledge of today’s industrial environment.”

Tenaris has partnered with ANC on several programs within the last year. Such programs include the Steel Industry Technology Degree Internship program; donating pipe for welding classes; as well as donating \$20,000 to get help start-up the W.O.R.K. Program (Workforce Orientation and Retraining Keys). Tenaris also employs W.O.R.K. graduates.

Ritchey said Tenaris is committed to the continued development and enhancement of technical education opportunities in Mississippi County.

## Crosskno Receives Eugenia C. Hale Distinguished Service Award

ANC Career Coach Emily Crosskno was named the 2014 Eugenia C. Hale Distinguished Service Award recipient at this year’s commencement ceremony. Crosskno was nominated for her commitment to not only ANC, but the students she serves in our local school districts. She has served in the Blytheville Public Schools to counsel individually with every student in grades 7-12 (approximately 800 students each year) to promote college and career. Crosskno’s performance as a career coach represents a model for “best practices,” and is how successful customer service should look. Crosskno has successfully represented the ANC Career Coach Program in many public presentations to civic organizations, state work groups, and to Arkansas legislative council. She has built strong relationships with local industry leaders by facilitating Nucor’s Youth Toastmasters Leadership Program and with Arkansas State University by facilitating the College Preparatory Academy of the Delta’s academic enrichment program. In addition to this latest distinction, Crosskno has also been recognized in performance evaluations by Arkansas Career Education’s Program Director and supervisors for her work ethic.



**Emily Crosskno, Lisa Childers**

## Childers Named ANC Distinguished Instructor for 2014

Instructor/Director of Dental Assisting Lisa Childers was named ANC’s 2014 Distinguished Instructor at this year’s commencement ceremony. Childers has worked as the Dental Assisting Instructor/Program Director since the Fall 2007. She is well credentialed in

the field as a nationally certified dental assistant and also a registered dental assistant in the state of Arkansas. She is a member of the American Dental Assistant Association, Arkansas State Dental Assistant Association (where she was recently elected as President) and the American Dental Educators Association. Childers’ students participate in many College and community activities through the ANC Dental Assisting Club including participation in the Annual Arkansas and Missouri State Dental Association’s “Mission of Mercy,” initiatives to provide free dental outreach services to those in need.

Childers volunteers many hours to various causes. She is the secretary of the Humane Society of Blytheville, the Dental Coordinator for the Great River Charitable Clinic, and participates in the annual Blytheville Chili Cookoff. She works tirelessly to foster and rehab dogs and is the owner and founder of “Nieve’s Wings-Animal Rescue and Transport.”

# W.O.R.K. Program Impacts Briscoe



Larry Briscoe

The Workforce Orientation and Retraining Keys (W.O.R.K.) Program at Arkansas Northeastern College has made an impact on many individuals in Mississippi County. Larry Briscoe is one of the individuals whom the W.O.R.K. Program instantly impacted. Larry, a 1994 graduate of Osceola High School, was ready for a change and a career. Larry had altercations with the law at an early age, and it took him a while to get on the right track. When asked what got his attention, Larry stated, “It was seeing my peers already working and setting themselves up for retirement, and knowing I didn’t have anything prepared. The streets were not setting up a 401k plan for me.”

Before the W.O.R.K. Program initiative, Larry had a job but wanted a career. He began his search for an occupation in which he could see himself retiring. He found a job that he loved and was doing his job well, but when Larry was unsure of some specifics revealed in a background check, he was let go. Larry found himself unemployed and was referred to the ANC W.O.R.K. Program. When asked why he wanted to be a part of the program Larry stated, “I’ve tried everything that I can think of, and I need some stability within a career.”

Larry came into the W.O.R.K. Program like a blank slate, and he was eager to learn. Although he had seen and heard some of the training, Larry came in with a desire to properly understand workplace ethics, the importance of safety to most companies, and to sharpen up resume and interview skills. When asked what information in the W.O.R.K. Program really helped him, Larry cited the mock interviews. He stated that it was the hardest interview he had ever been in, but it made him aware of his flaws and what he needed to improve upon.

The mock interviews are recorded, and students are asked real questions from a Human Resource Manager. The students are able to go back and review the recording to see if there is anything that they did not hear or see during the interview that needs to be fixed.

Mr. Briscoe completed the W.O.R.K. Program without missing a day and was always on time. He is now employed with American Greetings of Osceola, AR, as a Fork Lift Operator. Larry is happy in this position and is looking for ways to climb the ladder and make a career with American Greetings. Looking back at the program, Larry feels that he got his credibility back by being able to get out in the workplace and work again. For Briscoe, it doesn’t stop now that he is employed in a good job. He wants to be known as a role model to reach other people who may deal with similar struggles and know there is a better way. Larry has a heart to see men raise their standards, become more beneficial in life, and make great leaders in the community.

Briscoe also states that he accepts responsibility for his generation being like it is because he had not been leading and setting a positive example. Briscoe wants to be a part of the solution in Mississippi County. Larry Briscoe exemplifies what the W.O.R.K. Program is all about - giving people a chance to do better for themselves and their families.

For more information on how you can be a part of the W.O.R.K. Program at Arkansas Northeastern College, call Doug Echols, Jr. at 870-838-9905. If you want to encourage the individuals in this program and be a positive influence on their lives, mentors are needed as well. Contact Dr. Blanche Hunt at 870-762-1020, extension 1174.

# Mbonu Role Model for Education

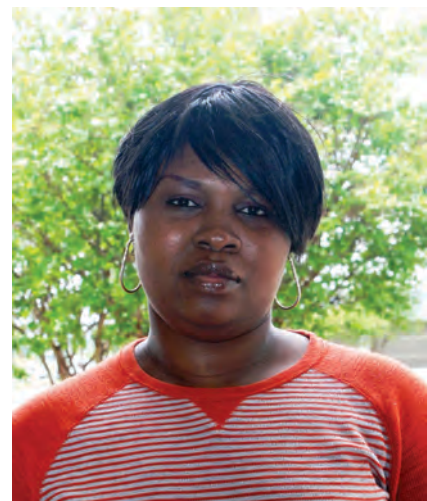
Queen Mbonu left Nigeria in December of 2012 to join her husband in America where he was employed with Nibco, Inc. in Blytheville, Arkansas. Her first priority, once she was settled in her new home, was to get her GED. Queen began working on this goal in July, 2013, at the ANC Adult Education Center. In December 2013, Mbonu received her GED and immediately registered for the spring semester classes at ANC. She is currently enrolled in prerequisite courses for nursing and hopes to be accepted into the ANC Nursing Program.

Balancing home, family, and studies requires focus, according to Mbonu, who lives in Blytheville with husband Donatus and two young sons, Sean and Seth (ages four and four months). She encourages other adult learners to “focus” and take advantage of the opportunities that are available to them.

Mbonu is an excellent role model for others who are considering

going back to school. There will always be obstacles to overcome, but a new country, new language, young family and no high school diploma did not stop Mbonu from the pursuit of her dreams.

When asked what she likes about Arkansas Northeastern College, Mbonu stated that ANC provides a calm environment to learn, and that the instructors have a real “connection” with their students.



Queen Mbonu

# Technical Center Students Excel at SkillsUSA

Students from Arkansas Northeastern College's Secondary Technical Center recently competed in the SkillsUSA Arkansas State Leadership and Skills Conference in Hot Springs where three brought home medals—including a State Championship.

ANC students earning honors were: Caleb Johnson from Gosnell, who won a silver medal in post secondary structural welding; Tim Hill from Manila, who won a silver medal in secondary structural welding; and Zachary Maddox of Armored, who was named the State Champion and gold medal winner in secondary automotive repair.

The event was held April 14-16 at the Hot Springs Convention Center. SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA's mission is to empower its members to become world-class workers, leaders and responsible American citizens. The SkillsUSA organization works to help students excel.

SkillsUSA serves more than 300,000 students and instructors annually. The organization has 13,000 school chapters in 54 state and territorial associations. More than 14,500 instructors and administrators are professional members of SkillsUSA.



(LEFT L-R) Nick Nowlin, Zac Maddox. (TOP RIGHT L-R) Zac Maddox, Tim Hill, Caleb Johnson. (BOTTOM RIGHT L-R) Tim Hill, Caleb Johnson.

## President's and Dean's Lists for Spring 2014

**SPRING 2014 PRESIDENT'S LIST:** Students are named to the President's List when they earn a grade point average of 4.00 for 12 or more semester hours of work completed in any semester. *(College preparatory courses are not included)*

**ARKANSAS:** **Blytheville** - Jonathan Andrew, Tiffany Caviness, Moses Dawkins, Jace Elkins, Sarah Ellis, Cody Hamilton, Stephen Handford, Kayley Huffman, Crystal Little, Garrett Logan, William Moore, Fred Treece, Brianna Williams, Chelsea Williams, Ethan Yost; **Brookland** - James Gillelan; **Caraway** - Ladonna Thrasher; **Joiner** - Henry Morgan; **Keiser** - Chelsey Larue, Morgan Smith, Bailee Tyler; **Lake City** - Amber Stevens, Brad Smithmier; **Leachville** - Joshua Elder, Joshua Freeman; **Luxora** - Darrell Hill; **Manila** - Steven Ballard, Darren Hitt, Shane Lee, Bradley Lewis, Allyson Porter; **Marion** - Deborah Alt; **Monette** - Tyler Rolland; **Osceola** - Erica Brown, Taylor Day, Trala Jones, Carole Kincaid, Victoria Nichols, Dylan Stewart; **Paragould** - Sheila Pitcher  
**MISSOURI:** **Arbryd** - Jessica Jones; **Cardwell** - Ashley Vilchis; **Caruthersville** - Lennon Smith; **Hayti** - Leunore Ramadani; **Holland** - Ashley Walter; **Hornersville** - Deronda Seats; **Senath** - Luke Sample; **Steele** - Jonathon Bryant, Eric Dennis, Elizabeth King

**SPRING 2014 DEAN'S LIST:** Students are named to the Dean's List when they earn a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 for 12 or more semester hours of work completed in any semester. *(College preparatory courses are not included)*

**ARKANSAS:** **Black Oak** - Kyle Cartwright; **Blytheville** - Ashley Kathryn, James Avery, Tyler Banks, Hannah Barnes, Debora Blom, Cathy Brown, Kaitlyn Carter, Dixie Cross, Summer Dunkin, Tyler Edge, Jeffery Evans, Virginia Freemyer, Brianna Hurley, Nakiska Jones, Megan Klug, Lyntrice Lewis, Ana Meza, Amber Nordby, Ke'Arra Palmore, Kayla Peery, Miriam Petersen, Jonathan Porter, Jordan Ridley, Abby Rigney, Linda Riley, Crystal Robinson, Bradley Thomas, Kelvin Tisdell, Dylan Wallace; **Brookland** - Ashley Williams; **Gosnell** - Sarah Boling, Karen Homes, Josh Trapp, Christopher Ward; **Keiser** - Sarah Griffin, Kaylee Parnell, Patrick Perkins, Corbin Smith; **Lake City** - Timothy Arquitt; **Leachville** - Adam Guthery; **Lepanto** - Sarah Hattle, Bobbye Lunsford; **Manila** - Timothy Augustine, Mikala Diffee, James Lisk, Richard Simpson, Ashley Storey, Mack Vaughn, Katelyn Watkins; **Osceola** - Maribel Estemera-Ezell, Anjela Fox, Terry Hodges, Jalyn Jernigan, Timothy Martin, Kelli Pierce, Kattie Riney, Robert Walker; **Paragould** - Shana Easley, Debra Holloway, Jacob Kienbusch, Kristin Moss; **Tyroneza** - Rodney Boone  
**MISSOURI:** **Arbryd** - Brady Higgins; **Bragg City** - Amber Brents; **Caruthersville** - Crystal Hall, Taylor Patterson; **Hayti** - Brianna Ellis; **Hornersville** - Tarina Carlisle; **Kennett** - Michael Street; **Steele** - Roy Fullerton, Autum Pierce, Lauren Rose, Hunter Williams



Timothy Arquitt, Academic All-Star 2014

## Arquitt Named Academic All-Star

Arkansas Northeastern College is proud to announce that Timothy Arquitt of Lake City has been named its Academic All-Star for 2014. Arquitt is a dedicated and responsible student. He excels in his classes and has maintained a 3.9 cumulative grade point average while taking a rigorous course load.

“Timothy is a very conscientious student. His comments in class were always pertinent and insightful. Timothy engages well with other students and is a joy to have in class. He is the type of student who makes teaching rewarding and worthwhile,” said Dr. Gary Yarbrough, ANC Instructor in Psychology.

Arquitt plans to continue his education following graduation from ANC next year. His goal is to become a clinical psychologist. For his Academic All-Star distinction, Arquitt will receive a \$500 scholarship at ANC for next year.

## Tracey Ritchey Named 2014 Outstanding Alumnus

Arkansas Northeastern College is proud to announce that Tracey Ritchey is its 2014 Outstanding Alumnus. Ritchey is a lifelong resident of Blytheville and is the mother of Alexx, a spring 2014 ASU graduate and Jacob, an ASU student.

Tracey works for TenarisHickman as a Community Relations Specialist. Much of her work focuses on Tenaris' education interests in the Blytheville area which include the Academic Excellence Afterschool Program - a partnership with the Blytheville School District, and with ANC in the area of technical education.

Tracey has an AA from Arkansas Northeastern College, a BS in Management/Human Resources from Park University, and a MS in Operations Management from the U of A. She serves on the board of directors of the Greater Blytheville Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way of Greater Blytheville, Blytheville School Board and the Arkansas State P.E.O. Executive Board. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church where she teaches Sunday school, sings in the chancel choir, and serves on various committees. Tracey is a member of United Methodist Women and has served as study leader, circle chair, vice-president and district treasurer.



Tracey Ritchey, Outstanding Alumnus 2014

# Foundation Scholarship Recipients

**Drs. Tommy and Mabelee Carney Scholarship:** Rebecca Risner; **Sharon Wing Churchill Scholarship:** Amber Stevens; **Cohen Scholarship:** Lindsey Bradford, Vicki George, Amber Manley, Kelsey Victory; **Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship:** Bridget Hitchcock, Christian Key, Teresa Whatley; **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship:** John Harvey, Brittany Stockton; **Marvel B. Dickerson/ANC Recruitment Grant:** Kaylee Parnell; **Brandon J. Elliot Memorial Scholarship:** Brandy Thomas; **Dr. Eldon Fairley & Dr. John Williams Scholarship:** Carolyn Clark; **Cecil H. Holifield Scholarship:** Daja Green, Taylor McCoy; **Ruth and Acton Holmes Scholarship:** Geneva Moore; **The Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Elissa Hoskins, Timothy Martin; **Paul C. Hughes Scholarship:** Kimberly Dunlap, Linda Gillmore; **Dorothy Borschel Jennings Memorial Scholarship:** Veronica Pinkard; **Johnston Memorial Scholarship:** Tashonna Hudson; **Loretta Smith Memorial Scholarship:** Terri Mommsen; **Nelson Nursing Scholarship:** Tera Klipfel; **Newcomb Memorial Scholarship:** Abby Ruiz; **Dr. King Nunn, III Memorial Scholarship:** Anne Rosencrans; **Johnny W. Nutt Memorial Scholarship:** Mia James; **Judge Graham Partlow Honorary Scholarship:** Kathryn Reed Ashley, Derrick Ross; **Chapter N P.E.O. Memorial Scholarship:** Mia James; **Dana Rousell Memorial Scholarship:** Tanyia Echols; **Wayne Taylor Memorial Scholarship:** Tammra Ellis, Bailee Griffin, Tonda Keys, Ashlyn Pace, Macey Parker, Tracy Rose, Michele Smith, Dilynn Stricklin, Mack Vaughn, Katelyn Watkins; **Temple Israel Scholarship:** Daja Green, Deijha Harper; **George Moore & Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Theresa Aldridge, Neil Anderson, Kathryn Reed Ashley, Carlet Babers, Rosaline Bailey, Christopher Barry, James Blankenship, Malissa Breckenridge, Kellye Brown, Kiara Brown, Deborah Burns, Hillary Canada, Stephanie Caraway, Morgan Clark, Tara Clark, Re'Aunna Clay, Karen Cook, Courtney Cooke, Tamara Counts, Billy Crudup, Jr., Adrian Daniel, Anglee Davison, Syreeta Dawkins, Sammy Dodd, Jessie Dunlap, Jace Elkins, Rebecca Feathers, Jessica Fields, Megan Fountain, Jamika Fowler, Dawn Furlow, Brittany Ganus, Ashley Gillmore, Beau Griggs, Joy Harper, David Herko, Ashley Herron, Kerri Hickingbottom, Denasia Hill, Cryshana Hodges, Erica Hogan, Chris Honey, Dexter Hood, Amy Hopper, Cynthia Huddleston, Jasmine Hughes, Marshala Hughes, Willie Hughes, Jennifer Humblet, Judy Jacobs, Hollie Jernigan, Jalyn Jernigan, Amanda Jones, Jacqueline Jones, Tamara Jones, Lawless Kennedy, Ashley Lawson, Sharon Lewis, Garrett Logan, Jerrilyn Love, Linnie Lutton, Octavia Madison, Sharnell Matlock, Candace McAlister, Stacie McCormick, Danielle McDuffey, Andral McGowan, Marissa McKay, Kelli Meacham (Martin), Allan Montezuma, Geneva Moore, Moetisha Moore, Crystal Nelson, Tiffany Nettles, Kaylee Parnell, Amanda Patino, Taqwela Pearson, Brittany Pender, Jonathan Penney, Sherri Phelps, Kelli Pierce, Chiquitta Reed, Michelle Richardson, Finda Robertson, Roberta Robinson, Anne Rosencrans, Cynthia Ruffin, Dennis Sammons, Glen Sanders, Allyson Smith, Corbin Smith, Morgan Smith, Andrew Sperry, Andrew Stewart, Hillary Stricklin, Takisha Taylor, Demond Thomas, Lamond Thomas, Johannah Thompson, Ashley Tiffany, Teria Turner, Minerva Vasquez, Marques Walker, Tammy Walker, Megan Ward, Toni Washington, Whitney Washington, Jazzlin Waterford, Frisco Whitfield, Stephanie Williams, Tiffany Williams, Jessica Yancey, Frederick Young, Jodi Young; **Hoskins-Whitener Scholarship:** Devin Mosier; **Yamata Kogyo Scholarship:** Justin Barnes, Morgan Bevil, Robin Blackman, Sarah Boling, Judith Bowden, Rickey Bowden, Casandra Brannan, Brianna Brooks (Dees), Jenny Brooks, Tara Bruce, Tabitha Bryant, Jessica Burns, Ashley Busch, Shelly Cox, Kathleen Crowder, Courtney Darby, Melinda Dillon, Sarah Dodd, Chelsea Drope, Jordan Estes, Joshua Freeman, Jeremy Haas, Misty Hailey, Casie Hale, Casey Hester, Hannah Hinton, Kelly Holt, Ruth Lawson, Eric Leasure, Brenda Lemons, Pamela Marks, Meghan McCluskey, Elizabeth McHaffey, Tucker Miller, Terri Mommsen, Owen Mundy, Michelle Nesbitt, Candice Ogle, Krystal Pierce, Alison Porter, Dillon Redding, Kara Saliba, Luke Sample, Ursula Scott, Casey Simmons, Joshua Smith, Lennon Smith, Destiny Snapp, Ayanna Stringfellow, Falon Taylor, Lindsey Treece, Lachelle Watson, Mikayla White, Andrea Wilkey (Fellows), Hunter Williams, Laura Williams, Austin Zamora



# ANC Quiz Bowl Winners



QUIZ BOWL WINNERS: (LEFT) CHAMPIONS - Greene County Tech; (TOP-RIGHT) 2ND PLACE - Caruthersville; (BOTTOM-RIGHT) 3RD PLACE - Kennett



## AVIATION WINGS CEREMONY

Students in the Aviation Maintenance Technician program received their "wings" and a technical certificate in aircraft maintenance. For more info about the Aviation Program at ANC, call 870-780-6540.



## HAVE YOUR PHOTOGRAPHY FEATURED IN A BOOK!

Arkansas Northeastern College has begun the process of creating a photo book of Mississippi County, Arkansas. The idea is to create a photo journal of the many wonderful landmarks and interesting places that Mississippi County has to offer.

We would like to include photos from our local residents - novice or professional! Be sure to check out [www.anc.edu/photobook](http://www.anc.edu/photobook) and our Facebook page for information.

[www.facebook.com/ArkansasNortheasternCollege](http://www.facebook.com/ArkansasNortheasternCollege)

# ANC/Yamato Kogyo Ambassadors to Japan



**Sarah Ellis of Blytheville; Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of Yamato Kogyo; Danielle Hicks of Manila**

"It was the opportunity of a lifetime!" said Sarah Ellis after her return from two weeks in the beautiful country of Japan. As one of the 2014 ANC ambassadors to Japan, Ellis of Blytheville joined Danielle Hicks of Manila, for the trip sponsored by the Yamato Kogyo Company of Japan and the ANC Foundation.

"It was such an amazing experience," echoed fellow ambassador Danielle Hicks. "I am so grateful for the opportunity to go. Anyone who is interested in broadening their horizons should definitely apply for the ambassador program to Japan."

The ANC Ambassadors to Japan Program was created by Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of Yamato Kogyo. This year marks the 17<sup>th</sup> year that ANC students have had the opportunity to travel to Japan for two-weeks, learn about that country and the Japanese culture, and bring that knowledge back to share with the people of this area. The trip is paid in full by the Yamato Kogyo Company with the airfare provided by the ANC Foundation.

During their trip, Ellis and Hicks were accommodated in Japanese hotels, the Yamato Kogyo Dormitory, and the homes of Yamato Kogyo employees—which both agreed was one of the highlights of the trip. "My host family was wonderful," said Ellis. "Everyone was so friendly and made us feel at home."

Travels for the ambassadors included a tour of Himeji featuring the Himeji Castle and the Kohko-en Japanese Garden. Later, they visited

Miyajima and Hiroshima before spending a day at the Minami-Ohtsu Elementary School where the Japanese children performed for them. Another stop on their busy itinerary was the Golden Palace in the ancient city of Kyoto. Ellis and Hicks were also treated to a fun day at Tokyo Disneyland. Each girl was invited to spend the weekend with a different host family. Sarah stayed with the Wakasa family, and Danielle stayed with the Oki family. Both girls recalled this portion of the trip as especially rewarding. "My host family was great and made sure that my visit was a wonderful experience, stated Hicks. "It was an opportunity to experience the Japanese culture firsthand and make new friends. I will always cherish my time with the Oki family." Sarah Ellis agreed saying, "The Wakasa family invited me into their home and made me feel welcome. They are wonderful people, and I am so happy I had a chance to get to know them."

While in Japan, the girls had the chance to personally meet their trip benefactor, Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of the Yamato Kogyo Company, Ltd. and were given a tour of the steel mill in Himeji. "It was such an amazing experience. The Japanese people were so genuinely kind and friendly, and the places we got to visit were incredible," said Danielle. "I will never forget it." Hicks and Ellis both expressed their extreme gratitude to the Yamato Kogyo Company for its support of this program, and for the wonderful hospitality they received during their stay in Japan. Both girls said that they felt honored to have had the opportunity to represent ANC and consider their trip as a life changing experience.

# AMBASSADORS TO JAPAN





## NURSING PINNING CEREMONY

On May 22, 2014, the Associate Degree Nursing Program awarded nursing pins to 36 graduates in the Annual Pinning Ceremony. 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 attended the ceremony and watched as each graduate received their nursing pin, Florence Nightingale Lamp, and collectively recited the International Pledge for Nurses.

Ron Montague and Malorie Shavaila from the Paragould Campus and Tyler Bennett, Joe Robertson, and Brad Walling from the main campus were recognized for their clinical performance by receiving the Award for Clinical Excellence. Brittany Hurst from the Paragould Campus and Erica Brown from the main campus received the Sharon Fulling Memorial Award for Nursing Excellence.



# ANC Students Present Musical

The Arkansas Northeastern College Department of Fine Arts presented three performances of "The Apple Tree" on May 9th and 10th in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall. The musical production, based on "The Diary of Adam and Eve" by Mark Twain, was directed by Michael Fisher and starred ANC students Ally Porter, Quinton Adams, and Bryan Roberts. Live accompaniment was provided by ANC visiting Instructor of Piano/Collaborative Pianist, Gianluca Strazzullo.



(LEFT) ANC Students in a scene from "The Apple Tree." (RIGHT) Ally Porter, Bryan Roberts, Quinton Adams

## ANC Hosts Career and Technical Completers

Over 450 CTE (Career and Technical Education) completers were on the Arkansas Northeastern College main campus in Blytheville on Friday, April 4. These students were from nine area high schools: Paragould, Rivercrest, East Poinsett County, Buffalo Island Central, Manila, Blytheville, Armorel, Gosnell, and Osceola.

Keynote speaker and published author, Brooks Harper, talked with the students about identifying their skills and directing their interest and aptitude toward a rewarding career path.

Students attended round table discussions in the ANC Governors Ballroom, Recital Hall and Lecture Hall and learned more about the opportunities available at ANC. Lunch was served in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center with the presentation of colors by the Rivercrest ROTC, and the National Anthem performed by ANC Director of Choral Activities, Dr. Keith Hearnberger.



(LEFT) Keynote speaker and published author, Brooks Harper. (MIDDLE) Over 450 high school seniors were honored at ANC for academic achievements in CTE programs. (RIGHT) Presentation of Colors by the Rivercrest High School ROTC.

# Gamma Beta Phi Inducts New Members

New members for the Arkansas Northeastern College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi were inducted into the honor society on Sunday, May 4, 2014. The ceremony was held in the Governors Ballroom at Statehouse Hall. The new members of Gamma Beta Phi are: Tyler Banks, Holly Jane Burns, Lisa Churchwell, Sarah Ellis, Carole Kincaid, and Megan E. Onnen.

Gamma Beta Phi is a national collegiate honor society and service organization with chapters in colleges and universities throughout the United States. The society is dedicated to promoting service, scholarship, and character among its members. The objectives of Gamma Beta Phi are to recognize and encourage excellence in education, to promote the development of leadership ability and character in its members, and to foster, disseminate, and improve education through appropriate service projects.



(FRONT ROW: L-R) Tyler Banks, Holly Jane Burns (BACK ROW: L-R) Lisa Churchwell, Sarah Ellis, Carole Kincaid, Megan E. Onnen

## ANC Dental Assisting Club Provides Free Care

The Student Dental Assisting Club is dedicated to promoting dental services to the underserved. This year the entire club participated in the Missouri State Dental Association Mission of Mercy. The Missouri Mission of Mercy (MOMOM) is a large-scale dental clinic that provides free oral healthcare to patients of all ages who cannot otherwise afford care. MOM events across America have been providing free dental services for the underserved since 2000. These clinics have helped more than 100,000 patients and provided nearly \$50 million in free dental services since inception.



ANC Dental Assisting Club

On May 3rd and 4th, 2014, approximately 1,616 underserved adults and children received more than \$915,994 worth of free dental care at MOMOM in St. Louis. More than 1,000 volunteers, including dental health professionals and community volunteers spent Friday and Saturday providing dental care to include: 412 cleanings, 903 fillings and 2,249 extractions to individuals in the area who otherwise might not be able to obtain the care. Arkansas Northeastern College Dental Assisting students attended orientation and set-up activities on Thursday, May 2nd and then assisted dentists in providing patient care all day on Friday and Saturday, earning 36 contact hours toward their required clinical hours.

## Hoop'n n' Howl'n Classic Basketball Champions

The ANC Intramural Basketball team won the 2014 Arkansas State University Hoop'n n' Howl'n Classic, Saturday, February 22, in Jonesboro, Arkansas.

ANC rolled through the day undefeated en route to being named Classic champions. ANC defeated the University of Arkansas Batesville 51-24, Phillips County College of the University of Arkansas 42-20, ASU Mountain Home 44-35, and ASU Mountain Home once again in the championship game 54-51.



# Trip to Germany for Collaborative Training Strategy

Arkansas Northeastern College President Dr. James Shemwell and Dean for Economic Development Gene Bennett, recently traveled with county economic developer Clif Chitwood to Germany where they met with executives of the SMS Siemag company to discuss collaborative efforts for future training needs in Mississippi County.

Shemwell, Bennett, and Chitwood had the opportunity to tour SMS Siemag’s TECacademy - an internationally operating training academy that supports steel producers and rolling mill owners around the world. The group visited training facilities in Düsseldorf and Hilchenbach during their short two-day visit in the country.

SMS Siemag offers metallurgical plant and rolling mill technology that is used in the steel, aluminum and nonferrous metal industry worldwide. By combining the SMS Siemag knowledge and offerings with ANC’s expertise in the local workforce training market through The Solutions Group, a comprehensive plan for training new employees for the future Big River Steel Mill can be developed.

Along with the other ADTEC (Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium) colleges (Arkansas State University - Newport, East Arkansas Community College, and Mid-South Community College), ANC is collaborating with SMS Siemag’s TECacademy to develop a comprehensive training strategy for the \$1.1 billion Big River Steel Mill coming to the county.



(L-R) Dr. Maxim David Littek, Axel Sprenger, Christof Rinke, Dr. Gunter Kneppel, Dr. James Shemwell, Clif Chitwood, Gene Bennett, Karsten Weiss

The Bergischer Lion of Düsseldorf

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*“What lies behind us and what lies before us are small matters compared to what lies within us.”*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**







# Graduation 2014

More than 1,100 guests gathered at ANC's Briggs-Sebaugh Wellness Center Friday, May 23, for the 2014 Commencement Ceremony. Of the 286 students completing requirements for graduation, 140 participated in the ceremony.



# Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tourney a Success

Twelve four-person teams graced the course of the Big Lake Country Club in Manila for the 16th Annual Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament. This event is held each year by the ANC Foundation to raise scholarship funds. Despite torrential rain downpours prior to and after the event, players were able to complete all 18 holes.

“This year’s event will net more than \$6,000 for student scholarships,” said ANC Foundation Executive Director Rachel Gifford, adding that the total for the history of the tournament would exceed \$80,000.

“We greatly appreciate our major sponsors, many tee-box sponsors, players, and the Big Lake Country Club, for helping make this event such a success,” said Gifford. She also praised the Chapter AC P.E.O. for providing a wonderful lunch and Gina’s Place of Jonesboro for donating homemade chicken salad.



Mike Bridges holds an umbrella as he and Tim Bassing brave the rain on their way to tee-off.

## WINNERS

### Championship Flight

- 1st Place: Stuck, Smith, Pry, Harris
- 2nd Place: Pentecost, Guthrie, Poteet, Houchin
- 3rd Place: Ball, Sullivan, Beall, Denton

### First Flight

- 1st Place: Hayden, Pace, Bridges, Bassing
- 2nd Place: Stutts, Wilson, Goodman, Murray
- 3rd Place: Whitlow, Whitlow, Webb, Dices

### Second Flight

- 1st Place: Eldried, Rose, Keith, Carmichael
- 2nd Place: Gifford, Burrow, Burrow, Walker
- 3rd Place: Goodrich, Fahlberg, Hufstedler, Farley



(LEFT) Members of the Chapter AC P.E.O. break from serving lunch long enough to pose for a picture. Chapter AC has been a long-time supporter of this scholarship tournament. (RIGHT) Janet Taylor and Mike Taylor support the event in memory of their late husband and father, Wayne Taylor.

## THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR TEAMS AND SPONSORS!

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The winners of the Championship flight were members of the Southworth team. (L-R) Jim Pry, Chris Stuck, and Robert Smith (Not pictured is Charles Harris)

# *a farewell to* MARY ALICE DEMENT



What comes to your mind when you think of “mad?”

Perhaps your thoughts are driven towards a dictionary definition of being filled with anger or the thought of being crazy or unstable. Those thoughts and definitions may occupy the minds of most of the world outside of Arkansas Northeastern College, but at ANC we think of  
Mary Alice Dement - M-A-D!

Arkansas Northeastern College would like to say farewell and best wishes to Mary Alice Dement who retired from ANC on June 30, 2014, after 39 years of service. Ms. Dement was first employed by the College in 1975 as one of the original group of employees as an Instructor in English. In her years of service to the College, she held the positions of English Instructor, Division Chairman, Assistant Dean and Chair for Communications & Humanities, Dean for Arts and Sciences, Interim Vice President for Instruction, and Vice President for Instruction.

She was recognized by the ANC Board of Trustees at their regular meeting on June 18, 2014, where a resolution in her honor was read by ANC President Dr. James Shemwell and approved by the Board for inclusion in the permanent minutes for College history.

To say Mary Alice Dement is missed at Arkansas Northeastern College is an understatement of colossal proportions. When Mary Alice Dement turned off her office lights and walked out the door for the last time, ANC became...well, a little less “MAD!”



Dement's daughter Tania Plank of Gardner, Kansas, was able to join her and approximately 100 friends from the College and community at a reception held in her honor. Dement has said she plans to play a lot of golf and travel to watch her grandson, Matt, play football for the North Dakota State University Bison. Her ANC family wishes her much happiness in her retirement and is thankful for the many years of wonderful service she gave the College.

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