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Fall 2017 Academic Calendar

ANC Fall Schedule of Classes is available for viewing online only at

www.anc.edu/schedule

August 16	Fall Registration Closes
August 21	Classes Begin
August 24	Payment Deadline/Last Day to Declare Audit Status
September 1	Last Day to Drop with 100% Refund
September 4	Labor Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)
October 30	Spring 2017 Registration Opens
November 10	Graduation Application Submission Opens
November 17	Last Day to Withdraw from Class with a "W"
November 22-24	Thanksgiving Break (Students)
November 23-24	Thanksgiving Break (COLLEGE CLOSED)
December 5	Last Day of Classes (Tuesday/Thursday)
December 6	Last Day of Classes (Monday/Wednesday)
December 7,11-13	FINAL EXAMS

ANC to Offer Two New Scholarships

NUCOR DIPLOMA SQUARED SCHOLARSHIP

You are a high-achieving, high school student who wants to earn both college and high school credit at the same time and earn a college certificate or degree by the time you earn your high school diploma—this scholarship is for you!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS: Earn a college certificate while you earn a high school diploma through the NUCOR² SCHOLARSHIPS.

Nucor-Yamato Steel and Nucor Steel Arkansas have jointly committed up to \$75,000 per year to fund a new scholarship program geared toward concurrent high school students in Mississippi County. The new program, known as the Nucor Diploma Squared (Nucor Diploma²) Scholarship, will encourage completion of the Certificate of General Studies at ANC simultaneously with earning a high school diploma. The Certificate of General Studies consists of the first 31 or 32 credit hours, depending upon exact course selections, of the first year of college for students working toward a baccalaureate degree. The program encompasses provisions similar to the Great River Promise in that students must attend

four years at a public or private Mississippi County high school (including Buffalo Island Central), achieve a 95% attendance and punctuality record over the four years of high school, and have no drug or DWI/DUI offences. The program also encompasses provisions similar to the Early College Scholarship in that students must achieve a placement test score (ACT of 19+ or equivalent) to be eligible for the Arkansas Course Transfer System general education courses offered through the Early College program. The Nucor Diploma² Scholarship is unique in that eligible students must have an achievable path to earn the Certificate of General Studies, or beyond, by the final term of their high school senior year. Eligible students will receive a scholarship from Nucor via the ANC Foundation that will cover textbook costs up to \$100 per course. Furthermore, participating students and their parent(s) will agree to contact information to Nucor-Yamato and Nucor Steel Arkansas for purposes of outreach outlining potential college assistance opportunities for students majoring in upperclassmen fields sought by Nucor (engineering, metallurgy, chemistry, etc.). Participating students and their parent(s) also will agree to participate in two Nucor/ANC celebration/feedback events hosted at ANC. The Nucor Diploma² Scholarship will be available on a first come, first served basis with priority given to students already in the Nucor Diploma² Scholarship program.



CAREER JUMPSTART SCHOLARSHIP

You have scored high enough on a placement test to take college classes, but you do not have a high school diploma or GED so you cannot receive financial aid—this scholarship is for you!

As a consequence of outreach initiatives through the Office of Community Relations, ANC is experiencing an increasing number of potential students who do not possess a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED) but they do achieve placement test scores permitting them to enroll in at least some, if not all, academic programs. However, students without a high school diploma or GED cannot receive Federal Financial Aid. To remedy these lost opportunities for both our potential students and our local economy, the ANC Board of Trustees approved a new Career Jumpstart Scholarship available to residents in the ANC service district (Arkansas counties of Mississippi, Craighead, & Greene and Missouri counties of Pemiscot, Dunklin, & New Madrid) who are 18 years or older, do not possess a high school diploma or GED, and score sufficiently on placement tests to be accepted into a career-based Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, or Associate of Applied Science program at ANC. As a Career Jumpstart Scholarship recipient, students will work toward their GED while taking college classes. Students receiving the Career Jumpstart Scholarship will major in the shortest-term credential in their selected career field, but can continue eligibility after earning a Certificate of Proficiency and/or a Technical Certificate through Associate Degree completion if all other continuing eligibility requirements are met. The Career Jumpstart Scholarship will cover tuition, all fees including Internet, as well as books and required materials rented or purchased through the ANC Bookstore.



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THESE AND/OR OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT THE ANC FINANCIAL AID OFFICE TODAY AT 870-762-3103.

Drs. Shemwell and Hunt Accept Community Award



Reverend Eddie Echols presents ANC President Dr. James Shemwell (LEFT) and Dr. Blanche Hunt, Associate Vice President of Community Relations (RIGHT) with the Blytheville Community Samaritan Ministry "Lending A Helping Hand" Community Appreciation Award on April 29, 2017 at their 27th annual banquet.

ANC Holds Fourth Annual Best Practices Symposium

The 4th Annual Arkansas Northeastern College Best Practices Symposium was held on April 28, 2017. The event featured sessions on best practices relating to the new academic ranking system, Community Relations outreach efforts, Advising 101, Internet teaching, success in biology courses, Student Voice, course assessment, research databases, and a brainstorming session with ANC President Dr. James Shemwell. Lunch was provided in the Outback with the awards ceremony taking place at the Courtyard Amphitheatre.

A total of 10 projects (5 Advancement by Collaboration (ABC) Awards and 5 Best Practices Merit (BPM) Awards) were highlighted with 30 award envelopes presented. ANC Trustees Dr. Tommie Westbrook, Dr. Ann Abraham, and Randy Scott attended the Symposium with Mr. Scott participating in the awards ceremony. The momentum of this event seems to be building with nearly as many awards presented as the previous three years combined. Celebrating our best practices and milestone achievements not only provides an opportunity for positive reflection upon our accomplishments and motivation for future innovation, it also aids the vital process of providing evidence for our ongoing accreditation efforts, including our HLC accreditation visit coming up in four years. Most importantly, let us continue our outstanding efforts in the interests of our students whose success is our purpose for existence. Keep up the great work!



Pankey Earns Certified Nurse Educator Designation

The Arkansas Northeastern College Associate Degree Nursing Program is pleased to announce that its Director, Tonya Pankey, has earned the designation Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing.

Blytheville native, Tonya Pankey, graduated from ANC (formerly Mississippi County Community College) in 1990 with an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Nursing before earning her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing in 1999. In 2009, she completed the Master of Science Degree in Nursing with a focus in Nursing Education. Prior to becoming an educator, she spent time working in the field in the areas of oncology, home care and hospice, and case management. She was named in the Top 100 Nurses in Shelby and Fayette Counties, Tennessee, in 2006.

Because of her success in the nursing field, Ms. Pankey was named as Arkansas Northeastern College's Distinguished Alumni in 2011. That same year, she came back to the College as an instructor in the Associate Degree Nursing Program. She was promoted to the director of the program in August, 2013. Ms. Pankey is married to Danny, pastor of Ruddle Road Church of God in Blytheville, where she volunteers as a Sunday School teacher and church pianist. They have three children, sons Caleb and Joshua live in Fayetteville and their daughter Katie Beth is a senior at Blytheville High School.

In her spare time, Ms. Pankey enjoys reading and spending time with family and friends. She is a devoted teacher who chose to take on the difficult task of becoming a Certified Nurse Educator because she is committed to her profession and viewed the accomplishment as a personal success and a display of "best practices" for her students.

"Ms. Pankey's dedication to her profession is a testament to the quality of the Arkansas Northeastern College's Nursing Program. Becoming certified in any field is a mark of professionalism. Ms. Pankey's efforts to become a Certified Nursing Instructor communicates to students, peers, and the academic and health care communities that the highest standards of excellence are being met," stated ANC President Dr. James Shemwell.



ANC Director of Associate Degree Nursing, Tonya Pankey

BlueOak Arkansas Pair Certified as Six Sigma Greenbelts

Arkansas Northeastern College's The Solutions Group certified Ryan Niedzwiadek and Thomas Gilbert of BlueOak Arkansas in Osceola, AR as Six Sigma Greenbelts. BlueOak Arkansas is the nation's first urban mining facility and provides a vital domestic solution for electronic waste (e-waste) recycling.

To earn certification, Ryan and Tom completed 80 hours of specialized training and had to complete a project that demonstrated knowledge of the skills that they had learned in the course. Their optimization of the sampling process will save the company over \$700,000 annually when BlueOak ramps up to full production.

Arkansas Northeastern College's challenging Six Sigma program, instructed by Scott Follett, saved participating companies \$5.7 million in 2016.



(L-R) Ryan Niedzwiadek and Thomas Gilbert of BlueOak Arkansas were recently certified as Six Sigma Greenbelts.



Newcomb Represents ANC at Statewide Annual Meeting

Mr. John Newcomb represented Arkansas Northeastern College at the statewide program for Board Members and Trustees at its annual meeting last December where he attended sessions about higher education in Arkansas including a presentation by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education on its Funding Model. Newcomb, who serves as the Chairman of the ANC Board of Trustees, then attended the Community College National Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. in February of this year. During his stay, Mr. Newcomb had the opportunity to visit with several legislators to discuss higher education in Arkansas and Arkansas Northeastern College.



(LEFT L-R) U.S. Congressman Rick Crawford, Joan Khilling, and John Newcomb (RIGHT L-R) U.S. Senator John Boozman and Newcomb.



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INTERNSHIPS



EARN MONEY, EXPERIENCE, AND A FOOT IN THE DOOR WHILE GAINING COLLEGE CREDIT THROUGH ANC'S INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Arkansas Northeastern College's Internship Program is designed for students who wish to pursue careers in the steel or manufacturing industry that require specialized job skills or knowledge. This region is a major source of steel-related occupations and other industrial opportunities. The Internship Program facilitates entry into industry with enhanced opportunities for advancement because of knowledge gained through this degree program. While several courses are directed specifically in the manufacturing industry, the program also provides general industrial training that will be attractive to area employers not related to the manufacturing industry. This program not only offers students specific knowledge and skills to enhance their employment opportunity but also, because industry is going to offer internships, there will be additional employment opportunity because of exposure to the employers and the workplace.

The specific ANC Allied Technologies Internship Program is cohort-based meaning all students go to school at the same time, two days per week. When there are electives to be chosen in the degree program, the cohort makes its choice by election.

Employer participants offer an internship for approximately 24 hours per workweek where the interns work two or three days (Tuesday, Thursday, and Fridays). Interns are paid a flat hourly rate by the company. Company requirements are flexible.

Successful completion of the internship is not a guarantee of employment, nor is employment with the intern sponsor guaranteed; however, students will be given preference in the employment process, they also will possess skills or knowledge desirable to the employer, and will have an advantage over other applicants.

Because students must meet specific criteria and be selected into the program, interested students should contact the ANC Coordinator of Placement Services at 870-762-6333.

Currently, the following companies are participating in the ANC Internship Program:

- **Nucor Yamato Steel**, Blytheville, Arkansas
A.A.S. Steel Industry Technology; A.A.S. Computer Information Systems
- **Nucor Steel Arkansas**, Blytheville, Arkansas
A.A.S. Steel Industry Technology
- **Kagome**, Osceola, Arkansas
A.A.S. Advanced Manufacturing
- **Denso**, Osceola, Arkansas
A.A.S. Advanced Manufacturing
- **Precoat Metals**, Armored, Arkansas
Certificate of Proficiency—Industrial Electrical or A.A.S. Steel Industry Technology
- **D&L**, Blytheville, Arkansas
A.A.S. HVAC; Technical Certificate—HVAC
- **Big River Steel**, Osceola, Arkansas
A.A.S. Steel Industry Technology; A.A.S. Computer Information Systems
- **Wastepro**, Blytheville, Arkansas
Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, or A.A.S. in Welding
- **Southworth**, Manila, Arkansas
Certificate of Proficiency, Technical Certificate, or A.A.S. in Welding



(L-R) Interns Zach Benson, Kayley Weeks, Nicholas Blackman, Devon Payne, Billy Finley, Shannon Timms, and Jonathan Statler

ANC'S CENTER FOR ALLIED TECHNOLOGIES BREAKS GROUND!



(Pictured L-R) Sean Stem, President of CNI; Johnathan Cowan, Project Manager; Dr. James Shemwell, ANC President; John Newcomb, Chairman of ANC Board of Trustees; Ralph Hill, Construction Consultant; Don Ray, ANC Vice President for Administration; A.C. Williams, Architect; Scott Creecy, ANC Director of Maintenance; Jeremy Austin, Chief Financial Officer for CNI; Rick Gibson, Superintendent with CNI; and Dan Ritchey, Immediate Past Chairman ANC Board of Trustees.

Foundation Scholarship Recipients

SCHOLARSHIPS SPRING 2017: **Sharon Wingo Churchill Scholarship:** Taylor Roberts, William Toler; **Cohen Scholarship:** Jordan Glass, Caitlyn Hill, Mercedes Jones; **Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship:** Summer Neal; **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship:** Saneita Rea, Tarryn Tracy; **Delta Sigma Theta Scholarship:** Shernicia Morris; **Marvel B. Dickerson/ANC Recruitment Grant:** Lyric Lacy; **Lindsey Ohlendorf Fairley Scholarship:** Terria Adams; **Jim Grimes Memorial Scholarship:** Seth Rounsavall; **Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Jamilya Hooks; **Paul C. Hughes Scholarship:** Jessica Henley; **Kagome Creative Foods, Inc. Scholarship:** Tyler Crow; **Martha Ann Moore Memorial Scholarship:** Tyler Crow; **Newcomb Memorial Scholarship:** Madison Gomer; **Johnny W. Nutt Memorial Scholarship:** Jessica Henley, Rhoda Yost; **Judge Graham Partlow Honorary Scholarship:** William Brown; **Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship:** Adrienne Askew, Taylor Roberts; **Wayne Taylor Memorial Scholarship:** Madison Crawford, Kala Duffel, Glorest Hall, Michael Matheny; **Temple Israel Scholarship:** Alexis Odell, Madison Shaw; **THANK YOU RNs Scholarship:** Tessa Fulling, Madison Gifford; **George Moore and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Terria Adams, Enedina Aguilar, Adrienne Askew, Alexis Baker, Dardan Balazi, Autumn Bennett, Nicholas Blackman, Delicia Blankenship, Natasha Childers, Austin Coleman, Lindsay Copeland, Lane Crites, Taryn Dill, Kala Duffel, Alisa Dyer, Larry Finley, Zackery Gray, Austin Griffin, Chelsea Harper, Caitlin Holt, Valencia Houston, Alisha Jackson, Shumsey Jackson, Lauren Jenkins, Alexis Johnson, Jacob Johnson, Nicole Juarez, Tonda Keys, Lyric Lacy, Katelyn Lee, Chantel Lewis, Brandy Lindsey, Riquela Lobley, Karlie Long, Marcy Mays, DeShea McCain, Stephanie McCoy, Breeanna McDougal, Jerry McKaskle Jr., Amanda Moresco, Kinsey Nelson, Debbie Payne, Christina Phelps, Stacie Pollard, Tyrone Pope, Sarah Rameriz, Karla Ray, Kaylynn Razor, Samantha Reams, Tionna Rickardson, Taylor Riggs, Kenneth Self, Keri Shrable, Nakayla Smith, Taylen Smith, Dalton Stallings, Kimberly Stewart, Tyler Taylor, Blaine Tedder, Arkhya Thomas, Bethany Thomas, David Thomas Jr., Brandon Thrasher, Dallas Thurman, Cody Waters, Kirsten Wattigney, Candice Welch, Willie Williams, Rhoda Yost; **Hoskins-Whitener Scholarship:** Austin Carrillo; **Angela Wren Memorial Scholarship:** Summer Neal; **Yamato Kogyo Scholarship:** Tiffany Ashley, Heather Bupp, Tanner Cole, Danielle Dodson, Billy Finley, Tyler Granger, Rebecca Hager, Megan Key, Casie Moore, Alexis Odell, Anthony Pieri, Hanna Wells, Jeremy Wilson

SCHOLARSHIPS SUMMER I 2017: **Cohen Scholarship:** Mercedes Jones, Daniel Pack; **Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship:** Summer Neal; **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship:** Tarryn Tracy; **Newcomb Memorial Scholarship:** Madison Gomer; **Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship:** Taylor Roberts; **Wayne Taylor Memorial Scholarship:** Madison Crawford; **George Moore and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Autumn Bennett, Amber Capaul, Natasha Childers, Eddie Echols, Zackery Gray, Nikki Ivy, Alisha Jackson, Jacob Johnson, Blanton Jones, Nicole Juarez, Tonda Keys, Ashley Lee, Karlie Long, Marcy Mays, Elfreda Nalls, Kinsey Nelson, Debbie Payne, Casey Plunkett, Deloris Prince, Samantha Reams, Katlyn Riggs, Haley Simmons, Glen Teeter-Haynes, Marketta Turner, Kirsten Wattigney, Debra White, Willie Williams, Rhoda Yost; **Yamato Kogyo Scholarship:** Robert Hudson, Seth Rounsavall

INTRAMURALS

@ ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE

ANC participates in the Arkansas Delta Intramural League (ADIL), which is comprised of 6 colleges. We compete with each other in Flag Football, Women's Volleyball, Basketball, and Softball. Any Arkansas Northeastern College student who is currently enrolled at ANC, may participate in these recreational sports offerings. At the beginning of the fall semester, we will be putting together a flag football and volleyball team. I encourage you to come sign up at the Wellness Center front desk or in the Sun Room.

We will also be offering other intramural activities such as basketball, dodgeball, and Sun Room activities such as billiards, table tennis, foosball, and various PS4 and XBOX One video game tournaments. If there is a particular activity that might interest you that is not on our list, please let me know. All activities are co-ed except for the women's ADIL volleyball jamborees.

Please feel free to email me directly at mmccord@smail.anc.edu if you would like to sign up for one of the recreational sports or activities, have any questions about the Wellness Center, Sun Room, or intramurals.



Thanks,
Matt McCord
ANC Director of Health, Wellness & Recreation



(LEFT) Arkansas Northeastern College Director of Health, Wellness & Recreation, Matt McCord. (RIGHT) Representatives with the Arkansas Delta Intramural League from Arkansas Northeastern College, Arkansas State University - Jonesboro, ASU - Mid-South, Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas (PCCUA) - Helena,, PCCUA - Stuttgart, and East Arkansas Community College.

FALL 2017 RECREATIONAL SPORTS JAMBOREE SCHEDULE

FLAG FOOTBALL

September 21	@ 4:30pm	ADIL Jamboree @ ASUMS
September 28	@ 4:30pm	ADIL Jamboree @ ASUMS
October 5	@ 4:30pm	ADIL Jamboree @ ASUMS
October 19	@ 3:00pm	ADIL Tournament @ ASU-Jboro

VOLLEYBALL

November 2	@ 4:30pm	ADIL Jamboree @ ANC
November 9	@ 4:30pm	ADIL Jamboree @ ANC
November 16	@ 3:00pm	ADIL Jamboree @ ASU-Jboro



The ANC Intramural Basketball Team won both games at a jamboree in Forrest City, AR early in the spring semester.



Spring 2017 Sun Room billiards tournament champions! (L-R) Taz Shipley - runner-up, and Chase Farrish - champion.



Congratulations to Jake Helton (left) for winning the Sun Room NBA 2K17 tournament! Jake defeated Nick Odom (right) 69-68 in the championship game.



Table tennis winners for the Spring Semester in the Sun room (L-R) Bradley Davis - champion and Andrew Scott - runner-up.



Congrats to David Thomas (right) for winning the Sun Room Madden 17 tournament. Colby Covington (left) finished as runner-up.



Congrats to the Sun Room Dragonball Xenoverse 2 champion, Billy Nichols.

Successful T.O.P.S. Challenge Yields 22 Scholarship Recipients

Arkansas Northeastern College hosts the annual T.O.P.S. (Tomorrow's Outstanding Professionals Skills) Challenge each February at the Burdette Center and on the Blytheville main campus. The competition is followed by an awards ceremony on each campus. The T.O.P.S. Challenge is held in conjunction with the National Career and Technical Education Month and is designed to promote career preparation and technical education for the academic enrichment of students still attending school.

This year approximately 175 students from the ANC Technical Center, Kennett Career & Technical Center, and the Sikeston Career & Technical Center along with students from Armored, Blytheville, Buffalo Island Central, East Poinsett County, Gosnell, Manila, Osceola, Rivercrest, and Riverside school districts attended the Challenge. Competitions were held in Accounting, Computer Applications: Excel, PowerPoint and Word, Impromptu Speaking, Public Speaking, Business Communications, and a Medical Professions Quiz Bowl. At the Burdette Center, students competed in Aviation, Welding Combination, Welding SMAW, and Plate-cutting, Criminal Justice Felony Traffic Stop, Early Childhood Hands-on and Bulletin Board, Job Interview and Crime Scene Investigation team competition.

Twenty-two ANC scholarships were awarded to the top winners/teams of all competitions. We want to thank all of the schools and students involved as well as all who worked so hard to make this year's T.O.P.S. Challenge a success!



(BOTTOM LEFT) ANC President Dr. James Shemwell speaks to approximately 175 T.O.P.S. Challenge participants. (BOTTOM RIGHT) T.O.P.S. Challenge participants enjoy some down time in The Sunroom.

ANC Hosts CTE Completers Banquet

ANC held its annual Graduating to College & Careers CTE Completers Banquet on Friday, April 21, 2017. Over 300 students from 8 different school districts were recognized for achievements in career and technical education. On behalf of the ANC Technical Center, congratulations to these students and thanks to ANC's faculty and staff for helping celebrate their success! Students from Armored, Buffalo Island Central, East Poinsett County, Gosnell, Manila, Osceola, Paragould and Rivercrest high schools were in attendance.



Over 300 students from 8 different school districts attended this year's CTE Completers Banquet. Brooks Harper (left) was the speaker for the event. Kennedy Woodall and Destiny Kirkham (middle) from Manila High School sang the National Anthem.

AMBASSADORS TO JAPAN

Japan is truly a timeless place where ancient traditions are fused with modern life. Arkansas Northeastern College has been fortunate to offer the "Ambassadors to Japan Program" for the past 22 years. Sponsored by the Yamato Kogyo Company of Japan, which has a joint venture in the Blytheville based Nucor-Yamato Steel Mill, ANC students have had the opportunity to learn about the Japanese culture and bring their experiences back to the area.

This year, Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of the Yamato Kogyo Company, LTD., invited ANC President Dr. James Shemwell and his wife Dr. Bridget Shemwell to travel with the students to Japan for the first week of the students' two-week stay. The Shemwells and this year's student Ambassadors to Japan, Tyler Joseph Smith and Brian Reynolds both of Manila, enjoyed the beautiful country and the hospitality shown to them by Mr. Inoue and members of the Yamato Kogyo Company.

With sightseeing in places such as Himeji City, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Miyajima, and Tokyo, the travelers were provided with amazing highlights of the country. Tyler Joseph and Brian enjoyed all the different places they visited and especially enjoyed their outing to an elementary school where they were able to experience a normal day of school in Japan.

Dr. James Shemwell expressed his appreciation for the experience. "It was an amazing opportunity for which Bridget and I will be forever grateful. We learned a great deal about Japan during our stay there and gained many new friends. Mr. Inoue was such a welcoming host and we thoroughly enjoyed every moment of our visit. This is a remarkable program for our students each year, where they can learn so much about a different culture, and I am so appreciative to have had the chance to see for myself the beauty of Japan and its people. We are so thankful for the opportunity, but especially for the generosity shown to us by Mr. Inoue and the whole Yamato Kogyo family."



(L-R) Brian Reynolds; Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of Yamato Kogyo Company Ltd.; Tyler Joseph Smith



Energy 2017 Launches; Last Year's Edition Awarded

Energy, Arkansas Northeastern College's student literary and art magazine, won three awards for the 2016 digital publication from the Arkansas College Media Association. At its annual conference at Northwest Arkansas Community College, Energy competed in the literary magazine category against both colleges and universities in the state and won second place for magazine of the year and second place for the cover design. In the Art/Illustration category, former student, Rosa Lloyd, won third place for her work, "Pull." Arkansas College Media Association accepts submissions from various media outlets (yearbooks, newspapers, literary magazines, and television/digital) to be sent to judges outside of Arkansas and throughout the country for their yearly competition. The digital edition of Energy 2017 was launched May 2nd. You can view this year's edition and past editions at www.anc.edu/energy.



The Arkansas Northeastern College Division of Arts & Sciences presented the theatrical murder mystery comedy "Agatha Christie Tackles Texas." ANC's theatre department performed this production Thursday-Saturday, April 27-29 in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall. The production was directed by Michael Fisher.

Agatha Christie TACKLES TEXAS

AUTHORS: EDDIE COPE and CARL WILLIAMS
Presented by special arrangement with I.E. Clark Publications, Woodstock, Ill.
DIRECTED BY MICHAEL FISHER



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH

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Art AND Music

Arkansas Northeastern College celebrated Black History Month with an art and music event on Wednesday, February 22nd and Thursday, February 23rd in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall.

This event featured the ACE Club, Blytheville Elementary School, the ANC Singers, and Miss Lights of the Delta 2016 ANC graduate India Kuykendall.

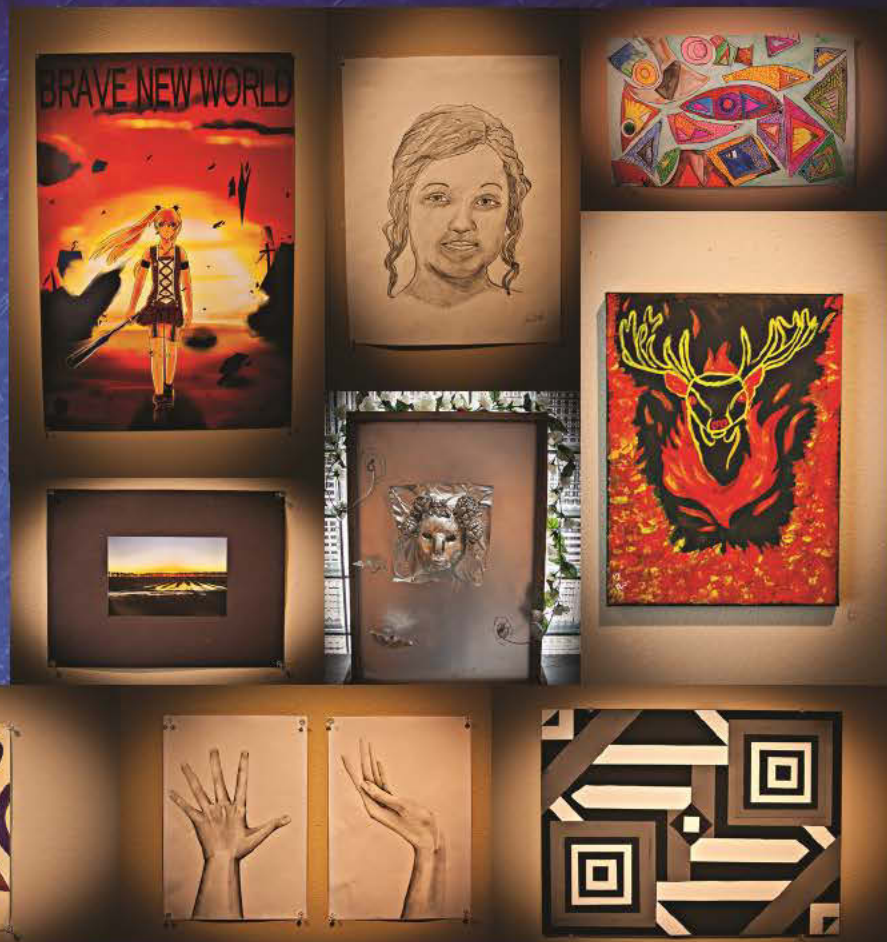


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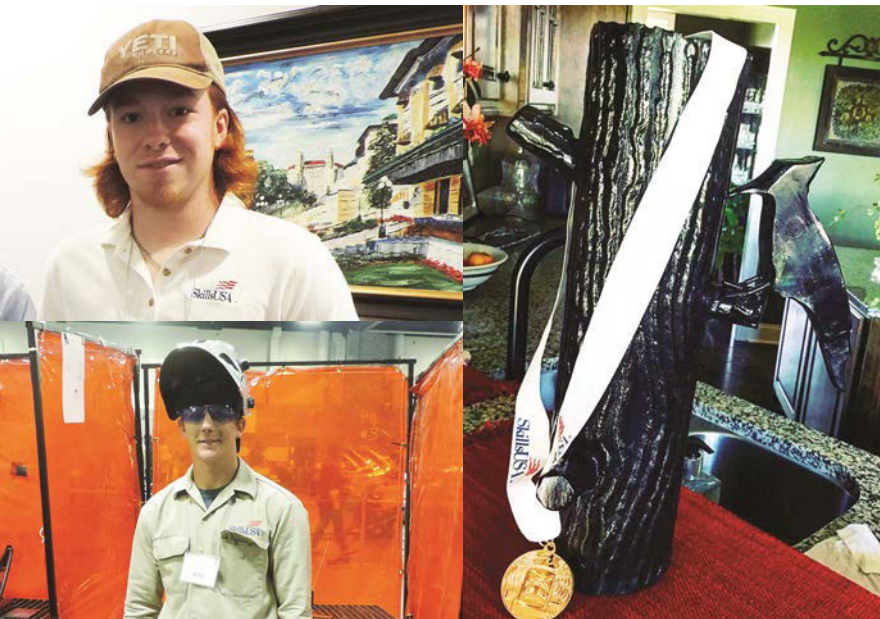
STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

"Untitled." is an art exhibit featuring the work of student artists enrolled at Arkansas Northeastern College. The student artists include Autumn Bennett, Rachel Johnson, Stephen Wilbanks, Jordan Glass, Hannah Yost, Payton Jeffries, Kayla Napier, and Will Saylor.

The works are a combination of art created in the classes offered at ANC as well as work some students created outside of the classroom. Works included range from digital painting, watercolor, sculpture, and photography.



Technical Center Students Win SkillsUSA Awards



(LEFT TOP) Jon Griffin took first place in the Welding Sculpture competition. (RIGHT) Griffin's award-winning welding sculpture. (LEFT BOTTOM) Hunter Drury finished third in the Combination Welding category.

The Arkansas Northeastern College Technical Center took 21 high school students and 5 ANC college students to the SkillsUSA Arkansas Competition in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Jon Griffin won first place in the Welding Sculpture competition and Hunter Drury won third place in the Combination Welding competition. ANC was represented well and we are proud of the hard work and preparation our students put into this competition!

SkillsUSA is a partnership of students, teachers and industry working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA helps each student excel, and is a national non-profit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. The ANC Technical Center offers Skills memberships to all of its students, and encourages Club involvement, even sending students to the National competition in years past.

For more information about the ANC Technical Center, please visit www.anc.edu/technicalcenter or call 870-763-1468.

Big River Steel Teams with ANC

Arkansas Northeastern College has been an instrumental part of the Big River Steel hiring and training process. The Solutions Group, ANC's customized training group, provided the intake and pre-employment training process for Big River Steel's initial hiring phase which included approximately 310 individuals who garnered 32 hours of first aid and CPR, blueprint reading, mechanical measurements, radio protocol, and teamwork/teambuilding training. This training occurred during the day, evening, weekends, and through online sessions.

Additionally, The Solutions Group has provided overhead crane training as well as training on ram trucks, skid steer and other heavy equipment for approximately 30 Big River Steel employees. Currently, The Solutions Group staff is in the process of conducting all of their new hire orientation training which includes anti-harassment, basic math skills, and OSHA 10 for General Industry.

Through this relationship, Big River Steel has donated a water model simulator to ANC Allied Technologies - The Solutions Group. The water model is just one example of how Big River Steel uses innovation to push the boundaries of what a steel mill can do. The water model is located at the ANC ACME Center and will be used in Metallurgy classes and other classes to simulate the casting process.



Pictured (L-R): Osceola Mayor Dickie Kennemore; Dave Stickler, CEO of Big River Steel; Mike Mechley, Vice President of Procurement for Zekelman Industries; Barry Zekelman, Chairman & CEO of Zekelman Industries; Dr. James Shemwell, ANC President; Clif Chitwood, Director of Great River Economic Development; and Mississippi County Judge Randy Carney pose for a picture during Big River Steel's celebration of the production of their first coil of steel.

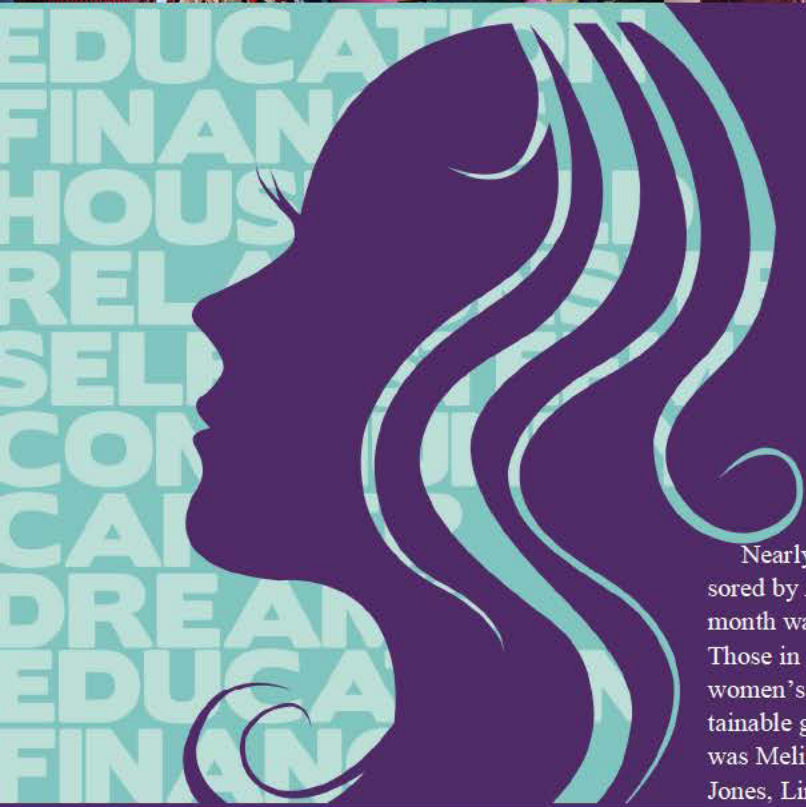
Cunningham Speaks at The Alumni Hour



Arkansas Northeastern College's Team Up Mentoring presented 'The Alumni Hour: An ANC Graduate's Journey to Success' on March 30, 2017 in the Sun Room.

Shunqetta Cunningham is an alumnus of Arkansas State University; graduating in 2008 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and in 2010 with a Master's in Public Administration. Shunqetta is now the CEO and Principal Grant Strategist of KHARIS Grants and Services, LLC. Her post-secondary education began right here at Arkansas Northeastern College.

(L-R) Invited Speaker and ANC Alumnus, Shunqetta Cunningham and ANC W.O.R.K. Coordinator, Doug Echols.



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Women's Expo

Nearly 200 women attended the 2017 Women's Expo "It's Our Time" sponsored by Arkansas Northeastern College in conjunction with women's history month was held March 31, 2017. This was a free event for women of all ages. Those in attendance heard inspiring speakers and gained new insights on many women's issues. Some of the topics included health and wellness, parenting, sustainable gardening, education, and workplace opportunities. The keynote speaker was Melisa Logan. Other inspirational speakers included Kara Johnson, Dr. Lisa Jones, Linda Moore, Nita Reams, Marilyn Woessner, and Leslie Wolverton.



President's Council Strives to Reach Area Underserved Communities

ANC President Dr. James Shemwell recently met with the President's Council on Underserved Communities to discuss ways to reach underserved communities in the ANC service area. Established in December 2015, the President's Council on Underserved Communities was established to provide advice on best practices to increase underserved students' access to higher education and workforce training.

The Council has been instrumental in bringing ideas to the College that have led to the hiring of a Success Navigator who works directly in the community to provide information, encouragement and support. Additionally, the members of the Council area are providing structure to an Opportunity Bus Initiative that will result in transportation for students living in underserved communities.

Members of the President's Council include: ANC staff Dr. Blanche Hunt, Douglas Echols, and Desmond Hammett; and community members Tracy Adams, Rev. Douglas Echols, Sr., Rev. Eddie Echols, Priscilla Johnson, Rev. Larry Guyton, Denese Bogard, Rev. Greg Brown, Mayor Sissie Winford-Ross, Mayor James Sanders, Rev. Frederick Clay, Representative Monte Hodges, Rev. Christine Bennett, Rev. Adron Poole, Shelly Johnson, Dana Deaton, Rev. Paul Huenefeld, Dr. Ann Abraham, Zack Logan, Assistant Chief of Police Ricky Jefferson, and Randy Henderson.



(LEFT L-R) President's Council members Rev. Gregory Brown, Rev. Douglas Echols, Dr. Ann Abraham, Rev. Frederick Clay, Rev. Eddie Echols, Denese Bogard, Dr. James Shemwell, Tracy Adams, Rev. Larry Guyton, Rev. Adron Poole, Dr. Blanche Hunt, Desmond Hammett, and Randy Henderson. (RIGHT) ANC President Dr. James Shemwell meets with members of the President's Council during April to discuss opportunities for serving the community.

Opportunity Bus Coming in the Fall

Students at Arkansas Northeastern College will have a chance to get to classes this fall on the "Opportunity Bus." The ANC Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a 24-seat bus that is also disabled-accessible. The bus will be used to provide transportation services to underserved students in Mississippi County, who may have trouble getting to class.



"We hope that people, when they see the Opportunity Bus, will think about opportunity as it becomes something that they see on a regular basis. When they see people who live in their neighborhood, people who they know that are bettering their lives, they are more optimistic about their future because they are seeing actual results. They may decide that they want to hop on the Opportunity Bus, too," Shemwell said.

Shemwell added that the bus will be put in service by August.





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ADN PINNING CEREMONY



The Associate Degree Nursing Pinning ceremony was held Wednesday, May 10, 2017 in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. Thirty-four students from the Blytheville and Paragould ANC campuses participated in the time-honored tradition of receiving the Nursing pin, the lighting of the lamp, and the recitation of the International Pledge for Nurses. A reception hosted by the first year ADN students immediately followed the ceremony.

Pinning for the Practical Nursing class was held Thursday, June 22, 2017 at the First United Methodist Church in Blytheville, AR.



SPRING OPPORTUNITY FAIR

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On Saturday, May 6, 2017, ANC hosted its 2017 Spring Opportunity Fair to highlight for all interested members of the area what the College has to offer in terms of programs and services. The event featured great food and activities for kids to encourage attendance by potential students with children. ANC also hosted a 3-on-3 basketball tournament with a \$300 prize to the winning team. While the Opportunity Fair was open to everyone, the event was part of a continued grassroots effort to recruit participation by the hard-to-reach and underserved of our local community.

The College's Student Voice held a Fun Day in conjunction with and immediately following the Opportunity Fair. This event was also open to everyone and had the intention of allowing potential and current students to get to know the instructors and staff at ANC outside of the classroom setting while participating in fun activities. The Fun Day featured bouncy houses, a zumba-thon, bingo, volleyball, and basketball.

Thank you to all from the community who came out, to those who planned the events, and to those who volunteered to help make this year's event a success!



NEW YORK CITY

ANC Tours offered a "Girls' Weekend in New York City," April 27-30, and 33 people joined in on the fun. The trip included hotel accommodations in Times Square and a two day hop-on/hop-off bus pass which allowed travelers to navigate the city at their own leisure. There was a lot of free time built into the schedule so that the ladies could customize their days with Broadway shows, the opera, tours and shopping. As part of the included package, travelers were treated to a beautiful Sunset Cruise around the tip of Manhattan with a guide. The boat took them right up to the Statue of Liberty and allowed as much time as needed for photographs. It was a fabulous trip with many wonderful memories made!



INTRODUCING ANC'S MASCOT...

Ray

ANC has a new member in its family. Ray (short for Sunray) has been seen all over campus where he greets students, welcomes visitors, and serves as ANC's biggest cheerleader. He does not speak, but he still knows how to have fun and promote Arkansas Northeastern College. Ray will begin making appearances throughout the community and at local schools starting in the fall. If you see Ray, feel free to give him a "high-five" because he loves meeting new people!



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