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### Fall 2013 Academic Calendar

August 16 - Fall Registration Closes  
August 16 - Last Day to Declare Audit Status  
August 19 - Fall Classes Begin  
August 30 - Last Day to Drop with a Refund  
September 2 - Labor Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)  
November 4 - Spring 2014 Registration Opens (All Campuses)  
November 22 - Last Day to Withdraw from Class with a "W"  
November 27-29 - Thanksgiving Break - STUDENTS  
November 28,29 - Thanksgiving Break (COLLEGE CLOSED)  
December 2 - Graduation Application Submission Opens  
December 3 - Last Day of Fall Classes (Tuesday/Thursday)  
December 4 - Last Day of Fall Classes (Monday/Wednesday)  
December 5,9-11 - FINAL EXAMS

*Pictured on the cover with her niece, Annistyn, is  
ANC graduate Hannah Burkeen of Hayti, Missouri*

I must begin by saying what a privilege it has been for me, after 19 years of service to Arkansas Northeastern College, to transition into the position of President. I love this College and this area, and I see so much potential for workforce growth in our region. Now is the perfect time for our constituents to take advantage of the educational and training opportunities available to them through ANC and its Solutions Group.

It has been an exciting time at ANC as we have embarked on some new changes designed to increase student success. Our students are our priority and we are moving in a direction to better help them succeed by helping them get the right start. We have a new Advising Center with professionals trained to work closely with students - helping them determine the educational track most suitable for their desires, aptitudes, and career expectations. By moving to an "Open Registration," we allow students more time to better plan for their educational endeavors. Also, by eliminating a late registration period, we are no longer allowing students to start when they are already behind. Our goal is for each of our students to complete what they start here at ANC, whether it is a certificate, a degree, or a particular course. The true measure of success is not how many students enroll, but instead, how many students leave ANC having completed what they started, thus improving their life and career prospects and the quality of life throughout the region.

Our faculty have been extremely busy working to redesign Math and English courses to allow a modularized method for delivery which allows students to work at the pace they need. Therefore, if a student can move through the material faster than others, that student can finish earlier and more efficiently. This new method incorporates faculty and tutor assistance as well as being supplemented with computerized instruction.

These changes have all taken place while College activities continue. Please take time to read through this magazine to see some of the many wonderful things happening at Arkansas Northeastern College. Better yet, please stop by any of our campuses to find out what ANC has to offer you.

Sincerely,  
Dr. James Shemwell, President



## Edge Named 2013 Academic All-Star

ANC is proud to announce Tyler Edge of Armorel as its 2013 Academic All-Star. Tyler is a dedicated and responsible young man with a well-developed work ethic. He excels in his classes both academically and socially. Tyler has maintained a 4.0 cumulative grade point average while at ANC and hopes to transfer to a four-year institution in the fall of 2014 to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Business.



Tyler Edge, Academic All-Star 2013

## Mayor Sanders Named 2013 Outstanding Alumni

Arkansas Northeastern College's Outstanding Alumni is Blytheville Mayor James Sanders. Having lived a life of public service that began in law enforcement in 1977, Sanders has been a Blytheville police officer, a director for the Arkansas State Police's Crimes Against Children, an investigator with the Mississippi County Sheriff's Office and served nearly two years as county sheriff before becoming Blytheville's first African-American mayor in 2011. While working full-time, he managed to earn his Criminal Justice Degree from ANC in May 1998 while maintaining a 3.7 grade point average. Sanders is committed to community service and helping the people of Blytheville and Mississippi County. Arkansas Northeastern College is proud to have James Sanders as its 2013 Outstanding Alumni.



Mayor James Sanders 2013 Outstanding Alumni

## Advanced Manufacturing Day at Burdette Center

On Friday, April 26, approximately ninety area high school students met with representatives from Tenaris, Kagame Foods, Denso, American Greetings, and the Osceola Stem Academy. Students participated in the following four manufacturing workshops:

**MEASURE IT:** This section introduced students to various measurement tools. They learned how to read measurements from a ruler and tape measure. Students then rotated between stations that were set up with objects for them to correctly measure.

**MOUSE TRAP MANIA:** In this session, students were put in groups and required to construct a race car using parts provided by the facilitator. The students then competed in a race to see who could pop a balloon located 25 feet away.

**PROCESS IMPLEMENTATION:** This session focused on ways to cut waste during a process. Students watched a video where they had to pick out the time wasters and make the process move faster.

**ROBOTICS 101:** This session instructed students in the basics of programming logic. Students used software to program LEGO Mindstorm Robots to perform a specific task. They also had an opportunity to interact with a robotics and automation trainer.



## President's and Dean's List Students for Spring 2013

**SPRING 2013 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** - Chatley L. Banks, Jalen K. Blair, Lamar Clark, Marilyn R. Clifton, Tyler R. Edge, Dexter T. Hood, Maria I. Jackson, Melinda A. Martin, Katharine A. Minton, Billy R. Ross, Jr., Kelsey R. Smothers, Dylan J. Stewart, Hannah R. Thompson, Allison L. Wierzbicki, Ethan A. Yost; **Brookland** - Vernon McKay; **Dyess** - Linda C. Gillmore; **Etowah** - Matthew T. Carpenter; **Gosnell** - Tiffany M. Key, Lonnie R. Stockman, Bryant J. Wells; **Jonesboro** - James B. Bates, Derek R. Blancett; **Keiser** - Steven L. Johns, Morgan M. Smith; **Lake City** - Timothy K. Arquitt, Donna M. Haley, Scott R. Lawrence, Tony E. Sutterfield; **Leachville** - Lorie M. Fry; **Luxora** - Natasha Pickens; **Manila** - Arturo G. Gonzalez-Garcia, Shane A. Lee, Bradley D. Lewis, Richard K. Simpson; **Marion** - Nicole M. Griggs; **Osceola** - Pamela J. Batchelor, Bud O. Batchelor, Joshua Byram, Nathan R. Goodman, Travis W. Harkins, Trala L. Jones, Kattie A. Riney, Brianna G. Smithy, Laura D. Wandick; **Paragould** - Sarah S. Allen, Ryan O. McDaniel; **Wilson** - Chase A. Tippy  
**MISSOURI:** **Arbyrd** - Philip A. Cureton, Jessica M. Jones; **Bragg City** - Kaleb B. Brents; **Cardwell** - Christan Copeland, Curtis D. Davis, Joshua K. Vaughn, Victoria C. Wood; **Caruthersville** - Ginger A. Tarpley; **Cooter** - Eric E. Dennis; **Gobler** - Magen R. Smith; **Hayti** - Trey A. Williams; **Hornersville** - Deronda A. Seats; **Steele** - Roy B. Fullerton, Lauren E. Rose; **Wardell** - Austin B. Nobles;

**SPRING 2013 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:** **Armorel** - Gabriela O'Fathaigh; **Blytheville** - Jonathan T. Andrew, Amanda L. Beal, Wendell A. Byer, Emili B. Carter, Tiffany R. Caviness, Morgan-Jo B. Clark, Karen L. Danner, Tammy R. Draughn, Timothy J. Evans, Joseph A. Foreman, Halee Gable, Cody J. Griggs, Justin W. Williams, Jalisa D. Jacobs, Carah M. Keating, Jerrilyn D. Love, Courtney M. Luttrull, Michelle M. McDonald, Micah B. McKemie, Heather N. Merrick, Tommy L. Mister, Jr., William C. Moore, Maggie L. Morgan, Bradley M. Nelson, Kimberly S. Pruett, Trevor R. Redditt, Greg B. Robinson, Jeffrey L. Rounsaville, Taylor B. Sheppard, Gwendolyn A. Sorrells, Suzanne F. Southard, Brooks M. Stallings, Ta'Schune C. Vance, Chelsea E. Williams; **Brookland** - Wesley A. Williams; **Burdette** - Jeremy D. Mullins; **Caraway** - Timothy D. Barrett, Sonny D. Collins, Trevor J. Orr; **Dell** - Samuel H. Knight; **Etowah** - Nicholas S. Bryan; **Gosnell** - Danny L. Kennedy, Hector Olivares, Alan W. O'Neal, Hugh A. O'Neal; **Joiner** - Lauren Stracener; **Jonesboro** - Tiffany L. Shepard; **Keiser** - Christopher L. Hickingbottom, Lisa J. Lancaster, Bailee L. Tyer; **Lake City** - Lisa J. Combs, Jason D. Eidson, Meghan P. McCluskey; **Leachville** - Justin R. Atchley, Karma B. Sullivan; **Lepanto** - Natalie K. Jennings, Daniel A. Vaughn; **Manila** - Kameron T. Ashbranner, Justin L. Bagley, Dylan B. Barnhart, Brittany A. Bennett, Jordyn L. Burns, Mallorie L. Deaton, Sarah L. Edwards, Bridget P. Hitchcock, Darren B. Hitt, Carla L. Kemp, Joseph Meacham, Tiffany E. Ogden, Mindy M. Simpson, Ian D. Simpson, Katelyn M. Watkins; **Marmaduke** - Rebecca L. Ascolese; **Monette** - Morgan E. Barnes, Rafael M. Martinez, Hannah D. Schooley, Micah J. Thompson; **Osceola** - Jaime L. Bishop, Derrie K. Hale, Jr., Charles T. Lawrence, Jr., Amber D. Manley, Doruntina Redzepi; **Paragould** - Kathleen R. Sparkman; **Piggott** - Jordan L. Edwards; **Rector** - Casey L. Hollis; **Tyronza** - Joanna E. Rowland; **Walnut Ridge** - D.J. Hoffman, II; **West Memphis** - Andy Hastings  
**MISSOURI:** **Cardwell** - Branden C. Carnal; **Caruthersville** - Catherine O. Nwora, Michelle N. Pennington; **Cooter** - Paige R. Morgan; **Hayti** - Dardan Balazi, Hannah B. Burkeon, Zachary E. Watkins; **Hornersville** - Makenzie E. Crawford, Taryn D. Gillette; **Steele** - Kimberly E. Ings, Zachary E. Martinez, Leslie G. Powell, Alyssa J. Ward; **Wardell** - Becca L. Watkins

# Technical Center Students Medal at SkillsUSA

ANC Technical Center recently took 27 students to compete in the Arkansas SkillsUSA Championships in Hot Springs. The students competed against others from across the state in various technical and leadership competitions. The following students were awarded medals for their outstanding performance during the competition:

Andrew Simpson, a senior from Manila High School received a silver medal for coming in 2nd place in the Pipe Welding competition.

Timothy Hill, a junior from Manila High School received a silver medal for finishing in 2nd place in the Welding competition.

Taylor Cannon, a senior at Blytheville Charter and ALE school, Kyle Ralph, a junior at Blytheville Charter and ALE school and Rodney Boone, a senior at Rivercrest High School all received a bronze medal for placing 3rd in the team Welding Fabrication competition.

Kenneth Edwards, a senior from Blytheville High School received a gold medal for his 1st place finish in the Welding competition. Kenneth also placed 1st at last year's competition.

Billy Ross received a gold medal for placing first in the post-secondary Automotive Service Technology competition. Billy graduated in May with an Associates of Applied Science degree I Automotive Service Technology.

David Davis is the Welding Advisor for Andrew, Timothy, Taylor, Rodney, Kyle, and Kenneth. Allen Allison is the Automotive Advisor for Billy Ross.

Billy and Kenneth will go on to compete in the 49th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference held in Kansas City June 24-28. More than 15,000 people, including students, teachers and business partners, are expected to participate in the week-long event.

SkillsUSA is the national organization serving high school and college students enrolled in training programs in technical, skilled, and service occupations, including health occupations. In addition to skills training, SkillsUSA prepares students for the workforce by offering leadership, teamwork, citizenship, and character development activities that emphasize high ethical standards, superior work skills, lifelong education, and pride in the dignity of work.



(TOP L-R) Billy Ross, Timothy Hill, Kenneth Edwards, David Davis. (BOTTOM L-R) David Davis, Kyle Ralph, Taylor Cannon, Rodney Boone, Andrew Simpson.

## ANC Foundation Scholarship Recipients

### SPRING 2013:

**Jeanetta Briggs Memorial Scholarship:** Christopher Hickingbottom; **Sharon Wing Churchill Scholarship:** Thomas Bennett, Andrea Wilkey; **Cohen Scholarship:** Amber Manley, Andrew Stewart; **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship:** Sarah N. Boling; **Brandon J. Elliott Memorial Scholarship:** Pamela Ford; **Great River Promise:** Dominique Coleman, Khadija Jenkins, Stephen Landry, Taylor Sheppard, Shonda Sparks, Kayla Thrasher, Tiffany Tucker, Ethan Yost; **Cecil H. Holifield Scholarship:** Courtney Luttrull, Kristen Metheny; **The Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Jewelina Perkins; **Johnston Memorial Scholarship:** Amber C. Capaul; **Newcomb Memorial Scholarship:** Chandlor Kennemore; **Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship:** Catherine Nwora; **Sims Family Memorial Scholarship:** Bridget Myrick, Daphine Willis; **Wayne Taylor Memorial Scholarship:** Kam Ashabranner, Adam Bloom, Holly N. Dillon, Bailee Griffin, Bridget Hitchcock, Dennis Sammons, Katelyn Watkins; **Temple Israel Scholarship:** Bridget Myrick; **George Moore & Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Kaitlyn N. Adams, Abigail Atwill, Tyler Banks, Bud O. Batchelor, Pam J. Batchelor, Ashley N. Bell, Shirlonda Black, Carrie M. Briley, Eboni N. Brown, Kiara C. Brown, Hilary Canada, Roxanne Carstarphen, Alesha W. Cody, Rachael M. Cole, Stephanie Collard, Caitlin L. Diaz, Bre'anna Dickerson, Bradley Dillon, Kimberly Dubose, Tanner Ellis, America Facon, Micha M. Harris, Ami Hopper, Kristi C. Hopper, Nadia Jackson, Amanda Johnson, Kalesha Johnson, Talya C. Jones, Trala Jones, Cordell R. Laden, Lisa Lancaster, Rachael Larrow, Rosla D. Lee, Tiara S. Lester, Sharon Lewis, Garrett T. Logan, Tiara C. Lucas, Linnie B. Lutton, Jessica Luttrull, Timothy Martin, Stacy McCullar, Amanda Meacham, Seira S. Miller, Maggie L. Morgan, April Pay, Kelsey Pillow, Monica M. Reed, Jeany Reynolds, Mary Robinson, Brittany Sanderson, Brooke Smith, Mary L. Smith, Kelsey Smothers, Gwendolyn Sorrels, Dynique Thierry, Mary A. Thomas, Chase A. Tippy,

Kelvin Tisdell, Kelvin Tisdell, Jr., Charles Travis, Jazzlin Waterford, Elizabeth Williams, Priscilla Williams, Tatian Williams, Audrey B. Womack, Ivana R. Young; **Hoskins-Whitener Scholarship:** Dayton A. Jones; **Yamato Kogyo Scholarship:** Michael Bramucci, Julie A. Baker, Martha Balcom, Daniel Bartlett, Victoria Beckman, Candace Crocker, Melinda Dillon, Diana D. Eveland, Mary H. Fisher, James R. Gillean, Cecily R. Graham, Cynthia D. Gross, Ethan Hurst, Dayton A. Jones, Jamie D. Keeling, Lindsey Lambert, Julie C. Martin, Donatus Mbonu, Logan McDonald, Julia N. Moreno, Mercadies Payne, Tonya Peppers, Patrick Pyatt, Brittany Reynolds, Jordan T. Riley, Lauren E. Rose, Tina Scott -Barnes, Kristal R. Smith, Lindsey Treece, Tiffany Vaughn, Devan A. Ward, Hunter Williams, Wendy Williams, Margaret Wilson

### SUMMER 2013:

**Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship:** Teresa Whatley; **Great River Promise:** James T. Avery, Lauren Bennett, Kiara C. Brown, Blake E. Carr, Lexy Chipman, Chelsea Cooper, Johnae A. Guyton, Debbie E. Hopper, Darrius Jackson, Caden King, Courtney Luttrull, Alexander Sexton, Taylor Sheppard, Andrew Stewart, Brianna L. Stone, Katelyn Watkins, Amy Wells, Ethan Yost; **George Moore & Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Ashley Beckett, Ashley Blagg, Tamara M. Counts, Tabitha Crafton, Shari Donner-son, Kasha L. Greer, Ami Hopper, Brittan Johnson, Anna M. Lombardi, Miriam Moreira, Alison L. Prater, Kara E. Read, Alicia G. Riggs, Twanda S. Ross, Brooke Smith, Kelsey Smothers, Jennica Tucker, Sherell Warren, Frances Wheeler, Wendy Williams, Melissa Winford; **Yamato Kogyo Scholarship:** Manaia Broom, Breanna M. Scott

# ANC/Yamato Kogyo Ambassadors to Japan

“It was amazing,” said Blake Carr after his return from 14 days of traveling and visiting the beautiful country of Japan. As one of this year’s ANC ambassadors to Japan, Carr of Manila joined Aaron O’Neal of Gosnell, for the trip sponsored by the Yamato Kogyo Company of Japan and the ANC Foundation.

Aaron echoed Blake’s enthusiasm about the trip. “It was such a great experience, and I am very thankful for the opportunity to go. I

Their travels began with a city tour of Himeji including Himeji Castle and the Kohko-en Japanese Garden. They then visited Miyajima and Hiroshima before spending a day at the Minami-Ohtsu Elementary School. They visited the ancient city of Kyoto where they saw the Golden Palace. The boys were able to take advantage of the bullet train on several occasions, such as when they traveled to Tokyo where they were treated to a day at Disney Land and Disney Sea.

Each ambassador spent the weekend with a different host family. Blake stayed with the Kumagai family and Aaron stayed with Ishita family. Both indicated that this portion of the trip was a special time.

“My host family was great. They worked to make my visit a wonderful experience. It was neat to see how the Japanese live, and share stories about my home with them. I’ll never forget the Kumagai family,” said Blake.

Aaron also commented on the hospitality of his host family. “The Ishita family provided me an unbelievable homestay while in Japan.

They’re wonderful people, and I really enjoyed getting to know them.”

While in Japan, the boys also had the opportunity to meet Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of the Yamato Kogyo Company, Ltd. where they were given a tour of the steel mill in Himeji.

“We got to see so many things. It was just such a great experience. The people were so nice and friendly and the places we visited were amazing,” said Aaron.

Both Carr and O’Neal expressed their appreciation to the Yamato Kogyo Company for its support of this program and for the wonderful hospitality they received while in Japan. Both said that they made wonderful new friends in Japan and were very happy to have had the opportunity to represent ANC abroad.



Blake Carr of Manila, Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of Yamato Kogyo Company, Ltd., Aaron O’Neal of Gosnell

would recommend applying for the ambassador program to anyone who was interested in Japan.”

This marks the 16<sup>th</sup> year for the ANC Ambassadors to Japan Program, which was created by Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of Yamato Kogyo. This trip provides an opportunity for ANC students to travel to Japan for a two-week stay to learn about that country and bring that knowledge back to share with the people of this area. The trip is totally paid for by the Yamato Kogyo Company with the ANC Foundation paying the airfare.

Carr and O’Neal spent time in Japanese hotels, the Yamato Kogyo Dormitory, and the homes of Yamato Kogyo employees—which both said was one of the best parts of the trip. “I had a lot of fun with my host family, and meeting all the different people was awesome,” said Blake who added, “They were very interesting and tried very hard to speak English.”



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**JAPAN**



# ANC Hosts “Graduating to College and Careers”

On April 5, Arkansas Northeastern College hosted an event called “Graduating to College and Careers” to honor high school seniors who were completers in a career and technical education program of study. There were approximately 380 seniors from Armorel, Bay, Blytheville, Buffalo Island Central, East Poinsett County, Gosnell, Manila, Osceola, and Rivercrest who had the opportunity to hear speakers from various career areas as well as attend workshops on transitioning to college and preparing to enter the workplace. Students were recognized for their academic achievements in the CTE programs during a luncheon held in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center.



Approximately 380 high school seniors honored at ANC for academic achievements in CTE programs.



(Left) ANC President, Dr. James Shemwell, welcomes students. (Right) Presentation of Colors by the Rivercrest High School JROTC.

## ANC Spring Job Fair Well-Attended

The 8th annual ANC Spring Job Fair took place on April 11 and was attended by an estimated 600 people seeking employment. This year offered participants the opportunity to meet with the representatives of 56 companies and organizations. Health care providers comprised approximately 36% of the exhibitors. St. Jude, The Med, GRMC Blytheville/Osceola, NEA Baptist and St. Bernards were among the companies attending. This year 20% of the exhibitors were new to the Job Fair. Feedback from both exhibitors and attendees proved very positive and offered good suggestions for improving next year’s Job Fair.



## TRiO “Mad City Money” Simulation

Tenth grade TRiO participants from Armorel, Blytheville, Gosnell, Manila, Rivercrest, Osceola, and East Poinsett County schools in Arkansas and South Pemiscot, North Pemiscot, and Hayti school districts in Missouri participated in the “Mad City Money” simulation held in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center on Friday, May 3. TRiO advisor Susan Dryer coordinated the workshop. Student participants were briefed on budget balancing, check writing, and other financial tasks and then sent out into the “Mad City” to live in a mock-world for the two-hour simulation. Participants were given different types of households and learned to build a monthly budget based on their incomes. The students could visit nine merchants in the “Mad City” to purchase housing, transportation, food, daycare, and other needs. Participants wrote checks for their purchases and strived to balance their checkbooks (provided by the NEAFCU of Blytheville) and their budgets.







# GRADUATION 2013

Of its 273 graduates, approximately 220 participated in Arkansas Northeastern College's commencement exercises held Friday, May 17, 2013, in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. The facility was filled to capacity as friends and family joined the celebration. The ANC University Center also had many of their 37 graduates from Arkansas State University, the University of Arkansas, and Franklin University participating in the ceremony. This year's keynote speaker was Mr. Clif Chitwood, Chairman of the ANC Board of Trustees.



*“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind”*  
-C.S. Lewis







## NURSING PINNING CEREMONY

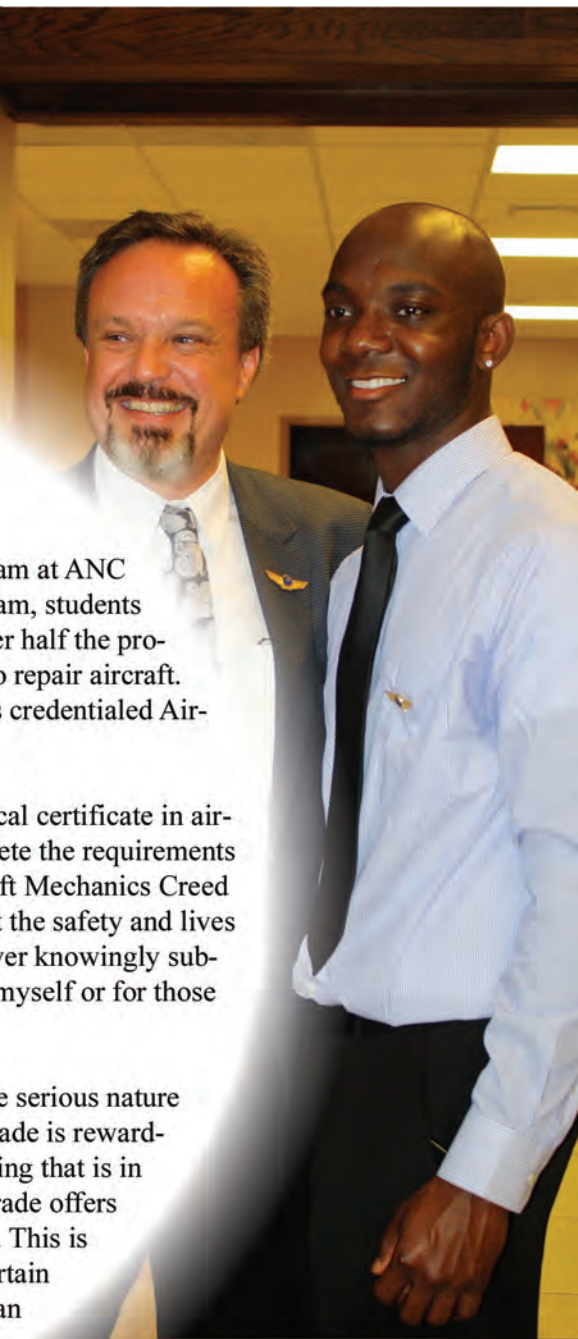


On May 15, 2013, the Associate Degree Nursing Program awarded nursing pins to 35 graduates in the Annual Pinning Ceremony. This event represents the completion of a nursing student's perseverance and dedication and serves as a rite of passage for those entering the nursing profession. Family, friends, 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.



Derek Blancett from the Paragould Campus and Ashley Holt from the main campus were recognized for their clinical performances by receiving the Award for Clinical Excellence. Brad Bates from the Paragould Campus and Donna Deason from the main campus received the Sharon Fulling Memorial Award for Nursing Excellence.



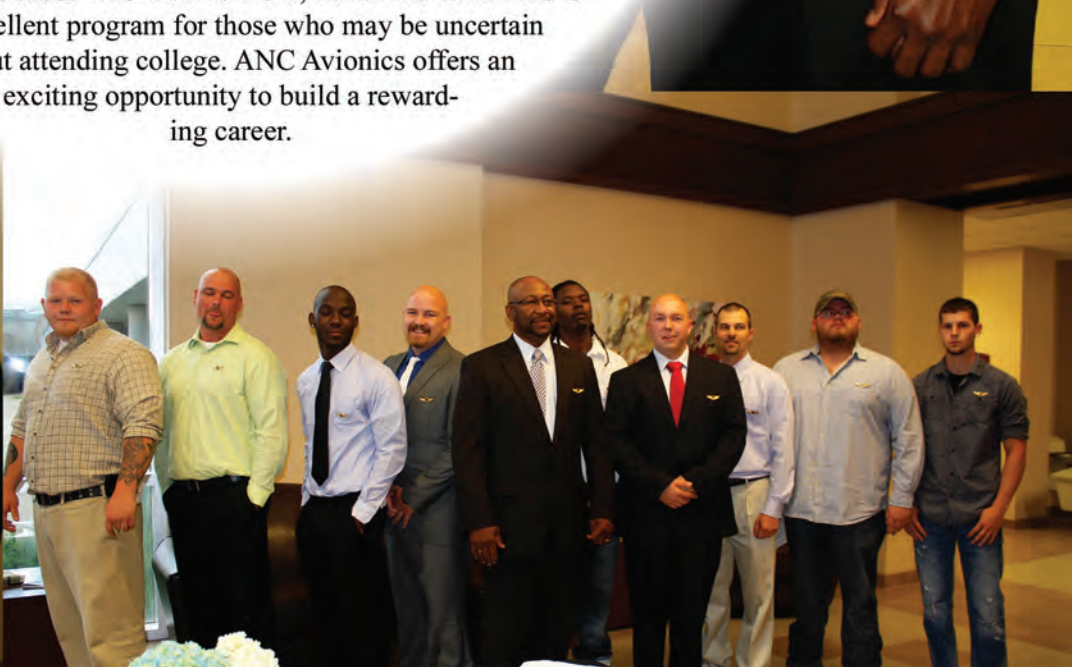
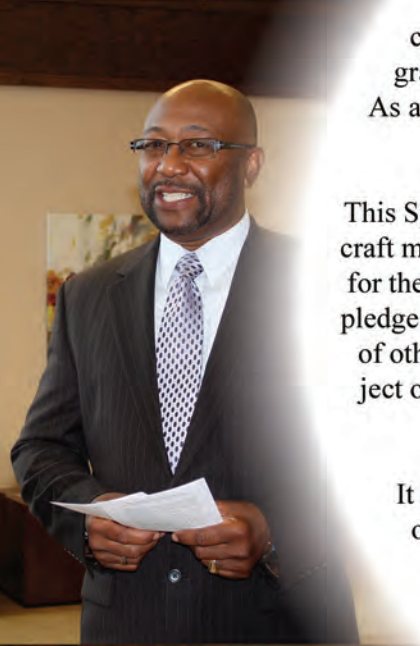


## AVIATION WINGS CEREMONY

Students in the Aviation Maintenance Technician program at ANC learn an important and valuable trade. In the AMT program, students complete the equivalent of an apprenticeship program. Over half the program involves “hands on” labs that teach the skills needed to repair aircraft. As a result, 97% of ANC graduates are certified by the FAA as credentialed Airframe and Powerplant aircraft technicians.

This Spring, ten individuals received their “Wings” and a technical certificate in aircraft maintenance. By August eight additional people will complete the requirements for the program and qualify for the Wings ceremony. The Aircraft Mechanics Creed pledge includes the following statement: “Knowing full well that the safety and lives of others are dependent upon my skill and judgment, I shall never knowingly subject others to risks which I would not be willing to assume for myself or for those dear to me.”

It is imperative that students understand and take to heart the serious nature of the trade they are learning. The Aviation Maintenance trade is rewarding work, and also provides the ability to earn a good living that is in excess of \$50,000 annually for most. In addition, the trade offers mobility to those who want to work, travel and earn. This is an excellent program for those who may be uncertain about attending college. ANC Avionics offers an exciting opportunity to build a rewarding career.



# COACH JOHN DIAMOND

A COMMUNITY TREASURE

As a young boy, John Diamond didn't have the opportunity to go to the "Y" and play basketball. Instead, he helped his grandfather on the farm. When he came back to his hometown of Blytheville in 1993, Diamond saw too many kids with nothing to do. He prayed for patience to get kids off the street and make the community a better place for our youth. Diamond's philosophy is, "If you teach the youth to respect themselves, they'll respect others." Hard work and respect are the only qualifications for students to participate on his teams.

When Dan DiMicco of Nucor asked him to sponsor a Blytheville Youth Sports Association, Diamond was happy to accept the responsibility. Parents and volunteers organized flag football, etc., to encourage good grades. The organization is now 20 years old. They continue to play other area youth sports teams and have won 15 state championships and two AAU basketball national championships.

Diamond proudly recalls the story about a student in his program who was earning all F's on his sixth grade report card. Diamond took him aside, talked to him, and asked if he'd like to play basketball. The two made the agreement that for every "F" the student brought up, he could play in a Fairview Warriors game. The young man brought up all his grades and eventually became a straight "A" student and graduated both high school and college. "It made me proud to see that you can truly help some kids succeed in life."

John Diamond appreciates the opportunity to help with ANC intramurals. Says Diamond, "It is a privilege helping the students here, as well as working with legendary Coach Tyer."

John met his wife Bobbie at their high school reunion and moved back to Blytheville to marry her a year later and to take a job at Nucor Steel. The couple now has four children and six grandchildren. John is now retired from Nucor. His wife, Bobbie worked for ANC for over 30 years, and they just like to help out.



ANC instructor and Wellness Center coordinator, Matt McCord, states, "John Diamond is an extremely generous individual and a positive influence on the students. Recently, John arrived at the Wellness Center with a box full of trophies and awards that he had purchased for the students. He has often bought the students meals, and last year in flag football, John Diamond bought cleats for the players. I'm lucky to have a volunteer assistant like him."

On behalf of Arkansas Northeastern College and the greater Blytheville community, Thank you, John Diamond.



## WORK Program Designed to Provide Industry Skills to Individuals



Arkansas Northeastern College has joined forces with local industry and the county in providing a program to help individuals develop the right kind of skills to find jobs with local industries.

WORK (Workforce Orientation & Retraining Keys) is a sixty (60) hour program designed to upgrade the workforce in the Arkansas Northeastern College service area. It will provide individuals the necessary skills to begin to advance their career in an industrial environment. It is supported by a combination of contributions by Arkansas Northeastern College, area industries, the Great River Economic Development Foundation, and external grants.

Individuals will gain 60 hours of training, broken down into four hour sessions offered 15 times during an eight week period. They will cover topics such as: Work & Workplace Ethics, Interpersonal Communications, Team Theory, Problem Solving, Introduction to Quality Concepts, Math Skills to Include Measurement, Literacy Skills Review, Resume Writing, Interviewing Skills, Employee Safety, First Aid and CPR, and Opportunity for Plant Tours.

Once an individual has completed the eight-week program, he or she will have the opportunity to obtain three hours of ANC credit for the Workplace Essentials course, credit for the 10 hour OSHA training, an American Heart Association CPR card, and a Career Readiness Certificate (CRC).

For more information about the WORK program, contact the ANC Harry L. Crisp Center at 870-763-6222.

## TenarisHickman Donates to ANC's WORK Program

Tenaris donated \$25,000 to Arkansas Northeastern College for the development of a technical education program in partnership between Tenaris and ANC and for the support of ANC's WORK (Workforce Orientation & Retraining Keys) Program.

Tenaris develops and supports educational programs where the company has operations and technical education is a primary focus for the company worldwide. Tenaris aims to provide long-term, industrial sustainability and development through excellence in technical education.

The WORK program will focus on basic workplace readiness skills and work ethics and strengthen and improve opportunities for Mississippi County citizens.

"The relationship Tenaris and ANC has developed is a great example of two organizations working together to develop a better quality of life for Blytheville and the surrounding communities," said Hernan Brondino, Operations Director TenarisHickman.

TenarisHickman in Blytheville, AR is the company's largest manufacturing facility in North America with approximately 1,000 employees. Tenaris is a leading supplier of tubes and related services for the world's energy industry and certain other industrial applications.



**Sherri Bennett, ANC Vice-President for Advancement, Hernan Brondino, Operations Director TenarisHickman, Dr. James Shemwell, ANC President**

# Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society Spring Induction



New members for the Arkansas Northeastern College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi were inducted into the honor society on April 14. The ceremony was held in the Governors Ballroom at Statehouse Hall. The new members of Gamma Beta Phi are: Tiffany Caviness, Marilyn R. Clifton, Christan Copeland, Katherine Halsell, Kimberly Manley, Donatus Mbonu, Hannah Nikole Simpson, Morgan Smith, Bailee Tyler, Chelsea Williams, and Brenda Winford.

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.

Katrina Bryant, chapter Vice-President, gave greetings to family, friends and special guests in attendance. Jeany Reynolds, Secretary, then gave the objectives and expectations of Gamma Beta Phi which 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.

Following the induction ceremony, refreshments were served and members attended a short meeting. Congratulations to the new members of Gamma Beta Phi.

(FRONT L-R) Marilyn, Clifton, Christan Copeland, Katherine Halsell (BACK L-R) Donatus Mbonu, Morgan Smith, Bailee

## Gamma Beta Phi Supports Local Boys and Girls Club



Tosha Bates, Unit Director of Boys and Girls Club and Tonya Harris, Gamma Beta Phi Chapter Advisor

The Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society at Arkansas Northeastern College continued their support to help the local Boys and Girls Club in Blytheville. In both the Fall and the Spring semesters, GBP held school supplies drives where several boxes of schools supplies were collected and donated to the Boys and Girls Club.

Gamma Beta Phi plans to keep doing projects to help the children at the Blytheville Boys and Girls Club.



### RESERVE OFFICER TRAINING COURSE (Auxiliary Officer)

Arkansas Northeastern College will host a Reserve Officer Training Course. This course provides certification as a Part-Time Police Officer.

This course will be taught in a seminar format, using the lesson plan provided by the Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy and will be 110 training hours.

Class is set to begin on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and will last for 14 weeks. Those interested must have a sponsoring law enforcement agency to be eligible. A letter on agency letterhead stating that the organization will be sponsoring you must be provided before registration is allowed.

Those interested should contact the registrar's office for fee and application specifics. Registration is open until Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>. Late registration will not be authorized. Should you have any other questions, please contact James Hartley at 870-780-1208 or jehartley@smail.anc.edu.

## NEW Offerings at ANC Osceola Center

ANC has added the following courses to the ANC Osceola Center for the Fall:

- WORKPLACE ESSENTIALS
- MATH APPLICATIONS FOR MANUFACTURING
- BASIC ELECTRICITY I
- INTRO TO MANUFACTURING

These courses can help you begin the process of earning a certificate in one of the following:

- WELDING
- ADVANCED MANUFACTURING
- GENERAL INDUSTRIAL
- INDUSTRIAL ELECTRICAL SYSTEMS
- CLERICAL SUPPORT

For more information or a full listing of courses being offered at the ANC Osceola Center, contact the ANC Osceola Center at 870-563-3236 or visit the ANC website at [www.anc.edu](http://www.anc.edu)

**DON'T WAIT! REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW!**



# ANC Community Chamber Chorale to Tour Italy

December 27-January 4, the ANC Community Chamber Chorale, under the direction of Dr. Keith Hearnberger, will be touring and concertizing throughout Rome and southern Italy. The performance venues include: Monte Cassino Abbey - Cassino, Italy; Pompei Basilica - Naples, Italy; Basilica di San Francesco - Rome, Italy; St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican City; Santa Maria Sopra Minerva - Rome, Italy; a Concert Residency with the Monteverdi Singers (ANC singers will collaborate with this professional singing group for an informal performance and learning tips on the singing styles) - Rome, Italy.

The ANC Community Chamber Chorale consists of 16 dedicated singers from the area who spend an immense amount of time to prepare quality Western Art Choral Music for these performances.

The Chorale will also be accompanied by Dennis Hay, ANC Piano Pedagogue, and 14 other ANC faculty, staff, and community members. Look for exciting pictures in the next issue of Connections Magazine!



Monte Cassino Abbey - Cassino, Italy

## Student Support Services Holds Annual Graduate Luncheon



Each Year, Student Support Services sponsors a Graduate Luncheon for the SSS participants who have completed the requirements for graduation. This year 41 SSS students graduated from ANC. The Graduate Luncheon is one way of showing the students that SSS is very proud of their achievements and urges them to continue to pursue their dreams. The luncheon was held May 10 at the Holiday Inn, and SSS graduates were presented with gift bags and certificates. It is the goal of Student Support Services to make sure that students at ANC have a positive experience, stay in college, and graduate or transfer. The SSS staff enjoys assisting the students, helping to develop a sense of belonging, and seeing them accomplish their goals. Student Support Services staff includes: Director, Lisa McGhee; Retention Coordinator, Leslie Lewis; Academic Advisor, Trina Anderson; and Program Coordinator, Stephanie Erby.

## “Let Me Be the Music” Concert Presented by Music Department

The ANC Music Department performed a varied concert April 19 and 21 in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall, entitled “Let Me Be the Music.” Over 75 musicians performed in this event that centered around a theme of the singer becoming the music. The singers sang of adoration, love & its power, fun, and the joy of music itself. The music of composers as Gray, Ramsey, Huff, Shaw, Stroope and Mullholland were featured. The popular music of Adele, Three Dog Night, and the gospel music of Smallwood was also featured. The ANC Concert Singers, Community Chorus, ANC Opera Workshop, Women's Choral, and ANC Chamber Singers all joined forces for this event, directed by Dr. Keith Hearnberger and accompanied by Dennis Hay.



Dr. Keith Hearnberger



# Fisher Completes Leadership Institute Program

Courtney Fisher, Assistant to the President at Arkansas Northeastern College recently completed the Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges' Leadership Institute program. The goal of the AATYC Leadership Institute is to identify, develop, prepare and advance leaders from within Arkansas two-year colleges. Through an experience-based model, participants develop general leadership skills and executive leadership skills related to academics, finance and student affairs. Twenty-nine members representing all two-year institutions in Arkansas participated this year. The final meeting was held in conjunction with the Presidents and Chancellors Meeting at Mt. Magazine in Paris, AR, on Monday, June 24.

The Institute began five years ago following a study that was released indicating that a number of Arkansas' two-year college leaders would be retiring within the next five years. To help fill this anticipated leadership gap, AATYC partnered with Dr. Linda Beene, former Director of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education and current Senior Vice President for Education and Government Affairs at Martin-Wilbourn Partners, to develop the institute curriculum. Some of the topics for the training included general leadership skills, performance and interpersonal skills, active listening, improving conflict management, building greater awareness of self and others, goal setting and attainment, creating more effective communication cli-

mates, and developing observation and feedback skills.

Fisher said, "I am so thankful for the opportunity to participate in the AATYC Leadership Institute. Not only did I learn a lot about higher education in Arkansas, but also, I learned a lot about myself and how I can contribute more

to ANC. It was great to meet 28 other people in different positions at different institutions, but who shared a common bond to improve the quality of life for Arkansans through higher education." Fisher added, "I cannot give enough thanks to Dr. Myers who nominated me, and to June Walters and Dr. Shemwell, who supported my participation this past school year."



## ANC Outstanding Instructor and Staff Awards

Arkansas Northeastern College's Outstanding Instructor, Jackson Neil, has been an inspiration to the Nursing and Allied Health faculty as well as the students he teaches. He is organized, creative and open to implementing new strategies in the classroom to improve student learning. His ability to effectively communicate and provide academic advising and counseling to his students is his greatest strength and has led to his new position as Advising Specialist for the Allied Health programs. With a great sense of humor, Jack easily engages students and is always willing to help those with whom he works.



Jackson Neil



Courtney Fisher

Courtney Fisher, Assistant to the Board and President, has been selected as ANC's Outstanding Staff Member for 2013. Courtney has been a devoted employee at ANC for more than ten years - having spent time working for the TRiO Talent Search Program and Student Services as an advisor. She was an invaluable asset to the College during its Presidential Search. She worked many evenings during the process and kept the committee organized and prepared. Regardless of the role she is asked to assume, Courtney is hard-working, creative,

compassionate, kind, patient, innovative, organized, pleasant, humorous, enthusiastic, and passionate.

Participants in the Leadership Institute are nominated by their President or Chancellor. Past participants from ANC include President Dr. James Shemwell, Vice-President for Student Services Laura Yarbrough, Associate Vice-President for Community Relations Dr. Blanche Hunt, and Vice-President for Advancement Sherri Bennett.

## Mills Receives Award at POISE Users Group Conference

Carol Mills, ANC's Academic Technology & Distance Education Coordinator received an award at the annual South Central POISE Users Group Conference in Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 8. Educational Systems Products honors customers in recognition of an individual's years of dedicated service towards the success of the South Central POISE Users Group and the POISE product.

Randy Thomas, President, and Tom Rudolph, Vice-President of ESP said, "We are pleased to say that this year, Carol Mills received this award at the 32nd Annual SCPUG conference in Tulsa, OK. She is an outstanding user of the JICS portal and eRacer system and has been very helpful to ESP and our customer base. Congratulations Carol!"



# Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tourney a Success

Tuesday, June 11, 2013, proved to be a beautiful day as golfers took to the course of the Big Lake Country Club for the 15th Annual Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation. With almost 50 tournament/tee-box sponsors and 40 golfers, this year's tournament is expected to raise approximately \$6,000 in scholarship money for students from the Buffalo Island and Bootheel of Missouri areas.

Chapter AC P.E.O. of Leachville served as hostesses for the event as well as providing a wonderful lunch for participants. "The P.E.O. ladies really add to this tournament. The food is wonderful, but they do such a great job of making everyone feel welcome," said ANC Foundation Director Rachel Gifford.

The tournament, named after the late Wayne Taylor of Leachville who was an ardent supporter of ANC and past Chairman of the ANC Foundation, has raised approximately \$70,000 since it began 15 years ago.

"We were so delighted that Mr. Taylor's wife Janet, sons Mike and Jon, and grandson J.P. could all be here. They each traveled a long way to show their support, and it was so nice to have them present," added Gifford.

In addition to the many sponsors for the event, Gifford also praised the Big Lake Country Club for their continued support. "The folks at the country club are great to work with. They really know how to put on a great tournament," said Gifford.

## WINNERS

### Championship Flight

1st Place: Robertson, Johnson, Whitlow, Field  
2nd Place: Shemwell, Dement, Crosskno, Reece  
3rd Place: Wallace, Burks, Goodman, Roney

### First Flight

1st Place: Hayden, Bridges, Pace, Bassing  
2nd Place: Stuck, Smith, Woodard, Cornish  
3rd Place: Kennett, Bearden, Hurst, Edwards

### Second Flight

1st Place: Johnson, Collier, Burns, Tripod  
2nd Place: Ledford, Stacy, Charmichael, Eldried  
3rd Place: Tucker, Lung, Johnson, Deckard

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

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(L) John Edwards and his grandson, Dax Hurst, enjoyed some family time at the tournament. (R) Members of Chapter AC P.E.O. of Leachville provided a wonderful lunch at the Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament.



Jon, Mike, Janet and J.P. Taylor all made the trip to the Big Lake Country Club for the Annual Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament in memory of their father, husband and grandfather.

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