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OUR MISSION

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



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I reflect on my first year as your president, I'm overwhelmed with gratitude for the remarkable journey we've undertaken together. This July marks the culmination of a transformative year at the helm of Arkansas Northeastern College — a year dedicated to laying the foundation for future growth and development.

Since assuming this role, we've witnessed a surge of positive changes both within our institution and across our wider community. The recent endowment of property in Wilson, AR, valued at \$27 million to the ANC Foundation, speaks volumes about the trust and support we've garnered. As we embark on crafting a comprehensive plan for the utilization of this facility, I'm excited by the collaborative efforts of our faculty, staff, community members, and board representatives. Together, we're committed to ensuring that this resource not only benefits our college but also enriches the lives of citizens in our region.

Furthermore, ANC has received an extraordinary gift through planned giving from the estate of William Stovall II, totaling more than \$400,000. This generous contribution underscores the belief in the transformative power of education and provides a solid foundation for expanding opportunities for our students to thrive.

Behind the scenes, significant strides have been made in implementing the new Jenzabar computer system — a comprehensive digital conversion aimed at modernizing and optimizing our administrative infrastructure. This endeavor, though not always in the spotlight, has required immense dedication and hard work from our faculty and staff, who have risen to the challenge while managing their daily responsibilities.

At our core, we are a student-centered organization, and every decision we make is driven by their success. Presiding over our commencement ceremony was a highlight of my first year, reaffirming the profound impact we have on our students' lives and our community as a whole. It is a privilege to witness their achievements and be part of a team dedicated to changing lives through education.

Looking ahead, I am reminded of the importance of our mission and the critical role we play in shaping the future of our community. Despite the demands of this position, I find joy in serving this institution and those we are privileged to serve. I remain steadfast in my commitment to providing opportunities for our students, employers, and community partners, and I am excited about the possibilities that lie ahead. Together, let us continue building on the foundation we've laid, ensuring a brighter future for all.



Dr. Christopher Heigle, ANC President



Best Regards,

Dr. Christopher Heigle

ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE PRESIDENT

ANC STUDENT AMBASSADORS TO

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(L-R) Ms. Moritani, Yamato Kogyo Company, Ltd. President Mr. Mikio Kobayashi, Taylor Wiggins, Zyranee Carter, Yamato Kogyo Company, Ltd. Chairman Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, and Mr. Kuroiwa

Taylor Wiggins of Caruthersville, MO, and Tyranee Carter of Blytheville recently returned from an enriching two-week stay in Japan, where they served as ANC Ambassadors. Through this prestigious program, they had the incredible opportunity to immerse themselves in Japanese culture, gaining invaluable experiences and knowledge to share here at home.

“The ANC Student Ambassadors to Japan Program is a remarkable opportunity for our students, and we are deeply grateful to the Yamato Kogyo Company for sponsoring this wonderful experience,” said Rachel Gifford, ANC Vice President for Development and College Relations. Gifford noted that the program, which began in 1996, allows ANC students to travel to Japan for a two-week cultural and educational stay, fully funded by the Yamato Kogyo Company, with the ANC Foundation covering airfare costs.

From May 11 to May 25, 2024, Wiggins and Carter toured various locations including Himeji City, Kyoto, Osaka, Hiroshima, and Tokyo. Highlights of their trip included visits to Himeji Castle, the Yamato Kogyo Steel Mill, and numerous shrines and temples. Yamato Kogyo Company employees graciously served as their tour guides, ensuring they experienced the best of Japan.

Additionally, each student had the unique opportunity to stay with local families, of Yamato Kogyo employees, during their weekends in Japan. Taylor spent the weekend with the Ishihara family, while Tyranee split her stay between the Kaneko and Kuroiwa families. This hospitality provided them with a genuine glimpse into the Japanese way of life, and we are immensely thankful to these families for welcoming our students into their homes.

To earn their roles as ambassadors, Wiggins and Carter had to meet rigorous criteria, including maintaining a minimum GPA of 3.0, being enrolled in at least nine credit hours, planning to graduate from ANC, and being between the ages of 18-24. The application process also required them to write an essay on their desire to travel to Japan and to undergo an interview with a selection committee.

“ANC is fortunate to have the support and friendship of the Yamato Kogyo Company. This amazing opportunity for our students would not be possible without their generosity. We extend our heartfelt thanks to Yamato Kogyo Company for their continued support and kindness,” added Gifford.



BEST PRACTICES SYMPOSIUM

Arkansas Northeastern College's faculty and staff participated in the College's 11th annual Best Practices Symposium on May 3, 2024. The symposium is a celebration and display of best practices and collaborations ANC employees develop throughout the year. With 16 breakout sessions, employees had the opportunity to learn from innovative practices from other employees. Twenty-two employees were recognized for projects done throughout the year including Advancement by Collaboration project awards, Best Practice Merit Awards, and Smart Practice Project Awards.



ANC OUTSTANDINGS ANNOUNCED



Ginger Berry
Outstanding Faculty

Ginger Berry, Outstanding Faculty

Arkansas Northeastern College is proud to announce Physical Science Instructor Ginger Berry as its 2024 Outstanding Faculty Member. Ginger is an enthusiastic classroom teacher often teaching very complex and confusing subjects with flair and skill. She is very innovative in her classroom — always searching for ways to help her students learn. In addition to her teaching, she has worked with the DANA Center to develop successful pathways for students in Math. She cares greatly about her students and their success. Ginger Berry is a pivotal member of the ANC faculty and a true advocate for her students.



Jessikah Turner
Academic All-Star

Jessikah Turner, Academic All-Star

ANC is thrilled to announce Jessikah Turner of Paragould as its Academic All-Star student. Jessikah excels academically with a 3.89 GPA and actively participates in the ANC Student Nursing Club. Faculty members highly recommended her for this distinction, acknowledging her as an exemplary student. As an Associate Degree Nursing student, Jessikah aspires to become an ER nurse after graduation. She chose ANC for its top-rated nursing program, convenient location, and affordable cost.



Tachmonite Butler
Outstanding Staff

Tachmonite Butler, Outstanding Staff

Tachmonite Butler, Associate Dean for MITS, has been selected as ANC's Outstanding Staff Member. He has stepped up in the College's major system conversion to Jenzabar One — the largest software upgrade in ANC history. He remains patient and helpful to employees needing assistance or training on the new system. He has been a driving force for the configuration, training, communicating, fixing, supporting and countless hours of work behind the scenes. Tach is known for his kindness and dependability, and is well-liked across campus. In addition to his work duties, he also tutors and mentors GED students and is active in the community, serving on the Mississippi County Literacy Council Board of Directors.

ANC Marketing Collects National Awards



COLLEGIATE ADVERTISING AWARDS

In the realm of collegiate advertising, ANC's marketing department, spearheaded by James Hartley, Dean for Marketing & Digital Services, and Danny Graham, Creative Media & Marketing Specialist, have consistently garnered national recognition. Their consecutive accolades by the Collegiate Advertising Awards underscore a commitment to strategic innovation and creativity. What sets their approach apart is the deliberate choice to keep all operations in-house, forgoing the reliance on external marketing firms. Arkansas Northeastern College stands out both locally and nationally in what they do. ANC's marketing team feels it is a privilege for the opportunity to highlight what makes ANC great.

Gold

Connections Magazine
Event Social Media Ads
NewsLink
ANC App

Silver

Email Blast Marketing
Black History Month Social Media
Aviation Program Video



ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM



Arkansas Northeastern College is pleased to announce our Early College Academic All-Stars for the Spring 2024 semester. These students were nominated by their ANC instructors for their commitment to their ANC coursework and overall academic excellence. Each student was presented with a box full of ANC swag and some of their favorite goodies during a surprise visit to their high school. We are so proud of these students and all they have accomplished this semester!

Tyler Bell, Osceola
Kady Bethune, Caruthersville
Makenna Bost, North Pemiscot
Cali Davis, EPC
Callee Fincher, Rivercrest
Diamond Hall, Blytheville
Brylee Jackson, Cooter
Kinsley King, South Pemiscot

Adalin Lane, Senath
Maleigh Lemings, Holcomb
Lily Libkie, Campbell
MaKenzie Little, Holcomb
Anna Loyd, Armored
Patricia Mejia, Hayti
Hailey Miles, Manila
Riley Norton-Thomas, Cooter
Caitlin Reese, Rivercrest

Alexis Rogers, Gosnell
Jordan Seward, Gosnell
James Simpson, Rivercrest
Anna "Claire" Sloan, Delta C-7
Logan Townsend, Campbell
Kinsley Weathers, Rivercrest
Harmony White, Holcomb
Addison Winstead, South Pemiscot



The 19th annual ANC Career Fair on April 2, 2024, was held in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. The event was well-attended and offered an opportunity for attendees to market themselves to companies and organizations.



(LEFT to RIGHT) Malcolm Jones, Blytheville High School Assistant Superintendent; Blytheville Mayor Melisa Logan; Dr. Veronica Perkins, Blytheville High School Superintendent; Shane Hale, Atlas Tube Plant Manager; Jeff Moresco, Zekelman Industries Human Resources Manager; Gary Goodnight, Wheatland Tube Plant Manager; ANC President Dr. Christopher Heigle; Mallory Darby, Vice President of Mississippi County Economic Development; and Jeff Cole, President of Atlas Tube.

Zekelman Industries Invests in ANC and Mississippi County

Zekelman Industries has recently unveiled plans for a significant investment of \$120 million to expand its Atlas Tube facility located in Mississippi County. With this expansion, the company’s workforce in the area is set to surpass 300 employees. Moreover, Zekelman has announced a collaborative initiative with Arkansas Northeastern College aimed at developing a specialized workforce training program.

Tom Muth, the Chief Operating Officer, emphasized the critical role of education and skills training in shaping the future workforce. He stated, “At Zekelman, we are dedicated to nurturing and inspiring students to excel in the thriving steel industry, offering rewarding career opportunities.” Muth expressed gratitude to Mayor Melisa Logan and Mississippi County for their unwavering support, highlighting the company’s commitment to domestic manufacturing.

In addition to the expansion project, Zekelman intends to allocate \$250,000 to ANC to bolster support for students enrolling in its steel industry and aviation maintenance programs. Dr. Christopher Heigle, ANC President, praised the partnership, stating, “Arkansas Northeastern College has a proven track record of collaborating with local employers to tailor training programs, ensuring our students acquire the skills demanded by the industry, thereby stimulating regional economic growth.”

2023-2024 FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dr. Charles C. and Carolyn Brock Scholarship: Kylie Marrow; **Judge David and Sonja Burnett Scholarship:** Angela Elliott; **Sharon Wingo Churchill Scholarship:** Savanna Taylor; **Cohen Scholarship:** Makayla Cotham; **Prentice Joy Colston Memorial Scholarship:** Halle Bogard; **Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship:** Madison Bryan; **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship:** Clay Manuel; **Brandon J. Elliott Memorial Scholarship:** Keona Moore; **Dr. Eldon Fairley and Dr. John Williams Scholarship:** Latosha Harris; **Jim Grimes Memorial Scholarship:** Tracey Bobo; **Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Jenna Finch, Kaydence Lambert; **Dr. Daryl H. Johnson Scholarship:** Tori McComas; **Moving Misso Forward Scholarship:** Mayley Deaver, Kyleigh Flatness; **Eileen Hagan O’Neal Scholarship:** Emily King; **Patterson Opportunity Scholarship:** Gabriel Bennett; **Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship:** Shelbie Collard; **Sims Family Memorial Scholarship:** Kaylee Hovis; **Loretta Smith Memorial Scholarship:** Alexis Couch, Sydney Stigall, Alexis Walker; **Thank You RNs Scholarship:** Ashley Latsha, Taylor Wiggins; **George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Thomas Barron, Gabriel Bennett, Maleah Bennett, Carmen Besharse, Tracey Bobo, Halle Bogard, Shariann Bradley, Jonathan Bratton, Madison Bryan, Beachula Burton, Shelbie Collard, Makayla Cotham, Alexis Couch, Mayley Deaver, Shamaria DeBose, Angela Elliott, Freddie Fells, Jenna Finch, Kyleigh Flatness, Siarra Fleeman, Jensie Gonzalez, Gavin Green, Jenifer Guthrey, Latosha Harris, Ella Harvey, Martricia Harvey, Braydon Hastings, Chandler Helton, Kaylee Hovis, Ariauna Jackson, Chinna Jackson, Luzclaritha Jeronimo, Emily King, Kaydence Lambert, Justin Lee, Riquela Lobley, Aukeesha Lockett, Clay Manuel, Jerralient Martinez, Angelia McClain, Tori McComas, Sara McKinney, Alexis Messer, Keona Moore, Sierra Moore, Kayla Parker, Savannah Perez, Freddie Polk, Catrina Powell, Mia Victoria Ramierez, Hailey Scott, Riley Shanks, Hannah Shivers, Sara Sipes, Lillian Slaughter, Ali Smith, Sydney Stigall, Rushanti Taylor, Savanna Taylor, Leslie Tidwell, Latina Thomas, Alexis Walker, Jessica Ward, Alice Watkins, Kaitlyn Weathers, Savannah Wheeler, Dilayvia White, Miranda Wilson; **Yamato/Kogyo Scholarship:** Nathan Brantley, Katlyn Bratcher, Grant Byerly, Lucreta Crump, Lynn Hart, Thomas Hays, Mary Hollywood, Jessica Ibarra, Lucreta Jamison, Landon King, Laney Lack, Ashley Latsha, Kharisha Lockett, Alicia Luna, Kylie Marrow, Brianna Martin, Shelbi Phillips, Alisha Sanders, Samantha Sebastian, Garen Smithson, Hunter Swink, Lindsey Treece, Vivianne Wallace, Bethany Wellman, Taylor Wiggins, Sheyenne Woodson, Sherita Smith



Associate Degree Nursing

PINNING CEREMONY

“As a nurse, we have the opportunity to heal the heart, mind, soul and body of our patients, their families and ourselves. They may not remember your name but they will never forget the way you made them feel.”

MAYA ANGELOU



On May 8, 2024, the Associate Degree Nursing Program awarded pins to 27 graduates during the Annual Pinning Ceremony, held in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. This event represents the completion of a nursing student’s perseverance and dedication and serves as a rite of passage for those entering the nursing profession. Family, friends, and faculty were in attendance as the graduates received their nursing pin, Florence Nightingale Lamp, and recited the International Pledge for Nurses.

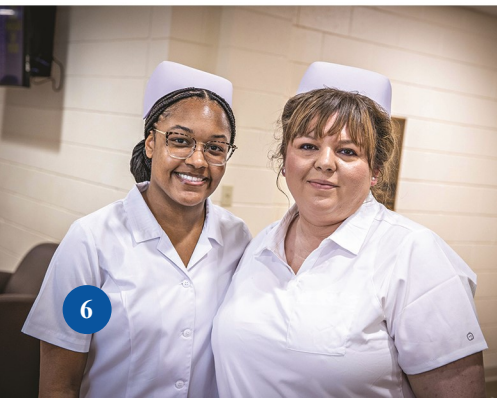
The Academic Excellence Award was presented to graduates based on their academic performance throughout the Associate Degree Nursing Program. Recipients of the Academic Excellence Award were Gus Iacampo, Ashten Wallace, and Beth Rawson.

The Clinical Excellence Award was presented to students that demonstrated professionalism, leadership, and outstanding clinical performance. Recipients of the Clinical Excellence Award were Grant Byerly, Hector Cruz, Brianna Martin, and Shelbi Phillips.

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

Congratulations to all our 2024 ADN Nursing Graduates!

ANC Associate Professor and Director for Associate Degree Nursing Tonya Pankey (LEFT) presented Alyssa Mann (RIGHT) with the Sharon S. Fulling Memorial Award of Nursing Excellence.





NUCOR® DIPLOMA SQUARED SCHOLARSHIP

COMMENCEMENT & RECOGNITION EVENT

On May 9, 2024, Arkansas Northeastern College held the Nucor Diploma² Commencement and Recognition event in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. We want to congratulate ANC's Nucor Diploma² graduates. This year, 56 graduates from high schools across Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri graduated from ANC thanks to the generosity of Nucor-Yamato Steel and Nucor Steel Arkansas. These students graduated with either the one-year Certificate of General Studies or a two-year Associate Degree. We are so proud of these students and their accomplishments. We look forward to seeing what the future holds for them.

Because of Nucor's support and partnership with ANC, this program allows students to take ANC classes for only \$10 per credit hour, saving them time and money in their quest to earn a college education. Since the inception of this program seven years ago, Nucor has helped 209 high school students with contributions of \$516,824.58. Thank you Nucor!



2024 NUCOR DIPLOMA² ANC GRADUATES

Abby Baker, Rivercrest
William Beckett, Rivercrest
Zyier Blankenship, Gosnell
Keenan Brown, Osceola
Nathan Cannon, Armored
Madelyn Casey, Armored
Shelby Clark, Gosnell
Sophia Cluck, Holcomb
Maria Cornejo, Gosnell
Ryleigh Culp, Armored
Kaetlyn Danley, Holcomb
Gabrielle England, Osceola
Eli Ezekiel, Rivercrest
Ana Felker, Senath
Delaynee Gardner, Rivercrest

Zoey Garner, Armored
Bayli Green, Gosnell
Damia Grice, Osceola
Diamond Hall, Blytheville
Jagger Harshman, Rivercrest
Carter Hepler, Armored
Ranajia Kennedy, Blytheville
Alexys Lamb, Blytheville
Sarah Mabry, Gosnell
Hunter Maclin, Caruthersville
Julian McClurg, Gosnell
Jakariha McDay, Gosnell
Cadence McGuire, Gosnell
Kevin Morris Jr., Rivercrest
Ewane Ngone Jr., Caruthersville

Riley Norton-Thomas, Cooter
Addyson Norvell, Rivercrest
Madylin Owens, Rivercrest
Ethan Parish, Rivercrest
Audrey Payne, Armored
Emily Pierce, Rivercrest
Terrin Powell, EPC
Jered Robertson, Rivercrest
Kyleigh Routledge, Rivercrest
Elyssa Schatz, Campbell
James Simpson, Rivercrest
Avery Smith, Cooter
Tyler Smith, Armored
Kinsley Stabbs, Manila
Shyanne Stallings, Armored

Bryley Starnes, Rivercrest
Morgan "Grace" Strop, Rivercrest
Jude Tucker, Rivercrest
Mikayla Turner, Gosnell
Mercuriah Vance, Rivercrest
Abigail Walker, Cooter
Shaylah Walker, Southland
Kinsley Weathers, Rivercrest
Lexus Willwerth, Rivercrest
Elijah Wynne, Rivercrest
Emma Young, Cooter





Arkansas Northeastern College's Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center was host to all of the pomp and circumstance of ANC's commencement exercises on May 10, 2024. Over 110 students participated in the graduation which included associate degree and certificate earners. Chairman of the ANC Board of Trustees Randy Scott was the keynote speaker. ANC President Dr. Christopher Heigle conferred the degrees and certificates and was assisted on stage by Vice President for Instruction Ryan Perkins, Executive Vice President June Walters, and Vice President for Student Affairs Mindy Walker.



Landon Rauls (LEFT) received his Technical Certificate in Computer Information Systems from ANC President Dr. Christopher Heigle (RIGHT) during ANC's commencement ceremony.



ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE '24 GRADUATION





“The people who are crazy enough to think they can change the world are the ones who usually do.”
STEVE JOBS



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

EVENT



The ANC Black History Month event, titled “Securing the Dream,,” took place February 22, in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall. Attendees, including students, faculty, staff, and community members, were treated to an exceptional presentation. This program featured a soulful rendition of “Lift Every Voice and Sing” by Dorthey Erby, musical performances by the Blytheville High School choir and the Blytheville Middle School band, captivating expressive dance by Intentional Praise Faith Temple House of Prayer, and thought-provoking speeches from O.C. Shivers Girls and Junior Boys A.C.B. The highlight of the event was the keynote address delivered by esteemed author Finda Robertson.



ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE

Cinco de Mayo



ANC’s Cinco de Mayo event, sponsored by Community Relations, was held May 2, 2024, in the ANC Center for Allied Technologies. There was food and music as Arkansas Northeastern College joined with the community in celebrating the contributions from people of Hispanic heritage to this great nation.



CAREER

EXPLORATION

CAMP



ANC Career Coaches hosted a Career Exploration Camp for students from Armored, Blytheville, Gosnell, Osceola, and Rivercrest who expressed interest in Aviation Maintenance, Construction Technology, Computer Information Systems, Industrial Technologies, and Welding. Students spent the morning focusing on one career path while engaging in hands-on activities. Local industries like D&L, Inc., SMS group, Denso, and Big River Steel paid a visit to our students to discuss future career opportunities in our region.



ALLIED HEALTH

Camp

Career Coaches partnered with the Division of Allied Health to provide an Allied Health Camp for high school students interested in a healthcare career. Students attended from Armored, Blytheville, Gosnell, Osceola, and Rivercrest and participated in breakout sessions learning about CPR techniques, blood drawing, proper handwashing, dental assisting, and visited the simulation labs.



For upcoming classes & activities, visit anc.coursestorm.com or call 870-563-3236



PAINT PARTY

On April 16, 2024, students of all ages let their creativity flow in a Canvas Painting Party with Jerri Ann's Painting & Crafts. They learned tips and techniques of acrylic painting while creating beautiful hummingbird canvases. Special thanks to the City of Osceola for allowing this to be hosted in the beautifully restored Coston Building in downtown Osceola.



FITNESS CLASSES

Several different physical classes for all fitness levels are offered on a regular basis in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center, including Zumba, Yoga, Xtreme Hip Hop, and Get Fit.



On Monday, April 8, 2024, ANC hosted an Eclipse Party at our campus in Leachville, Arkansas, the only town in Mississippi County to experience totality. Around 500 guests from six states stopped by to experience the Great American Eclipse and enjoy grilled burgers and hot dogs, eclipse-themed snacks, music, yard games, and fun giveaways. It was a great local opportunity for employees, students, residents, and visitors to enjoy this experience close to home while raising awareness of Arkansas Northeastern College, our services, and our Leachville Center.



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WOMEN'S EVENT

WORK+LIFE BALANCE

MANAGING PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES WHILE MAINTAINING A HEALTHY PERSONAL LIFE

The 2024 ANC Women's event, WORK+LIFE Balance, sponsored by Career Pathways was held March 28. This year's event centered around the theme of work-life balance, specifically addressing the challenges of juggling a career with maintaining a fulfilling home life and prioritizing self-care. Keynote speaker LaKristen Spiller emphasized the significance of having a strong support system to assist in maintaining a healthy work-life balance. We were fortunate to have three former Career Pathways students — Marlene Brown (steel industry sector), Miriam Fryer (registered nurse), and Amy Wells-Halpain (licensed practical nurse) — share their personal experiences and insights on how they navigated their career paths while striving for that balance. They also answered questions from the audience.



Approximately 75 individuals, ranging in age from 14 to 88, took part in ANC's 3rd Annual Walk-A-Mile event on April 26, 2024. This gathering facilitated interactions between people who might not typically connect, fostering conversations on a wide range of topics as they strolled around ANC's main campus. To keep conversations flowing, prompts were provided along the route. The walk served as an opportunity to gain insight into others' perspectives, embodying the concept of "walking a mile in someone else's shoes." Following the walk, participants enjoyed a complimentary lunch served in the Adams/Vines building. Attendees included ANC students, faculty, and staff, as well as students from local high schools and members of the broader community.



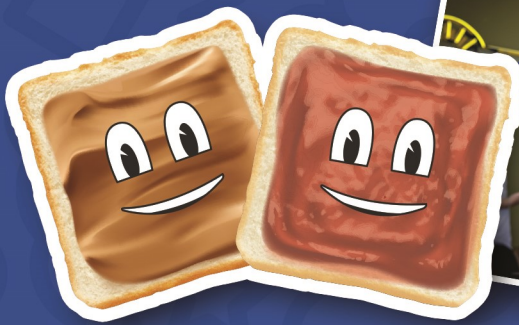


FUN ON CAMPUS!

NATIONAL PIZZA DAY



NATIONAL WAFFLE DAY



NATIONAL PB&J SANDWICH DAY



NATIONAL PANCAKE DAY



NATIONAL HOT CHOCOLATE DAY



NATIONAL PEANUT BUTTER DAY

SOL INVICTUS ROBOTICS TEAM



ANC Tech Center Launches Robotics Team

The ANC Tech Center proudly announces the formation of its new robotics team, Sol Invictus, marking an exciting venture into the VEX Robotics Competition. Participation in robotics offers numerous benefits, fostering crucial skills such as problem-solving, communication, teamwork, planning, and quick thinking. Additionally, students gain hands-on experience in engineering, design, and coding, which are essential in today's tech-driven world.



(L-R) Shakiya Smith, 11th grade, KIPP; BreAnn Fultz-Foster, 12th grade, Osceola; Robotics Coach/ANC Industrial Technology Instructor Floyd Stegall; Benjamin Davis, 10th grade, Rivercrest; Kendan Crane, 11th grade, Manila; Dalton Bishop, 12th grade, Manila

The team also provides a unique social environment, allowing members to form friendships with peers from diverse backgrounds and other teams statewide and globally. The international scope of the competition enriches this experience, creating opportunities for travel. Last season, the team competed in Jonesboro, McGehee, Bryant, with overnight stays adding an element of adventure and camaraderie.

Robotics involvement opens doors to scholarships and enhances employability, as the skills developed are highly valued by employers. The practical knowledge gained through designing and operating robots aligns closely with the operation of automated machinery in modern industries, preparing students for future careers in a highly automated society.

Sol Invictus is open to high school students enrolled at ANC in various programs, including Tech Center and Early College. ANC is exploring options for post-secondary competitions and potentially forming an Automation & Robotics program. Interested students should email fstegall@smi.anc.edu. With a new season approaching, now is the time to reach out.

American Welding Society Forms Northeast Arkansas Chapter



Arkansas Northeastern College and the American Welding Society hosted the inaugural meeting for the newly formed Northeast Arkansas Chapter - District 17 on April 29, 2024. This partnership aims to reinforce welding expertise in the region, providing a platform for networking and education/training.

This soft opening event offered attendees a chance to connect with leading industry professionals and educators, showcasing resources and opportunities within the AWS network. Together, the Northeast Arkansas Chapter we are committed to meeting the demand for skilled welders in the district.

Special thanks to Michael Krupnicki, President of the American Welding Society, and Viji Kuruvilla, Vice President of Lexicon/District 17 Director, for your continued commitment to the welding profession.





WORLD CLASS CUSTOMIZED TRAINING THE SOLUTIONS GROUP

Sierra Group Becomes New Client



Sierra Group, a new client, partnered with ANC Solutions Group for customized training on Core 4 Heavy Equipment operations during the May 2024. The comprehensive training covered aerial lifts, scissor lifts, rough terrain forklifts, and counter-balanced forklifts, tailored to meet the specific needs of each individual participant. Additionally, the training program included OSHA 10 certification for General Industry. Upon successful completion, the trainees received two nationally recognized credentials, equipping them with the necessary skills and qualifications to operate heavy machinery safely and efficiently. By integrating specialized certifications into customized training programs, organizations empower their workforce to excel in their roles while upholding the highest standards of safety and professionalism.

Marcos Sierra talked about the training being conducted saying, "I wanted to give you my sincere appreciation for outstanding support and flexibility during the training." Sierra went on to say, "willingness to accommodate our specific training needs, especially by offering training sessions in Spanish, has made significant positive impact on our staff. Your flexibility and understanding have greatly facilitated a more inclusive learning environment, ensuring that all team members could fully engage and benefit regardless of their primary language." Sierra issued thankfulness and communicated that Sierra Group looks forward to continuing a valuable relationship and exploring further training opportunities with Arkansas Northeastern College.



Great River Economic Development Foundation supported a portion of the training along with the Office of Skills Development.

Atlas Tube Invests in Workforce Development with Arkansas Steelmaking Bootcamp



Atlas Tube has partnered with the ANC Solutions Group through the Arkansas Steelmaking Bootcamp to provide comprehensive training for its new hires. For two weeks in May, Atlas utilized the existing Arkansas Steelmaking Bootcamp funded through the Office of Skills Development launched an 80-hour training program designed to equip entry-level steel workers with a diverse range of skills and knowledge essential for success in the steel industry.

The Arkansas Steelmaking Bootcamp offers comprehensive training for the steel industry. Participants learn safe operation of cranes and forklifts, proper tool use, and gain insights into steel mill processes and economics. The program also includes personal financial planning, OSHA 10 standards for safety, and essential math and measurement concepts for precision in manufacturing.

Atlas Tube's decision to integrate the Arkansas Steelmaking Bootcamp into their new hire training process showcases their decision to investing in their workforce. By providing comprehensive training from the outset, the company is not only ensuring a safer work environment while fostering a more knowledgeable and productive team.

The steel industry demands a unique set of skills and knowledge, and Atlas Tube's partnership with the Arkansas Steelmaking Bootcamp demonstrates a proactive approach to bridging any potential skill gaps. By providing comprehensive training from day one, the company is not only meeting its immediate workforce needs but also cultivating a talent pipeline that will drive its future success in the dynamic steel manufacturing sector.



INDUSTRY APPRECIATION

Breakfast



ANC Solutions Group, in collaboration with the Great River Economic Development Foundation, recently hosted its annual Industry Appreciation Breakfast on March 28, 2024. Approximately 90 employers representing 25 companies attended the event.



THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING ANC!

ANC ENROLLMENT FOR
THE SPRING 2024
SEMESTER WAS UP 9%
OVER SPRING 2023!



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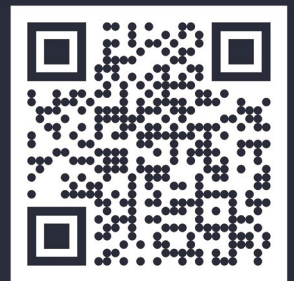
9%



FALL 2024 REGISTRATION

LAST DAY OF FALL REGISTRATION IS AUGUST 14, 2024

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