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Spring 2018 Academic Calendar

ANC Spring Schedule of Classes is available for viewing online at

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| January 4 | Spring Registration Closes |
| January 8 | Classes Begin |
| January 11 | Payment Deadline/Last Day to Declare Audit Status |
| January 15 | Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (COLLEGE CLOSED) |
| January 19 | Last Day to Drop with 100% Refund |
| February 9 | Graduation Application Deadline |
| February 19 | President's Day (COLLEGE CLOSED) |
| March 19-23 | Spring Break (STUDENTS) |
| March 23 | Spring Break (COLLEGE CLOSED) |
| March 30 | Good Friday (COLLEGE CLOSED) |
| April 9 | Summer I, Summer II, & Fall Registration Opens |
| April 13 | Last Day to Withdraw from Classes with a "W" |
| May 1 | Last Day of Classes (Tuesday/Thursday) |
| May 2 | Last Day of Classes (Monday/Wednesday) |
| May 3, 7-9 | Final Exams |

ON THE COVER: (TOP) Ashley Woods Kroll of Manila A.A.S. Steel Technology (2013) - working at Nucor-Yamato Steel; (LEFT) Sharon Ballard of Blytheville C.P. in Aviation Maintenance (2015), T.C. (2017) - working part-time at ANC's ACME Center; (RIGHT) Cody Hogan of Leachville A.A.S. in Computer Information Systems (2017) - interned at Nucor-Yamato Steel and now working part-time for them as he pursues his bachelor's degree.

HELPING TO BUILD THE FUTURE AT ANC.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE GIVEN RECENTLY TOWARDS CONSTRUCTION OF ANC'S NEW CENTER FOR ALLIED TECHNOLOGIES



Arkansas Northeastern College President Dr. James Shemwell (left front) is presented a check for \$25,000 toward ANC's new Center for Allied Technologies by (L-R) Kagome President and CEO Luis DeOliveira; Karen Belk, Filler Operator; and Nita Reams, Director of Human Resources and Safety. They are joined by other Kagome employees on the ANC Main Campus, Friday, October 20, 2017. For their donation to the new facility, Kagome will have naming rights to a computer classroom.

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John and Sue Logan of Blytheville present ANC President Dr. James Shemwell a check for \$25,000 in June toward the College's new Center for Allied Technologies. The Logan's donation will allow them naming rights to the courtyard area of the facility—the Logan Memorial Courtyard. Mr. Logan has given this gift to honor his father, Max Logan, and other family members who served and loved the former Mississippi County Community College now Arkansas Northeastern College. Mr. Logan's father, who passed away in 1987, was the co-chairman of the committee to pass a tax to establish the College in 1975. He was later appointed to the first Board of Trustees at the College. Mr. Logan has continued his father's support of the College and education and has served on the Arkansas Northeastern College's Board of Trustees and now is a member of the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation Board of Governors.



Mr. Rick Ramsdell and his wife Trev present ANC President Dr. James Shemwell with a check for \$25,000 in March toward the College's Center for Allied Technologies. The Ramsdells', longtime residents of Blytheville who have recently moved back to their home state of Utah, donation to the project will allow them naming rights to the student lounge area of the facility. Mr. Ramsdell recently retired from the Nucor Yamato Steel Mill where he spent many years working in the industry.



Osceola Municipal Light & Power presented the Arkansas Northeastern College with a check for \$25,000 on November 14, 2017, toward the construction of the College's new Center for Allied Technologies. Pictured (L to R) Ms. Dorothy Pollock, Osceola City Council Member; Arkansas Northeastern College President Dr. James Shemwell, and Osceola Mayor Dickie Kennemore. For their donation to the new facility, the Osceola Municipal Light & Power Company will have naming rights to the electrical classroom located in the facility.



2017: A Year in Review

2017 has been an exciting year highlighted by several milestones and important developments. At the Arkansas Northeastern College we have collectively accomplished much in which we can take pride.

Best Online Colleges for 2016-17 Rankings

The Arkansas Northeastern College has been named one of the nation's best colleges for online learning by AffordableCollegesOnline.com (ACO), a leader in higher education information, resources, and rankings. ANC was recognized two times by ACO, which generated their rankings by analyzing cost and quality metrics of thousands of U.S. colleges with online degree programs. ANC was ranked #1 in the category of Best Online Colleges in Arkansas for 2016-17 among two-year colleges in the State and #19 nationally for Best Online Teaching Degrees for 2016-17 among two-year colleges in the United States. The Associate of Science in Early Childhood Education degree represents the program ranked among the Top 50 nationally.

ANC Introduced Ray

ANC has a new member in its family. Ray (short for Sunray) was added as the ANC mascot in 2017 and 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 also makes appearances throughout the community and at local schools. If you see Ray, feel free to give him a "high-five" because he loves meeting new people!

Center for Allied Technologies Update

Architectural and engineering work, including all blueprints and specifications, for the Center for Allied Technologies were completed and put out for sealed bid. On March 15, a sealed bid opening was held regarding the construction of the new Center for Allied Technologies. Eight bids from area contractors were submitted with the low bidder being Construction Network, Inc. of Jonesboro with a bid of \$12,875,000. The estimated completion date for construction of the Center for Allied Technologies remains the summer of 2018 with the facility opening in August 2018. The new facility will feature the headquarters for The Solutions Group, including general purpose classrooms, electrical classroom & lab, mechanical classroom/lab, safety classroom/lab, HVAC classroom & lab, computer classroom, and large multi-purpose room. A world-class welding laboratory will serve secondary, post-secondary, and customized training needs. Also featured will be an aircraft complex, combination non-destructive testing (NDT) & composites laboratory, and general purpose classrooms to accommodate the secondary and post-secondary aviation maintenance program. In addition to welding and aviation maintenance, Secondary/Technical Center students from area high schools also will be served on our Main Campus by classroom & lab facilities for advanced manufacturing, criminal justice, education, and construction/carpentry. Medical professions secondary training will be delivered at the existing Wren Center to co-locate with the other allied health professions. The design incorporates a computer lab for the Secondary Center.

D&L, Inc. Donates \$100,000 to Center for Allied Technologies Project

Arkansas Northeastern College received another major donation toward its new Center for Allied Technologies project as D&L, Inc. of Blytheville made a \$100,000 commitment to the project just after the first of the year. As an HVACR installation and service provider, the D&L, Inc. donation will be recognized by the naming of the Harold Newcomb HVACR Classroom and the D&L, Inc. HVACR Laboratory. Harold Newcomb began his HVACR training in 1971 at Cotton Boll Vo Tech (now Arkansas Northeastern College). He graduated the first class in 1972, the advanced class in 1973, and started his business shortly after. D&L, Inc. is headquartered in Blytheville, AR with locations in Memphis, Alabama, North Carolina and South Carolina, with contractor licensing also in Texas, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Indiana.

Center for Allied Technologies Donations Announced

Rick Ramsdell and his wife, Trev, have donated \$25,000 to the Center for Allied Technologies project. The Ramsdells' donation will allow them naming rights to the student lounge area of the facility.

In June, Mr. & Mrs. John Logan announced their contribution of \$25,000 toward the new Center for Allied Technologies. Both John and Sue Logan have been longtime supporters of ANC and have dedicated their generous gift toward the Logan Memorial Courtyard for the new Center.

The Kagome Foods Corporation presented a check for \$25,000 to ANC President Dr. James Shemwell in October. For their donation to the new facility, Kagome will have naming rights to a computer classroom.

The new facility project received another boost when Osceola Mayor Dickie Kennemore presented a check for \$25,000 to ANC President Dr. James Shemwell on behalf of Osceola Municipal Light & Power. This donation give OML&P naming rights to the electrical classroom.

Board Elects New Officers

The ANC Board of Trustees elected new officers at the conclusion of their February meeting. Elected were John Newcomb, Chairman; Dr. Tommie Westbrook, Vice Chairman; and Curtis Walker, Jr. as Secretary. Mr. Newcomb is the son of the College's first Chairman, Guy Newcomb of Osceola. Mr. Walker becomes the College's first African-American officer of the Board.

2nd Opportunity Fair Held

On Saturday, May 6th, from 11am-1pm, ANC hosted the 2nd annual Spring Opportunity Fair to highlight the College programs and services. The event featured grilled food and activities for kids to encourage attendance by potential students with children. While the Opportunity Fair

is open to everyone, the Student Services and the Office of Community Relations also collaborated with the Healing in the Hood organization and the President's Council on Underserved Communities to recruit the hard-to-reach and underserved in our community. The day was a great success with approximately 100 in participation.

Nucor Diploma² Scholarship Approved

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 while earning a high school diploma at the same time.

Career Jumpstart Scholarship Approved

Through outreach initiatives of the Office of Community Relations, ANC has seen an increased number of potential students who do not possess a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED), but do achieve placement test scores permitting them to enroll in at least some, if not all, academic programs. Students without a high school diploma or GED cannot receive Federal financial aid. To remedy lost opportunities for 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. Students will be required to complete at least 67% of total coursework pursued with a grade of C or better to maintain eligibility. Students will also be required to attend at least four (4) hours of live Adult Education/GED instruction each week, working toward the goal of GED attainment. Students receiving the Career Jumpstart Scholarship must major in the shortest-term credential in their selected career field, but can continue eligibility after earning either a Certificate of Proficiency and/or a Technical Certificate through Associate Degree completion if 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.

JRWA SNAP Extension Grant Accepted

Arkansas Northeastern College recently completed the grant associated with the Job Ready, Willing, & Able (JRWA) Initiative, led by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and funded by Walmart Foundation. ANC has been invited by AACC and Walmart Foundation to participate in a follow-on grant designed to encourage colleges to promote the application for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits to facilitate success for college students by helping them satisfy basic food needs during college attendance. ANC, through its Office for Community Relations, will work with the Arkansas Department of Human Services to determine which ANC students or potential students may be eligible for SNAP benefits that have not yet applied and provide information about SNAP to such students. AACC will provide a grant of \$22,500 in funds in exchange for an ANC commitment to identify 100 students eligible for SNAP benefits. The grant funds will be used to assist with the outreach efforts of ANC's Office for Community Relations.

2017 Best Practices Symposium

The 4th Annual Arkansas Northeastern College Best Practices Symposium, held on April 28th, 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 the President. 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. 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.

Opportunity Bus Launched

The ANC Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a 24-passenger, disabled-accessible bus from current year funds to facilitate an August launch of the Opportunity Bus initiative made possible with the help of a 50% matching grant through the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) SNAP E & T (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education & Training) fund. The ANC Opportunity Bus transported student passengers for the Fall 2017 semester, servicing routes in Blytheville and Osceola/Luxora. The Opportunity Bus makes a total of 18 stops, working in partnership with local churches functioning as bus stop shelters.

Mississippi County Quorum Court Approves Jobs Council Pilot

On July 25th, the Mississippi County Quorum Court unanimously approved an innovative job training & employment pilot project. In collaboration with the Great River Economic Development Foundation, ANC, through its Office of Community Relations and The Solutions Group, developed an initiative to accelerate the creation of a recurrent skilled workforce hiring pool from current residents of Mississippi County. The Mississippi County Workforce Development Jobs Council model involves over 100 hours of classroom training, including the WORK (Workforce Orientation & Retraining Keys) program and 24 hours of facilitated computer-based attainment of the national Career Readiness Certificate. The Jobs Council initiative also features On-the-Job Verification (OJV) conducted over four 4-week segments of employment (total of 16 weeks) to ensure that skills learned in the classroom are properly applied in the workplace. Participating employers offering jobs paying \$12 per hour are eligible for employer apprenticeship incentives. The Jobs Council pilot project will be funded by Mississippi County via the economic development sales tax and will focus on 40 new jobs being added at Arkansas Steel Processing near Osceola.

Fall Enrollment Considerations

ANC's Fall 2017 unduplicated headcount of 1,474 students represents a 4.1% increase in comparison to Fall 2016. The Statewide average for community colleges is a 4.0% decline for Fall 2017. The growth of the Early College and Nucor Diploma² programs has resulted in a significant increase in concurrent enrollment, a goal that we set for ourselves four years ago. We also have seen a significant increase in minority students, another goal that we continue to work toward. Online coursework continues to grow and now accounts for 30% of our overall delivery.

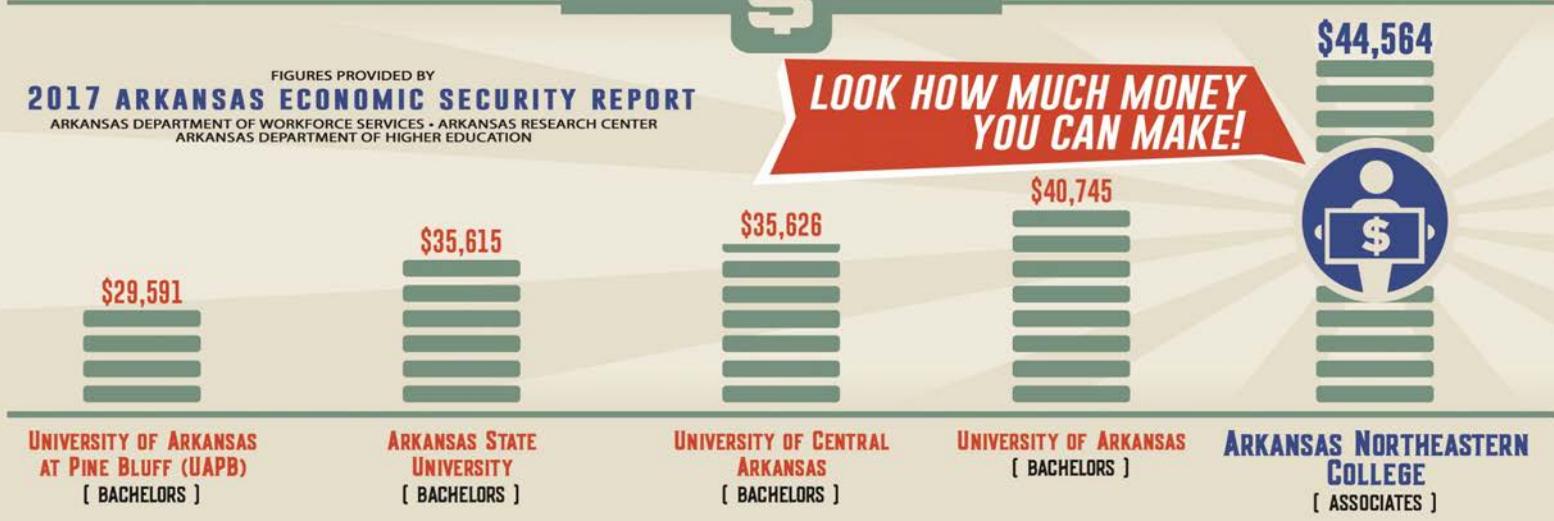
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FULL-TIME AVERAGE WAGE FOR 1ST YEAR EMPLOYMENT OF GRADUATES



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New WORK Coordinator and Success Navigator Named



Michael Smith, WORK Coordinator

Michael Smith of Blytheville, AR has joined the ANC family as the new Workforce Orientation & Retraining Keys (WORK) Coordinator. Michael has a degree in Industrial Technology from Mississippi County Community College (now Arkansas Northeastern College) and comes to the College from Evonik-Cyro.

Michael is excited about his new role and is looking forward to helping local citizens prepare for the workforce. "If a goal is worth having, it's worth blocking out the time in your day-to-day life necessary to achieve it," said Smith. He is married to Marcy Smith and they have four children.

Willie D. Williams of Blytheville, AR was recently hired as the Success Navigator for Arkansas Northeastern College. Willie first served ANC as a Student Navigator and brings more than 12 years of experience working in the steel industry at Nucor-Yamato Steel. As the College's Success Navigator, he will go into the community to assist local residents in taking advantage of the educational and training opportunities that the Arkansas Northeastern College provides.



Willie D. Williams, Success Navigator

ANC Associate Vice President for Community Relations Dr. Blanche Hunt is happy to have the help of Willie Williams. "Mr. Williams is already a very involved member of the community who volunteers his time tutoring and mentoring students, serving as a youth minister and Pastor, and assisting the Blytheville Elementary School PTO. With his passion for helping others, he already has an understanding of what this job requires and works hard to help people change their lives for the better."

If you or a student you know is interested in ANC's WORK program, please contact Michael Smith by calling 870-763-6222 ext. 1602 or by email at msmith@smail.anc.edu.

CONVERSATIONS ON RACIAL & ETHNIC HARMONY

PANEL DISCUSSION

Conversations on Racial and Ethnic Harmony: Building Relationships Between Law Enforcement Officials and The Community event was held August 9, 2017, at Arkansas Northeastern College. This event was sponsored by the Arkansas Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, the Arkansas Humanities Council, and Arkansas Northeastern College.



OPPORTUNITY BUS LAUNCHED



The ANC Opportunity Bus transported its first passengers as the Fall 2017 semester got underway. Servicing routes in Blytheville and Osceola/Luxora, the Opportunity Bus makes a total of 18 stops, primarily working in partnership with local churches functioning as bus stop shelters. The Blytheville route begins pickups at 7 AM with an arrival time at the Main Campus approximately 45 minutes later. The Osceola route begins pickups in Osceola at 8:10 AM, arriving at the Main Campus approximately one hour later. The afternoon Blytheville return route departs from the Main Campus at 3 PM while the Osceola return route departs at 3:50 PM. Flyers with specific route/bus stop information are available in several locations, including the ACE Advising Center. The service is free but requires advance registration and weekly determination of satisfactory progress by advisors. Service is available for all ANC students, including those engaged in non-credit workforce training and adult education programs. SNAP recipients receive first priority to comply with the Arkansas Department for Human Services matching grant that began to support the program beginning in October. Interested persons may call 870-780-1205 for further information.

EMS Programs at ANC & Big Money for Paramedic Grads

Emergency Medical Services programs at Arkansas Northeastern College provide great opportunities and according to the latest Economic Security Report data, ANC Paramedic graduates earn an average salary of \$56,346 their first year of employment.

Arkansas Northeastern College has openings in their 12 month Technical Certificate in Paramedic and Certificate of Proficiency in Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) with classes beginning January 9, 2018. The Paramedic program provides training and education to current EMTs in advanced pre-hospital patient care. The curriculum includes classroom and online instruction along with clinical lab and field experiences in various healthcare and pre-hospital agencies in the region. Graduates of the Paramedic program are prepared to function effectively as a professional provider of advanced life support in the pre-hospital environment and are eligible to apply to take the National Registry Exam to become a Paramedic.

The EMT course, taught by Mr. Lewis and Ms. Donna Razor, is a one semester Certificate of Proficiency course that provides training in recognizing, assessing, and managing medical emergencies of acutely ill or injured patients in a pre-hospital care setting. The course curriculum includes classroom instruction along with outside clinical experiences. The evening course is scheduled from 5pm-9pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Graduates of the EMT course are eligible to take the National Registry Exam to become an EMT.

Both ANC Paramedic program and EMT course are approved by the Arkansas Department of Health and Human Services, Section of Emergency Medical Services. The Paramedic program is also accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Edu-

cational Programs (CAAHEP) and the Committee on Accreditation of Educational Programs for the Emergency Medical Services Professions (CoAEMSP).

Interested applicants should call Mr. Lynn Sikes at 870-780-1254 or Mr. Jack Neil, Advising Specialist, at 870-838-2984.



Mr. Lynn Sikes (left), EMS Program Director/Instructor and Mr. Francis Lewis (right), EMS Instructor at Arkansas Northeastern College are pictured in front of the state-of-the-art Ambulance Simulator located in the Angela Wren Nursing and Allied Health Center's EMS Clinical Lab.

2017 Economic Security Report: ANC Grads Still Earn More

Arkansas' Economic Security Report data reveals that, for the second year in a row, the Arkansas Northeastern College leads all colleges and universities in Arkansas in terms of the average full-time wages for associate degree graduates. With an average full-time wage of \$44,564 during students' first year of employment, ANC graduates are performing well after college. In fact, the only bachelor degree full-time wage average that exceeds ANC's associate degree average is the medical school at UAMS.

The data also reveals that ANC performs above the State average for community colleges with every wage and employment rate measure, most in significant fashion, for each credential category: associate degree, technical certificate, and certificate of proficiency. The data also reveals that Arkansas' independent community colleges, on average, outperform the system community colleges (those that are a part of either Arkansas State University or University of Arkansas) in the State in nearly all categories.

In terms of specific metrics for credential programs at ANC, the highlights include the average full-time wages of \$79,793 for Steel Industry Technology associate degree graduates, \$51,905 for Nursing associate degree graduates, \$56,346 for Paramedic technical certificate graduates, and \$60,802 for Welding certificate of proficiency graduates.

Act 852 of 2015 passed by the Arkansas General Assembly established the creation of the Economic Security Report, designed to provide prospective students, families, and the public at-large with vital statistics related to employment and earnings after college graduation. The Economic Security Report is published by the Arkansas Research Center and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services using actual Arkansas wage data (as opposed to self-reported surveys) of graduates of all Arkansas colleges and universities. Act 852 requires all institutions of higher education in Arkansas to provide access to the Report, as well as data related to each college's highest and lowest earning credential programs.

ANC GRADUATES' AVERAGE FULL-TIME WAGE FIRST YEAR OF EMPLOYMENT

\$79,793 STEEL INDUSTRY TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATE DEGREE

\$60,802 WELDING CERTIFICATE OF PROFICIENCY

\$56,346 PARAMEDIC TECHNICAL CERTIFICATE

\$51,905 NURSING ASSOCIATE DEGREE





RICK SONES, OUTSTANDING FACULTY

Through his efforts Mr. Rick Sones, ANC Instructor in HVAC, has more than doubled the enrollment in his program. He fosters collaborative relationships with employers which has led to significant donations to ANC as well as maintaining adequate lab equipment for the hands-on components of his program. He continually updates his curriculum to keep it relevant and incorporates computer-based instruction to enhance students' technological skills. Rick is always willing to take on additional classes and has been instrumental with workforce training initiatives in the area.

MARLENE BANKS, OUTSTANDING STAFF

Marlene Banks has served the College since 2003 and has always been a dependable, hard-working, and conscientious employee. She is an example of dedication and professionalism who cares about every person who enters her office. She works quietly and methodically to keep the operation functioning smoothly. Not only is she an exceptional employee, she is an exceptional lady. She freely gives of her time and effort to improve the quality of life for others.



APRIL BAKER, ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

April Baker of Caraway, Arkansas, is the 2017 Academic All-Star Student for Arkansas Northeastern College. April is an outgoing student working toward her Associate of Science in Business Degree. Her future plans include earning a Master's Degree in Accounting. After a year of rigorous coursework, she has maintained a 4.0 cumulative grade point average. She has done this while being active in the ACE Club where she serves as an officer and while working as a tutor in the math lab. Instructors find April to be hard-working, polite, friendly, and very dependable.

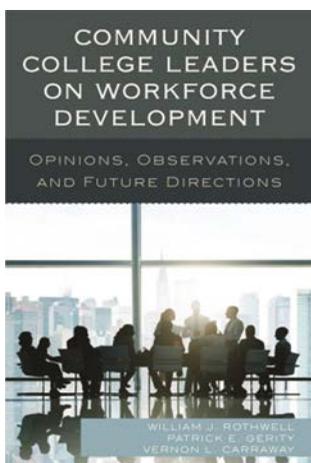


RANDY HENDERSON, OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

Randy Henderson of Blytheville is ANC's 2017 Outstanding Alumni. Randy, the Director of Community Relations for Nucor-Yamato and Nucor Steel Arkansas, graduated from ANC in 2007 with a Steel Industry Technology Degree before earning a bachelor's degree in 2015. Randy is a graduate of Arkansas State Chamber Leadership and National Society of Leadership and Success. He serves on three education boards in Arkansas, as well as the KIPP Delta Committee and Delta Grassroots Caucus. He was appointed by the Speaker of the House to serve on the Legislative Task Force on Workforce Education Excellence. Randy is married to Alvque Henderson.



ANC Represented in Workforce Development Book



Arkansas Northeastern College is represented in a recently published book that explores the role of community colleges in workforce development. The book, published by Rowman and Littlefield, is titled “How Community College Leaders Regard Workforce Development: Opinions, Observations, and Future Directions.”

One of the authors, Dr. Vernon Carraway of Penn State University, interviewed ANC President Dr. James Shemwell for inclusion in the book. Carraway was part of a group who surveyed “a few hundred” college presidents around the country, and he became aware of ANC’s work through the American Association of Community Colleges. The AACCC recommended Dr. Shemwell and the Arkansas Northeastern College as an exemplary model for workforce development.

“We did an hour long taped interview about the work that we do here. This publication is not so much a narrative, it is really a transcribed book. The book features 15 community college thought leaders as well as two from Germany and China. We are pleased to have ANC featured among this select few,” said Shemwell.

ANC was Dr. Carraway’s first stop. “He didn’t realize how far down the road we are, how organized we are,” Shemwell said. “But by the time he left, he certainly did.”

Dr. Carraway was impressed with several ANC programs. “I think by the time he left he was very excited, very impressed with the work that we are doing here, especially reaching out to those who are underrepresented, underserved,” Shemwell said. “We have such a tremendous opportunity in our country. We don’t have all of the answers by any means, but we feel like we are well on our way. We feel like a lot of what we are doing are best practices that can be emulated across the country, and that is what Dr. Carraway communicated to us. There are people around the nation watching us, they are aware of what we are doing. That speaks very well of everybody who works at ANC and the effort they put forth.”



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Foundation Scholarship Recipients

SCHOLARSHIPS FALL 2017: **Drew Blankenship Memorial Scholarship:** Baylea Challis; **Judge David and Sonja Burnett Scholarship:** Tiffany Ivy; **Cohen Scholarship:** Alexander Richardson; **Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship:** Taylor B. Leal, Alexander Privett; **Marvel B. Dickerson Scholarship:** Cidnie J. Brooks; **Lindsey Ohlendorf Fairley Scholarship:** Ashley Johnson; **Dr. Eldon Fairley and Dr. John Williams Scholarship:** Brandy Gibbins; **Hoskins-Whitener Scholarship:** Jacob T. Riley, Christian Teeter; **Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Alexander Richardson; **Paul C. Hughes Scholarship:** Rose M. Lewis; **Johnston Memorial Scholarship:** Megan N. Key; **Dr. King Nunn, III Memorial Scholarship:** Karen Williams; **Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship:** Summer J. Neal; **Loretta Smith Memorial Scholarship:** Lynn C. Lisk; **Temple Israel Scholarship:** Cidnie J. Brooks, Isaac Flores, Casey L. Glass, Alexander Privett; **George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Ally Ainsworth, Tyreeion Atkins, Linda Barfield, Jessica Baugh, Alvin Bell, Elizabeth Bell, Autumn Bennett, Kirsten Benson, Austin R. Bloom, Morgan D. Booth, Katlin R. Branum, Cathy D. Brown, Kianna B. Brown, Paul D. Brown, K’najra Buckley, Beachula Burton, Amber C. Capaul, Riana Caruthers, Ashley D. Clay, David L. Cole, Skyler Deason, Constance Debose, Brianna Dunham, Chase L. Farrish, Larry G. Finley, Savannah Fletcher, David Garner III, Madison L. Gomer, Amber Gonzalez, Hannah Hardesty, Rochele Harris, Benjamin Harrison, Bridgette Hastings, Jessica Havis, Jessie C. Herron, Rena Hopkins, Valencia Houston, Robert H. Hudson, Victoria Johnson, Nicole M. Juarez, Tonda Keys, Codie R. King, Ke’Asia Kuykendall, Dustin Lasater, Taylor B. Leal, Ashley S. Lee, Lynn C. Lisk, Brandi Littiken, Brittany Littiken, Ariel S. Logan, Karlie A. Long, Raya L. Malone, Zyeerah Malone, Teresa D. Manuel, Stacy M. Martin, Michael Matheny, Kristian N. Mays, Marcy G. Mays, Koljonna McDougal, Jerry McKaskle, Norderres McKillion, Chasity E. Mead, Nyokee Mitchell, Cornisha Moore, Brayden Parnell, Debbie R. Payne, Tydarius J. Pope, Deloris Prince, Lexie S. Ray, Samantha Reams, Carrah Reed, Seth Rounsavall, Savannah Rzeznikiewicz, Lyndsey Shosey, Keri Shrable, Haley Simmons, Cydney Slade, Charlie L. Smith, Nakayla A. Smith, Travis R. Smith, Tristan Spriggs, Aaron Stallings, Kendra M. Stone, Allison Stovall, Druella Talley, Paris N. Taylor, Blaine Tedder, Glen Teeter-Haynes, David Thomas, Alexis P. Toombs, Cory W. Turner, Jamequa E. Webb, Tatiana Williams, Willie Williams, Jada Wilson, Savannah Winford; **Yamato Kogyo Scholarship:** Baylea Challis, Olivia A. Cline, Briget Corcoran, Breanna Figgins, Isaac Flores, Brandy Gibbins, Casey L. Glass, Rebecca A. Hager, Alexandria Hogard, Wendy Hollywood, Jacqueline Jefferson, Ashley Johnson, Shane McFarland, Summer J. Neal, Angel Parnell, Anthony B. Pieri, Jacob T. Riley, Tyler M. Swaim, Marcques Walker, Hanna M. Wells, Karen Williams

New Student Orientation



ANC held its New Student Orientation on August 18, 2017. Students were given a tour of the campus, got to hang out in the Sun Room, and Ray made an appearance.

Back to School Bash



ANC's 2017 Back to School Bash was held August 29, 2017 outside of the Student Center. The event featured free tacos, a student/faculty Slip'N'Slide kickball game, life-size twister and tic-tac-toe, rock painting, and giveaways.

Great Start to Fall Classes and a Solar Eclipse



It was another great first day of Fall classes at Arkansas Northeastern College. If you throw in a solar eclipse, it becomes a memorable one as well. The first day of Fall courses happened to fall on the same day as the first total solar eclipse the contiguous United States had since 1979. There was a little bit of an eclipse craze going on throughout the nation and the ANC campus was not immune. Faculty, staff, and students alike made their way outside to catch a glimpse of the historic occasion. The next total eclipse that will be seen by the U.S. mainland will be in 2024. Get your glasses ready!

Student Appreciation Week & ANC's Preview Days



Student Appreciation Week and ANC's Preview Days were combined this year. The event took place October 11-12, 2017. For Student Appreciation Week, ANC provided free food, games for everyone, music, and giveaways. During Preview Days, area high schools students from Armored, Blytheville, Buffalo Island Central, Cooter, Delta C-7, Gosnell, Hayti, Manila, Osceola, Rivercrest, and South Pemiscot, learned about college admissions, financial aid opportunities and how to apply, toured the ANC campus, and completed a college admissions application for Arkansas Northeastern College.

ArkACRAO College Fair Provides High School Students a Closer Look at ANC and Others



Approximately 750 high school students visited the ArkACRAO College Fair hosted by Arkansas Northeastern College on October 26, 2017 in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. Over 30 colleges and universities were available to speak with students about transfer opportunities. Representatives from all ANC departments were also available.



Outdoor MOVIE NIGHT

Arkansas Northeastern College's Student Voice hosted a movie event on October 26, 2017 at the courtyard amphitheater to celebrate the fall season. Student Voice members selected the movie, 1959 version of "House on Haunted Hill." Members of the faculty and staff volunteered to cook chili and bring other items to show their support for student initiatives.



HALLOWEEN COSTUME & PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTESTS



The Halloween Costume Contest had two division this year—faculty/staff and student. Billie Steinkamp, Emily Thomasson, Ginger Berry, and Renea Reid (TOP) won the faculty/staff division and Claudia Ramirez (BOTTOM LEFT) won the student division. TRIO EOC won the pumpkin decorating contest with their version of Oscar the Grouch.

ANC Flag Football Wins A-State Tournament



Arkansas Northeastern College's flag football team won the championship in the flag football tournament held at Arkansas State University on October 19, 2017. ANC came into the tournament as the lowest seeded team, but reeled off a series of victories including a 21-14 win over ASU Mid-South in the finals that led to winning it all.





Associate Degree Student Nurse Club

The Associate Degree Student Nurse Club collected dog food, cat food, treats, and other supplies and donated them to the Blytheville Humane Society. “The students put in a great deal of effort in this project and we are very proud of them,” said April Nutt, MSN, RN and Shauna Winchester, MSN, RN. Nutt and Winchester are the sponsors of the AND Student Nurse Club.

Associate Degree Student Nurse Club

The Associate Degree Student Nurse Club collected shoes for a shoe drive on the behalf of the Caruthersville Humane Society. The students donated over 100 pairs of shoes that will help reach an important goal for the humane society.

Practical Nursing Student Nurse Club

On August 30th, the Practical Nursing Student Nurse Club members made the decision to come together and use their first community service project to help victims of Hurricane Harvey in Texas. They collected non-perishable food items, bottled water, personal hygiene products, baby supplies, dog/cat food and supplies, flashlights, batteries, etc. Service projects such as this not only help those in need but also warms the hearts of those lending the helping hand.



Counselor Appreciation Day

Area school counselors were invited to Arkansas Northeastern College’s main campus for Counselor Appreciation Day. Counselors received important program updates from the Arts and Sciences division, Career Pathways, the Early College Program, the Secondary Center program, and the Financial Aid department. They also enjoyed lunch and a craft project where they could network with ANC staff and their counseling counterparts.



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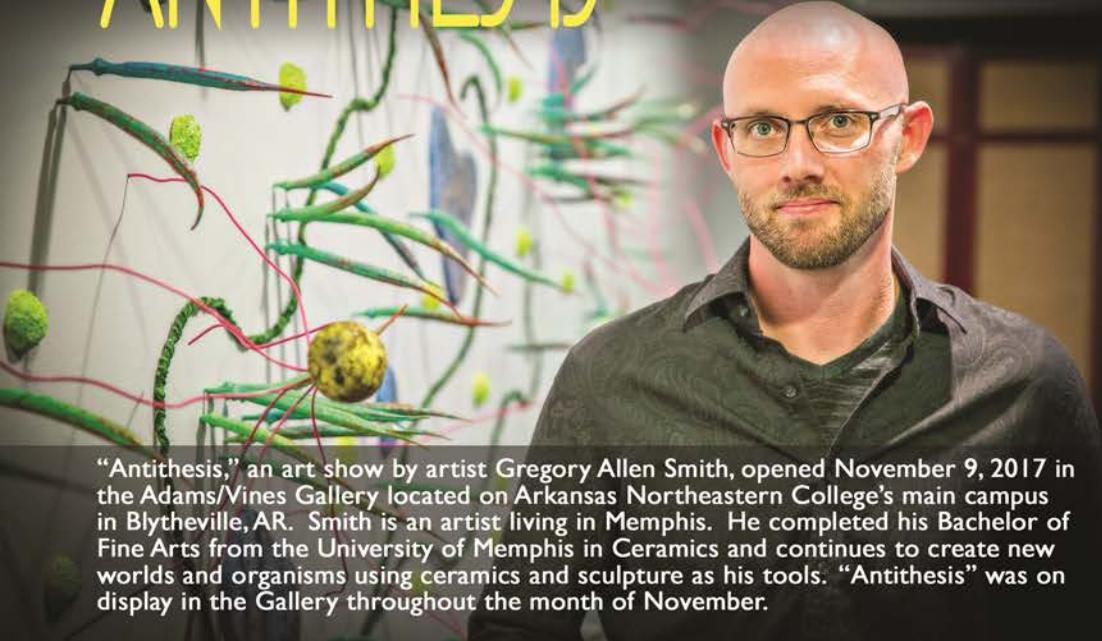
JEFFRIES' WORK SHOWCASED AT THE RITZ

The work of local young artist Payton Jeffries was showcased in the Gallery of the Ritz Civic Center for the month of November. A "Meet the Artist Reception" was held on November 7, 2017. The reception and exhibit were free and open to the public. The Arts Council of Mississippi County features a different exhibit in the Gallery each month.

Ms. Jeffries, a 2015 graduate of Blytheville High School, is 20 years old and has been drawing as long as she can remember. She began by practicing realistic illustration, mostly portraits. Today, her focus is on graphic novel-type work and character design. Primarily self-taught, her first formal art classes were when she began college as a student at ANC. Her other interests include writing, reading, and tinkering with computers.



ANTITHESIS ART SHOW



"Antithesis," an art show by artist Gregory Allen Smith, opened November 9, 2017 in the Adams/Vines Gallery located on Arkansas Northeastern College's main campus in Blytheville, AR. Smith is an artist living in Memphis. He completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts from the University of Memphis in Ceramics and continues to create new worlds and organisms using ceramics and sculpture as his tools. "Antithesis" was on display in the Gallery throughout the month of November.



HAAS Manufacturing Sponsors Scholarships



ANC celebrated Manufacturing Day on October 6, 2017. HAAS Manufacturing sponsored five \$500 scholarships for Allied Technologies students majoring in a manufacturing field such as Steel Industry Technology and Advanced Manufacturing. Upon successful completion of the progression of their courses these students will obtain a Certificate of Proficiency in General Industrial Technology, Industrial Electrical Systems, or Advanced Manufacturing. Scholarship recipients pictured above are (L-R) Seth Wyatt, Jerry Marshall, Devon Payne, James Foster, and Samuel Spurlin.

Southworth Employees Complete Training



Approximately 15 employees from Southworth Products in Manila, AR completed a forty-two (42) hour customized college credit Basic Electricity course with ANC Solutions Group instructor Steve Crosskno. This training provided Southworth employees with the chance to earn college credit and increase their skill level in the industrial electrical area. The Great River Economic Development Foundation and Office of Skills Development grant together paid 75% of the total cost of training.

CIS Students Design Computer Networking Lab



The Arkansas Northeastern College Computer Information Systems students designed and built the first Computer Networking lab under the guidance of CIS Instructor, Joseph Jones. The lab provides students with a hands-on environment to practice interfacing multiple computing devices with each other for the sharing of data and resources attached to the network.

Students can practice configuring special purpose communication devices including Wi-Fi routers, network switches, workstations, network interface cards, service operating systems, and network cabling. The lab is instrumental in aiding the students with their understanding of the types of computer networks used in large and small organizations.

CIS Students Tour Nucor

On October 20th, ANC's Computer Information Systems students and instructor, Joseph Jones, took part in an eye-opening industry tour of Nucor-Yamato Steel. The private tour showcased Nucor's advanced information technology, steel technology, and drone usage.

The information technology staff at Nucor-Yamato Steel were instrumental in answering questions from ANC students about their work, educational preparation, and career passions. The company has been a wonderful asset to ANC by generating consistent internship opportunities for Arkansas Northeastern College students.



ANC TECH CENTER HOLDS ITS 3RD YOUNG MANUFACTURERS ACADEMY



The ANC Technical Center partnered with Tenaris, Nucor-Yamato, Nucor-Hickman, Osceola High School and DENSO to hold its 3rd Young Manufacturers Academy. Friday, participants from 7 different school districts learned about team building, material science, internships, and other important aspects of manufacturing through hands-on activities. They spent Saturday morning touring DENSO and discussing lean manufacturing, and finished Saturday afternoon with a robotics competition. As always, thanks to our industry partners for the support!



Peak Performance U Held at Burdette



Paul Vitale spent the day at the ANC Technical Center on Arkansas Northeastern College's Burdette campus talking to students about his Peak Performance U curriculum, and about the importance of professionalism in general. Professionalism accounts for 20% of every Technical Center student's grade, and we appreciate Paul Vitale for supporting us in this effort!

For more information about the ANC Tech Center, contact Assistant Director Michelle Bennett at mbennett@smail.anc.edu or call 870-780-1200.

Student Focus Groups Meet with ANC President



ANC President Dr. James Shemwell continued his tradition of hosting several "Focus Group Meetings" with students during the month of November. Participating students either volunteered or were nominated by faculty members. Students represented all different academic areas of the college: Nursing and Allied Health, Allied Technologies, Arts and Sciences, and Online. Dr. Shemwell uses these meetings to learn the thoughts of the ANC student body regarding their level of satisfaction with the College and possible recommendations they have for improvement. Hearing about the ANC college experience from the students has become an invaluable tool for the College in meeting student needs. Student Success is a focus for the Arkansas Northeastern College and these meetings give Dr. Shemwell the opportunity to hear directly from the students.

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GATHERING AT THE Grange

Wilson
Gardens

Thursday, November 2, 2017, marked the 29th year for the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation annual fundraising dinner. Approximately 200 people attended the ANC Foundation "Gathering at the Grange" Harvest Party held in the Grange located at the Wilson Gardens. Participants enjoyed a lovely evening of great food and live music, provided by the Charles Moody Band, while having the opportunity to bid on wonderful prizes donated by local business, industry and individuals. In addition to a live auction, many people won donated door prizes.

"It was a relaxed, fun event and we appreciate so much the generous donors who gave so many wonderful items for the party. Certainly, we couldn't have this event without their support," said Rachel Gifford, ANC Foundation Executive Director. "We are still finalizing the numbers, but we expect to make in excess of \$16,000 this year - all for the benefit of ANC students. It is nice to see such support for Arkansas Northeastern College from our local communities."

Gifford remarked that the staff at the Grange was very accommodating and friendly, and praised Big Butts BBQ and the Wilson Café for the wonderful meal and desserts that they provided.

"We had a wonderful planning committee this year. We brought in volunteers from all over the county and I really appreciate the work they did to make our Gathering at the Grange Harvest Party the success that it was," added Gifford.



Thank you to all donors and volunteers!

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Tournament



Twenty-six six-person teams filled the greens of the Blytheville Country Club for the 27th Annual ANC Foundation/Yamato Kogyo Company Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, September 18, 2017.

With beautiful weather and a large crowd, golfers enjoyed a nice day of golf while helping a worthwhile cause. Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of the Yamato Kogyo Company, Ltd., joined participants from across the world for the international event which offered both a hamburger bar and a sushi bar for lunch. Following play, Mr. Inoue presented ANC President Dr. James Shemwell with a check for \$20,000 toward the Yamato Kogyo Scholarship Fund at Arkansas Northeastern College.

"We are so fortunate to have the support of Mr. Inoue and the Yamato Kogyo Company," said Rachel Gifford, Executive Director of the ANC Foundation. Since its inception, this tournament has raised more than \$500,000 for student scholarships to Arkansas Northeastern College.

"Mr. Inoue and the Yamato Kogyo Company continue to promote friendship and cooperation between cultures while providing wonderful educational and enrichment opportunities for our students. Arkansas Northeastern College and this area are fortunate to have such a friend," said ANC President Dr. James Shemwell.



Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of Yamato Kogyo Company, Ltd., presents the ANC Foundation a check for \$20,000. Pictured (L-R) are ANC President Dr. James Shemwell, Lewis Walters, Gaylon Rogers, David Burnett, Bill Kenner, Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, and Tetsuro Mashima.



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