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## Spring 2013 Academic Calendar

January 8 - Main Registration Osceola  
January 9-10 - Main Registration Blytheville  
January 10 - Main Registration Leachville / Paragould  
January 14 - Spring 2013 Classes Begin  
January 15 - Registration Ends - Day Classes  
January 17 - Registration Ends - Evening/INET Classes  
Last Day to Declare Audit Status  
January 21 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - COLLEGE CLOSED  
February 18 - President's Day - COLLEGE CLOSED  
March 18-22 - Spring Break - Students  
March 22 - Spring Break - COLLEGE CLOSED  
March 29 - Good Friday - COLLEGE CLOSED  
April 15-19 - Early Summer & Fall 2013 Registration  
April 19 - Last Day to withdraw  
May 7, 8 - Last Day of Spring 2013 Classes T/Th, M/W  
May 9, 13-15 - Final Exams Spring 2013  
May 17 - Graduation

## Summer 2013 Academic Calendar

I = June and 8-Week Day, Evening, and INET, II = July Day Classes  
April 15-18 - Early Summer I & II Registration  
May 30 - Main Summer I Registration  
June 3 - Summer I Classes Begin; Late Summer I Registration  
June 4 - Summer I Registration Ends - Day, Evening & INET Classes  
June 4 - Last Day to Declare Audit Status (Summer I)  
June 21 - Last Day to Withdraw Summer I Day Classes  
July 19 - Last Day to Withdraw Summer I Evening & INET Classes  
July 2 - Main Summer II 2013 Registration  
July 8 - Summer II Classes Begin  
July 9 - Late Summer II Registration Ends - Day Classes  
July 9 - Last Day to Declare Audit Status (Summer II)  
July 19 - Last Day to Withdraw Summer II Classes  
June 26 - Last Day of Summer I Day Classes  
June 27 - Final Exams Summer I Day Classes  
July 23, 24 - Last Day of Summer I Evening & INET T/Th, M/W  
July 25, 29 - Final Exams Summer I Evening & INET T/Th, M/W  
July 31 - Last Day of Summer II Classes  
August 1 - Final Exams Summer II Classes



# ANC University Center Brings Higher Ed Options Closer to Home

Arkansas Northeastern College offers a wide variety of educational programs, whether students are looking for education to make them career ready or a general education degree to transfer to a four-year institution. However, those with educational goals beyond an associate's degree may feel that the opportunity is hindered, even prevented, by the barriers of distance, work, or personal responsibilities. The ANC University Center breaks down those barriers.

The University Center is a formal collaboration between ANC and accredited four-year universities which allows them to offer their bachelor and master degrees. Classes are held either via compressed video on the ANC Blytheville main campus or online.

For the compressed video, ANC houses the technology and classroom space that is utilized by the universities in the delivery of their degree programs. Classrooms are available for traditional classroom concept with an instructor on the site or compressed video method. This method is equipped with compressed video labs and interactive television monitors, allowing student at the ANC campus to communicate with an instructor and students located at the host site. To accommodate students, classes are held during both day and evening of each semester.

For online courses and degrees, students simply need computer and internet access.

Upon completion, the student earns the degree from the university offering the program in which the student is enrolled.

University Center Coordinator Candice Blankenship is a past UC student and graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Business Administration program at Arkansas State University. She then continued to earn her Master of Science in Education with an emphasis in Business Technology. She started as a part-time secretary in the University Center, then full-time, before being promoted to her current position. As a non-traditional student trying to balance school and work, Blankenship knows first-hand how difficult it can be to pursue your goals. She reflects, "if the University Center did not exist, I do not know what my life would have become." As Coordinator, she wishes to give guidance and helpful information to aid students, just like herself, work towards their higher degrees.



Candice Blankenship, ANC  
University Center Coordinator

Currently, the following degree programs are available from the following universities through the ANC University Center:



## Arkansas State University

**Bachelor's Degrees:** B.S.E. Elementary Education, B.S.E. Mid-Level Education; B.S.A. Business Administration; B.A. Criminology; B.A. Sociology; B.A.S. Applied Science; B.S. Technology Management

**Master's Degree:** Educational Leadership; Curriculum & Development



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## University of Arkansas

**Master of Science:** Operations Management



## University of Arkansas Fort Smith

**Bachelor's Degrees:** Information Technology; Applied Science



## Franklin University

**Bachelor of Science:** Accounting; Allied Health Care Management; Applied Management; Applied Psychology; Business Administration; Business Forensics; Communications; Computer Science; Criminal Justice Administration; E Marketing; Economics; Financial Management; Financial Planning; Forensic Accounting; Health Care Information Systems Management; Health Care Management; Human Resource Management; Information Technology; Information Security; Interactive Media Design; Interdisciplinary Studies; Business Management; Management Information Sciences; Marketing; Operations and Supply Chain Management; Public Relations; Public Safety Management; Safety, Security, and Emergency Management; Web Development



Victory University

## Victory University

**Bachelor of Science:** Allied Health Sciences; Biology; Business Administration; Christian Ministry; Christian Psychology; Education; Organizational Management; Pre-Law

**Bachelor of Arts:** English; History; Interdisciplinary Studies; Liberal Studies

**Master of Science:** Professional Counseling

The universities offering degrees through the University Center are accredited, so federal financial aid options are available. Advisors for financial aid are available to assist with aid and scholarships.

For further information about the ANC University Center, visit [www.anc.edu/universitycenter](http://www.anc.edu/universitycenter) or contact Coordinator Candice Blankenship at [cblankenship@smail.anc.edu](mailto:cblankenship@smail.anc.edu) or (870) 762-3137.

## ANC Outstanding Student, Alumna, Instructor, and Staff honored by AATYC

Four members of the ANC family were honored at the 2012 annual conference of the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges, held in October in Hot Springs. Those recognized were (clockwise from top left): Academic All-Star Mallorie Deaton;

Outstanding Alumni Christie Patterson; Outstanding Staff Ammi Tucker; and Outstanding Faculty Lance Morris. Each was presented a plaque by Ed Franklin, Executive Director of AATYC, commemorating their awards.



## ANC Foundation Fall 2012 Scholarship Recipients

**Jeanetta Briggs Memorial:** Aleshia Cody, Christopher Hickingbottom. **Dr. Charles C. & Carolyn Brock:** Michael (Brad) Bramucci. **Drs. Tommy & Mabelee Carney:** Kara Read. **Sharon Wingo Churchill:** Thomas Bennett, Lacey Grammer. **Cohen:** Amber Manley, Andrew Stewart. **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial:** Sarah Boling, Skyler Matheny, Rebekah Nogle, Jessica Russell. **Delta Kappa Gamma:** Rachael Larow. **Lindsey Ohlendorf Fairley:** Jade Gonzalez. **Dr. Eldon Fairley & Dr. John Williams:** Michael (Brad) Bramucci. **Jim Grimes Memorial:** Amanda Ellis, Meagan Ramirez. **L.D. & Reddie Harris:** Tyrone Pope. **Cecil H. Holifield:** Courtney Luttrull, Kristen Metheny. **Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary:** Jewelia Perkins. **Paul C. Hughes:** Ryan Redditt. **Johnston Memorial:** Amber Capaul. **Newcomb Memorial:** Chandlor Kenmore, Michael Shedd. **Nursing Endowment:** Amber Stevens, James Bates, Jordan Edwards.

**Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial:** Catherine Nwora. **Sims Family Memorial:** Bridget Myrick. **Wayne Taylor Memorial:** Bailee Griffin, Katelyn Watkins. **Temple Israel:** Amber Manley, Bridget Myrick, Lindsey Treece. **George Moore & Nancy McCauley Trimue:** Kaitlyn Adams, Enedina Aguilar, Tyler Banks, Bud Batchelor, Pam Batchelor, Chris Brasher, Sally Bridges, Janecia Brown, Brandon Bryan, Rosalind Burton, Hillary Canada, Carolyn Clark, Rachel Cole, Dominique Coleman, Julia Collins, Dewayne Covington, Carol Davis, Tanner Ellis, Caala Fagan, Kayla Fultz, Kaylor Gann, Chasity Garrett, Jamie Goss, Allison Hall, Roslyn Harris, Claire Hastings, Samantha Hayes, Casey Hester, Kristi Hopper, Nicholas Huffman, Detra Jackson, Caresse James, Khadijah Jenkins, Amanda Johnson, Kalesha Johnson, Misty Johnson, Danita Johnston, Trala Jones, Lisa Lancaster, Sharon Lewis, Garrett Logan, Pam Love, Hollie Luff, Timothy

Martin, Katie Master, Brittany Mathis, Jessica Mays, Steven McAlister, Kristi McElhone, Zach Morehead, Maggie Morgan, Kelley Philbrook, Kelsie Pillow, Adrianna Prince, Kaylynn Razor, Preniecisa Rogers, Brittany Smith, Brooke Smith, Lindsey Smith, Gwendolyn Sorrells, Deborah Thomas, Chase Tippy, Kelvin Tisdell, Jr, Charles Travis, Rosie Vance, Kelsey Victory, Blake Wallace, Paula Watts, Elizabeth Williams, Robert Williams. **Hoskins-Whitener:** Sarah Boling, Dayton Jones. **Yamato-Kogyo:** Ashley Bowman, Shana Bradley, Joyce Carter, Phillip Cassidy, Candace Crocker, Melinda Dillon, Katherine Faulkner, Mary Fisher, James Gillean, Nicole Granger, Keith Hensley, Matthew Hinklin, Ethan Hurst, Dayton Jones, Julie Martin, Donatus Mbonu, Ursula Nicley, Debra Orr, Trevor Orr, Mercadies Payne, Lauren Rose, Casey Simmons, Takoyia Stewart, Lindsey Treece, Devan Ward, Hunter Williams, Margaret Wilson



## Gamma Beta Phi Fall Welcomes New Membership Class for 2012

New members for the Arkansas Northeastern College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi were inducted into the honor society on Sunday, November 18, 2011. The ceremony was held in the Governors Ballroom at Statehouse Hall. The new members of Gamma Beta Phi are: Delores G. Adams, Kiara C. Brown, Katrina c. Bryant, Amber Capaul, Mona DeDamp, Gabriela O’Fathaigh, Doruntina Redzepi, Jeany L. Reynolds, Micah Thompson, Timothy P. Tucker, and Amy L. Young.

Gamma Bets 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.



June Walters, ANC Interim President & GBP Induction Guest Speaker

Jewelina Perkins, chapter president, gave greetings to family, friends and special guests in attendance 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.

Tonya Harris, ANC Gamma Beta Phi Chapter Advisor, then installed the Gamma Beta Phi Officers for 2012-2013. They are: Jewelina Perkins, President; Kimberly Ings, Points Secretary; Maggie Morgan, Historian; and Mona DeCamp, Media Coordinator. At the members meeting following Induction, Katrina Bryant was appointed Vice President of Gamma Beta Phi.

Harris then introduced the Fall Induction guest speaker Mrs. June Walters, ANC Interim President. Walters congratulated the new members for being invited to join the award winning chapter, telling them that they would get out of Gamma Beta Phi what they put into it. Walters then talked about ten principles to live your life by, which were: be willing to pay the price, be self disciplined, set goals, learn to get along with others, be a dreamer, take risks and don’t be afraid to fail, stay

informed, do the right thing, have fun, and be somebody’s hero. She closed by reading a quote from the book *All I Really Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten*.

Perkins, assisted by Maggie Morgan, inducted the new members for Gamma Beta Phi. Harris then gave the membership pledge. The new members received a certificate, a membership card, and GBP decals. Following the induction ceremony, refreshments were served and members attended a short meeting.

Gamma Beta Phi is a service-oriented national honor society for students in colleges and universities across the nation. Membership is invitation only for those who meet the criteria, which include a GPA of at least 3.4. Opportunities include serving on committees, helping with functions, projects, social activities, conventions, and much more. For more information about GBP, contact Tonya Harris at [tharris@smail.anc.edu](mailto:tharris@smail.anc.edu).



ANC Gamma Beta Phi new members 2012. Back, L to R: Kiara C. Brown, Amber Capaul, Gabriela O’Fathaigh, Jeany L. Reynolds, Timothy P. Tucker, and Amy Young. Front, L to R: Delores G Adams, Katrina C. Bryant, and Mona DeCamp. Not Pictured: Doruntina Redzepi and Micah Thompson.

## Secondary Center Students Compete, Place In Robotics Competition



Students from the ANC Secondary Center recently competed in the BEST Robotics Competition, held at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.

Advanced Manufacturing Instructor Brandon Malone traveled with the group of students who competed in the competition. They were given only a problem and a box of parts, and had six weeks to design and build a working robot. Along with building the robot, they also had to complete an engineering notebook.

The ANC team placed third in the robotics portion of the competition and also received the Top Gun award, which is given to the team with the most points in a single round.

The students also recently competed in the Regional BEST Robotics competition at University of Arkansas Fort Smith.

Secondary Center Robotics Team, L to R: Ebony Webb, Matthew Barnes, Deiondre Gunby, Alyssa Battles, Demarcus Williams, and Stephen Hughes.



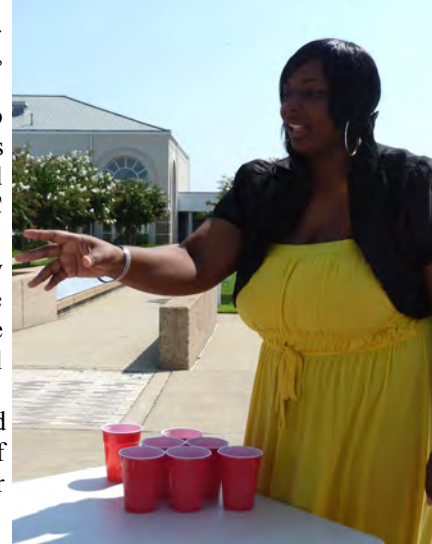
# Student Ambassadors Keep Campus Exciting with Fun Activities

ANC Student Ambassadors have held many exciting and engaging events for students this semester. They kicked off semester activities in September, where several contests welcomed friendly competition, including pickle pong, bean bag toss, horse, and a slam dunk competition.

Student Appreciation week took place in early October, where students were not only able to enjoy several activities, but also a variety of carnival-style foods. One of the more popular attractions was the National Guard's rock climbing wall, which provided a challenge for many students and employees. A costume contest was held on Halloween and several students won prizes and/or ANC tee shirts.

The activities offered were more than just fun and games. In September, a voter registration day was held and, in October, students were challenged to trivia for Constitution Day. Two days were also reserved at the end of October to honor Breast Cancer Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness Months. Red Ribbon Week was also celebrated with the National Guard bringing pedal cars and "drunk goggles" for students to realize the risks of driving while intoxicated.

To finish the year, the ambassadors placed several trees around campus to represent each of the charities student clubs have chosen to sponsor during the holiday season.



Clockwise from top right: Student participates in Pickle Pong competition; The guys testing out the National Guard pedal cars; Students enjoy Appreciation Week activities, which included inflatable houses and slides, carnival food, and silly fun with friends; Pickle Pong winner Jamal Owens with ambassadors Chandlor Sullivan, Morgan Owens, and Samantha Hayes; A large group of participants turned out for the annual Halloween costume contest.



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## Volleyball Team Takes The Trophy



ANC's intramural volleyball team came in first place at the ASU intramural volleyball tournament on November 14, 2012. Pictured with their trophy are: Back, L to R - Mercadies Payne, Jodi Young, Kelly Bolding; Front, L to R - Kelsey Smothers, Jessica Mott, Chelsea Williams. Not Pictured McKenzie Ramsdell.

Girls' volleyball is one of many fall intramural activities at ANC. The team is under the direction of Matt McCord, Health, Physical Education, & Recreation instructor.

An intramural volleyball jamboree was held at ANC on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, where teams from Phillips Community College and Mid-South Community College were in attendance.

ANC's team then went to Arkansas State University's intramural volleyball tournament on November 14, where they won first place.

For more information about intramural volleyball or other intramural sports, contact Matt McCord at [mmccord@smail.anc.edu](mailto:mmccord@smail.anc.edu).

## Flag Football Draws Many Students

Every year, flag football is one of the most popular intramural sports at ANC, drawing over 20 participants this year. The team played games and practiced two days per week in the afternoons on the front lawn of the college campus.

ANC played at Mid-South Community College in West Memphis several times through the semester, with the season culminating in a regional tournament held at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro.



ANC intramural football team. Back, L to R: Michael Williams/MGR, Brandon Carnal, Laine Rounsaville, John Diamond/Coach. Front, L to R: Ervin Torres, Lerverne Reed, Aaron Yankaway, Kevin Hopkins, Josh Wilson, Keontray Wilkerson, Travis Bickers. Not pictured: Matt McCord/Intramural Director/Coach.

## Daily Intramural Offerings Give Students Fun, Healthy Activities

Though the ANC intramural team sports have great, dedicated participation, some students' schedules or other responsibilities may prevent them from participating in a team sport. This semester, HPER instructor and intramural sports coordinator Matt McCord brought a long-thought idea to life with much success.

As an alternative to team sports, McCord introduced daily intramural activities for students. These activities didn't require signing up in advance, attending practices, or any other commitment. Instead, the activities were offered at different times of day on dif-

ferent days of the week, normally around lunch time, to be available for students' differing schedules.

Activities included a wide range of options, including ultimate frisbee, dodge ball, table tennis, basketball, waffle ball, and more. Though many of the regulars often participated in multiple events, there was also a large number of students that stopped by on a whim to play their favorite games. Based on the smiles and laughter, it was evident that those involved enjoyed the break from the classroom, and the physical activity promoted both health and fun.





## Advisory Council Links College with Local Workforce Leaders

The ANC Business and Technical Division annual advisory council breakfast "Together We Make a Difference" was held Friday, November 9, 2012, on the ANC Blytheville campus. Thirty-five community leaders, Business and Technical Division members, and ANC staff members were in attendance.

Following the breakfast and welcoming remarks, ANC Dean of Arts & Sciences Deborah Parker spoke regarding the newly implemented FastTrack program for mathematics. Attendees then participated in program break-out meetings to discuss best practices and ways to ensure that current ANC degree plans align with area workforce needs in one of four areas: Computer Information Systems, Business Technology, Office Technology, and Criminal Justice.

For more information about the Advisory Council, contact ANC's Business & Technical Division Chair Robin Singleton at [rsingleton@smail.anc.edu](mailto:rsingleton@smail.anc.edu).



## ANC Choirs Keep Music in the Air

ANC's Department of Music held two presentations this semester. 'Musical Majesty' was held on Sunday, October 28, at the First United Methodist Church. Groups featured were the ANC Concert Singers, Women's Chorale, Chamber Singers, Opera Workshop, and the ANC Community Choir. The concert focused on the majestic side of music, including Pergolesi's The Magnificat. Other music featured included works by composers Purcell, Copland, and Rutter, as well as pieces from royal occasions.

On Sunday, December 2, the group presented a community tradition, "A Festival of Lessons and Carols," at the First Baptist Church. The performing groups included the ANC Concert Singers, Women's Chorale, Chamber Singers, and Community Choir, and many community and college leaders served as readers.

The following day, the ANC Concert singers headed to Little Rock for an invitational performance at the State Capitol in Little Rock as part of "The Capitol at Christmas." The music of Christmas will flow through the halls of the Capitol during the weeks of December 3-14, 2012. About 150 school choirs and dance troupes performed in the Capitol rotunda each weekday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. It was a highlight of the season for the performers and State Capitol staff members, as well as the many family members who also made the trip to Little Rock. ANC was the only two-year college in the state to participate.

For more information about the ANC Music Department, contact Keith Hearnberger at [khearnberger@smail.anc.edu](mailto:khearnberger@smail.anc.edu).



Keith Hearnberger directs during "A Festival of Lessons & Carols"

## CDA Celebrates Native American Heritage

Arkansas Northeastern College's Cultural Diversity Association proudly presented a celebration of Native American heritage on November 27 and 28, 2012. The two-day event highlighted Native American communities and culture through display tables, documentary video, and samples of authentic recipes.

For questions or more information, contact Scott Simpson, Cultural Diversity Association Sponsor, at 870-762-3150 or [ssimpson@smail.anc.edu](mailto:ssimpson@smail.anc.edu).



ANC Concert Singers perform at the State Capitol in Little Rock.

Photo from Secretary of State Mark Martin. For more pictures, visit [www.sos.arkansas.gov](http://www.sos.arkansas.gov)





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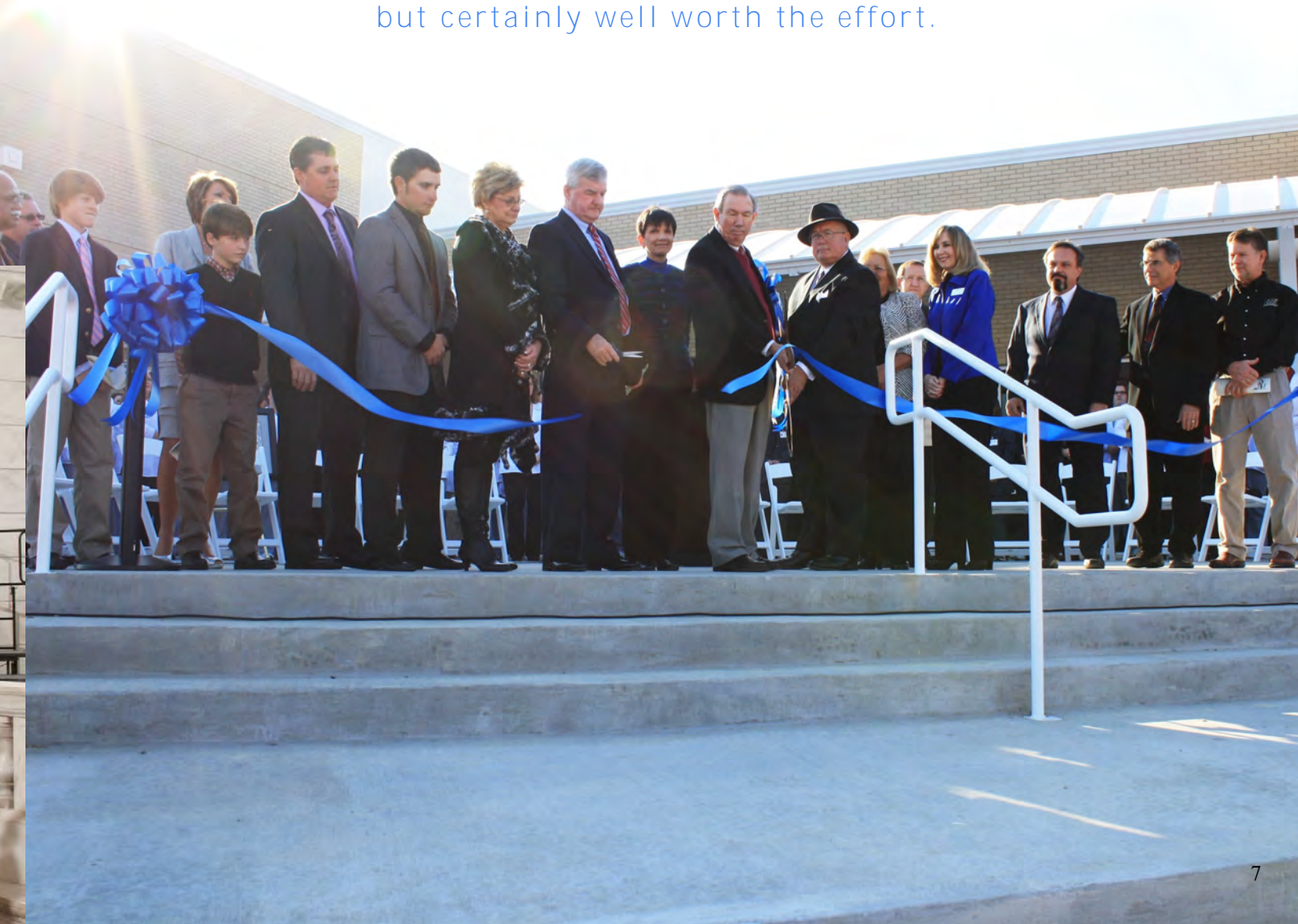
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The new Angela Wren Nursing and Allied Health Center at Arkansas Northeastern College is a magnificent facility that has been much needed and long awaited.

The journey has been a long one, but certainly well worth the effort.





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ore than 200 people came to Arkansas Northeastern College on Tuesday, November 20, 2012, as the College dedicated its newest facility—the Angela Wren Nursing and Allied Health Center.

After years of managing limited space, the dream of constructing a building specially designed for the nursing and allied health programs began to take shape in 2008. ANC Dean of Nursing, Allied Health, and HPER, Brenda Holifield and her faculty visited other campuses, researched ideal facilities, prepared a “wish list” of the spaces they needed complete with detailed sketches and dimensions. They were ready for the architect to get to work and translate their dreams into reality.

Then in 2009, a donor came forward from the community and expressed a desire to be a part of this dream. With a very personal and special love for health care and health care professionals, Dwight and Diane Wren began making contributions to this building fund through the ANC Foundation in memory of their daughter. As a result of their generosity and commitment to health care in this county, the “Angela Wren Nursing and Allied Health Center” became a reality. The facility is named for the Wren’s daughter, Angie, who was a practicing health care professional until her death in December, 2005. Because of their vision for the future of health care in our region, the College was able to fill this building with the very best in furnishings and equipment including state of the art technology to be used by faculty to prepare their students.

“This level of quality in terms of not only the facility but the technology and instructional aids was made possible because of their gift. The College administration, faculty, staff and students owe a debt of gratitude to the Wren family,” said ANC Interim President June Walters.

The Angela Wren Nursing & Allied Health Center is a model for high-tech healthcare education. This nearly 30,000 square foot facility represents the pinnacle of excellence in its design, its construction, its equipment, and its usability. Included in the building are: five simulated clinical laboratories, a computer Laboratory with 24 student stations, three lecture halls, four general purpose classrooms, 14 faculty offices, a conference room, a faculty work room, a student lounge, and ample storage space for supplies and equipment.

“We feel so fortunate to have this facility available for our students and our instructors. We are able to do so much more to prepare our students for the healthcare field, and the Angela Wren Nursing & Allied Health Center is a model facility for this region,” said Holifield.

“This was a wonderful day for a dedication ceremony,” said Rachel Gifford, Executive Director of the ANC Foundation. “It was a moving experience the see the Wren family sit in front of the extraordinary building they helped make possible. Even the weather was perfect. It was as if, for the day, Angie sent a little of her beauty our way.”



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Photo by Construction Network, Inc.









Plaque inscription: "This building is dedicated in memory of Angela 'Angie' Wren, who worked in the healthcare profession until her untimely death in December 2005. With warmth and compassion, Angie cared for patients, bringing them comfort through her sincere dedication. Those who saw Angie saw her beauty. Those who knew her felt it.  
This building is a tribute to the life of Angie Wren: a life full of love and compassion that was exhibited throughout her career and through her devotion to her children, Tyler and Sydney; a life that promoted caring for others; a life worthy of imitation by those who grace these halls.  
Angie's desire to serve others through her work in the healthcare field was tragically cut short, but her memory and spirit will forever be a part of the students who are and will continue to be served through this wonderful facility dedicated in her memory."





## LSO Supports Many Local Causes

The Lifeline Student Outreach club had several goals for the semester, as well as ongoing initiatives.

The club has been made aware of NEAT (North East Arkansas Transit), a resource which provides transportation for a minimal fee to anyone in Mississippi, Craighead, Crittenden, Cross, Poinsett and St. Francis Counties in Arkansas. They hope to make this information available to ANC students and others in the community.

They were also informed about H.I.S. Ministry, which helps individuals with educational, physical, or spiritual needs. They have a goal to embrace this ministry and be an extended hand for them, both during the holidays and throughout the year.

As a community service and campus project, LSO decorated a tree, located in the A-Concourse, to introduce the ministry and its many outreaches, which include: Warm Hugs (blankets and portable heaters), Heart 'n Sole (shoes), Sweet Dreams (beds and bedding), Senior Connection (food delivery to senior citizens), and Critical Care (prayer blankets for seriously/terminally ill).

For more information about the Lifeline Student Outreach Club, contact sponsor LeAnna Turner at lturner@smail.anc.edu.

## Future Educators Food Drive

The Future Educators of Association chapter at the ANC Secondary Center put together a food drive for the local food bank. Each of Kim Hart's education classes competed to see who could collect the most canned goods, with the winning class being awarded with a pizza party. The program collected over 100 items, which the students delivered to the food bank.

For more information about Future Educators Association, contact Hart at khart@smail.anc.edu.

## GPB Donates to Heavenly Hats

Gamma Beta Phi members donated 68 new hats to the Heavenly Hats Foundation for cancer patients, an ongoing service project for the club. Members collected the hats through out the 2011-2012 school year.

GPB members Kiara Brown and Jewelina Perkins with a box of donations for Heavenly Hats.



## GPB, TAC "Bookin' with the Chamber"

Gamma Beta Phi has partnered with the Arts Council of Mississippi County (TAC) to read to Mrs. Heather Ward's class at the Blytheville Primary School for the 2012-2013 school year. This is part of the Greater Blytheville Area Chamber of Commerce's "Bookin' with the Chamber" reading program. Gamma Beta Phi and Arts Council members started in October reading to Mrs. Ward's class. Both GPB and TAC want to help promote education and volunteerism within our community. In addition to donating their time to the children are donating books that they read to the class and are giving each child in the class a story book for Christmas.

Mrs. Ward's second grade class and Ambrosia Jablonski, ACE class, Mrs. Ward, Kiara Brown, GPB, and Jamilya Hooks, GPB



## GPB Volunteers at the Haunted Theater

ANC Student members of the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society volunteered a total of 45 hours at the Ritz Haunted Theater. This is an annual fundraiser event sponsored by the Arts Council of Mississippi County to help fund the many activities of the Arts Council in promoting the arts in Mississippi County. GPB members who volunteered included Delores Adams, Kiara Brown, Katrina Bryant, Amber Capaul, Jamilya Hooks, Gabby O'Fathaigh, Jeany Reynolds, and Amy Young.

## Several ANC Student Clubs Volunteer at United Way Chili Cook-Off

Numerous students and staff from ANC volunteered their time to work the Kids Block at the United Way Chili Cook-Off, which was held in downtown Blytheville on October 20, 2012. ANC student organization volunteers included the ACE club, Gamma

Beta Phi, Lifeline outreach, the Cultural Diversity club, Life Savers, the Nursing clubs, and the Dental Assisting club. Volunteers manned stations and organized games and activities.

Among the student clubs were Lifeline Student Outreach and Gamma Beta Phi.





## Student Clubs Hold New Toy Drive

In November, members of the ANC Student Organizations collected a generous amount of donated new toys for Ingite, a group that helps make the holidays brighter for area children in need. Clubs that participated in the drive were the Ace Club, the Cultural Diversity Club, the Gamma Beta Phi Honor Society, the Lifeline Student Outreach, the Student Nurses Association, and the Student Practical Nurse Club.

L to R: Johnny Moore of Lifeline Student Outreach, Tonya Harris of Gamma Beta Phi, and Tiffany Cairnest of ACE stand with an overflowing table of toys for Ingite.



## Spooktacular Day of Fun



The ANC Leachville center held a Trick-Or-Treat day for BIC East Elementary, where nearly 300 children came by in costumes.

## GBP Donates Goods to The Haven

Gamma Beta Phi sponsored a campus-wide drive in October to collect items for the Haven in support of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month. They collected a variety of household and cleaning supplies for the organization. GBP would like to recognize new member Timothy Tucker who received a \$100 donation from his employer, Viskase in Osceola, to purchase items for the cause. Gamma Beta Phi would like to thank everyone who donated items.

The Haven in Blytheville is the area's only outreach provider of shelter and assistance to women and their children who are victims of domestic abuse. For more information about the Haven call (870) 532-6669 or visit their website [www.thehavenofneainc.org](http://www.thehavenofneainc.org). The 24 hour crisis hotline number is 1-800-474-1064.

L to R: ANC Employee & Haven supporter Emily Hay, GBP member Amy Young, and GBP Sponsor Tonya Harris stand with the collected donations.



## LifeSavers Support Local Mission

ANC's LifeSavers Club delivered donations to the Mississippi County Missions on Thursday, December 6. The Mission provides shelter for the homeless, as well as food and other items to individuals in need.

For more information about the Mississippi County Mission, visit [www.mcunionmission.org](http://www.mcunionmission.org). For more information about the LifeSavers Club, contact sponsor Johnny Moore at [jmoore@smail.anc.edu](mailto:jmoore@smail.anc.edu).

L to R: LifeSavers Club members Angelina Sickels and Malerie Ferguson.





## Secondary Center Assistant Director Participates in St. Jude Marathon

Angie Dixon, Assistant Director at the ANC Secondary Center in Burdette, recently participated in the St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend, which was held on December 1, 2012.

She first ran in the half marathon last year and recalls, "It was one of the most amazing experiences." This year, she decided to become a St. Jude Hero and help raise money for the children of the hospital. Dixon's fundraising goal of \$500 was easily met and exceeded. She raised a total of \$610 for the organization.

The St. Jude Memphis Marathon Weekend raises money through the St. Jude Heroes program. This year, a record 18,500 registrants, 7,100 of which were St. Jude Heroes, joined the fight against childhood cancer by raising more than \$5.7 million for the kids of St. Jude.



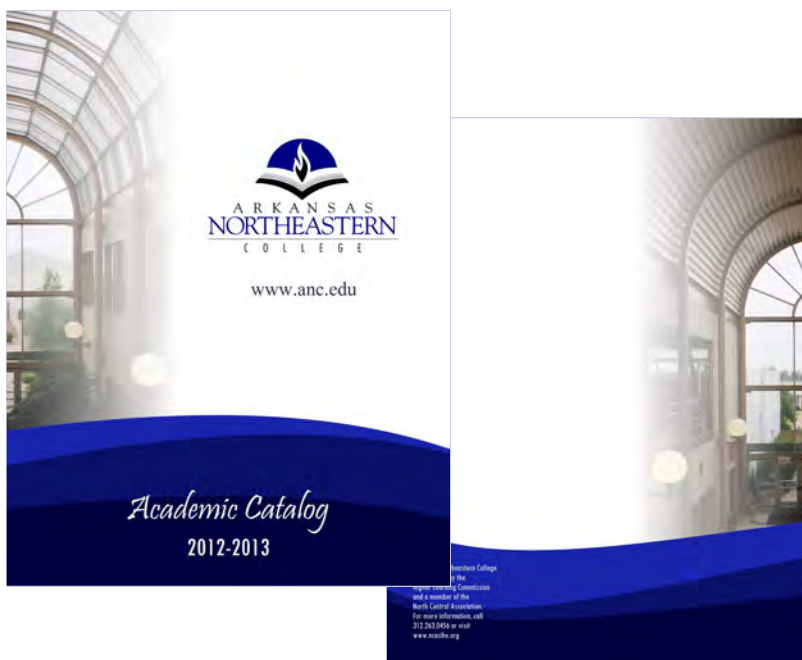
Angie Dixon, Secondary Center Counselor/Recruiter and St. Jude supporter.

## ANC Catalog Wins Award

In October, the ANC Marketing Department was recognized as the 2012 Bronze Winner in the Division B Academic Catalog category of the National Council For Marketing & Public Relations District Four Medallion Awards.

The NCMPR District Four Medallion Awards recognize outstanding achievement in communications at community and technical colleges in District Four. It's the only regional competition of its kind that honors excellence exclusively among marketing and PR professionals at two-year colleges. This year's winners were announced at the District Four conference in Little Rock.

A digital version of the catalog is available at [www.anc.edu/catalog](http://www.anc.edu/catalog).



## Local Business Donates Heat Pump System to HVAC Program



Jacky Skelton, ANC HVAC/R Instructor, unloads the donated heat pump system.

In August, HVAC/R instructor Jacky Skelton was met with a pleasant surprise. A phone call from Greg Britt of WinNelson Supply of Blytheville explained that a complete two-ton heat pump system was being donated to the program.

This system has since been used by instructors to help give students more opportunities for hands-on learning.

Special thanks to WinNelson for the generous donation as well as to Greg Britt and all the employees who continue to support ANC and this program.

## TRiO Programs Attend Conferences

Members from the ANC TRiO programs attended the National Educational Opportunity Center Association (NEOCA) annual conference on September 4, 2012, and the Council for Opportunity in Education (COE) annual national conference September 5-8, 2012, in New York, NY. TRiO personnel who attended included Tonya Harris, Director ETS and EOC; Denese Bogard, Nancy Fergus, and Pat Vail with Educational Opportunity Center; Kathy Fincher and Mary Ann Garren with Educational Talent Search; and Lisa McGhee, Leslie Lewis, and Trina Anderson with Student Support Services.

The group attended various professional development workshops for their programs, hot topic seminars, governmental relations updates, plenary sessions, TRiO Achievers and awards banquets, and Department of Education training sessions. They also visited some of the sights of New York, including the Brooklyn Bridge and the Statue of Liberty.

On October 9, 2012, Harris and Fergus attended the Arkansas Association of Student Assistance Programs (AASAP) annual conference in Little Rock, AR. They attended the AASAP business meetings, plenary sessions, the TRiO Achievers banquet, and various workshops including a presentation by the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.



# Yamato Kogyo/ANC Foundation Golf Tournament Breaks \$400,000

The Yamato Kogyo Company of Japan cohosted its 22nd annual scholarship golf tournament with the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation on Monday, September 24, 2012. Thirty, six-person teams filled the course of the Blytheville Country Club for the international event which included a fresh sushi bar for participants. "It was a wonderful day of golf with beautiful weather," said ANC Foundation Executive Director Rachel Gifford.

"Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of the Yamato Kogyo Company, has supported this event for the past 22 years, and that has resulted in over \$400,000 being raised for student scholarships at Arkansas Northeastern College. He presented us with a check for \$20,000 for continued scholarships," added Gifford.

Gifford also praised the many tee-box sponsors who support this event and Bo Smith and the Blytheville Country Club staff for working so hard to make the tournament run smoothly. "So many people contribute to this tournament, and it's such a pleasure to be a part of such a good thing that benefits so many of our students," said Gifford.



Check presentation, pictured left to right: John Logan, ANC Board of Trustees; Bill Kenner, Chairman of the ANC Foundation; Clif Chitwood, Chairman of the ANC Board of Trustees; June Walters, Interim President of ANC; Lewis Walters, Bill Sullivan, and Gaylon Rogers, ANC Foundation Board of Governors; Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of Yamato Kogyo Company, Ltd.; Kaz Iida, President Yamato Holding Co.

## Championship Flight

1st Place: Les Jackson, Leyton Clark, Kylee Clanton, Matt Barker, Bill Klein, Seth Hendren (52)

2nd Place: Tracy Duncan, Bill Kenner, Perry Dixon, William Masterson, Gaylon Rogers, Wayne Kenner (55)

3rd Place: Clif Chitwood, Ben Quevedo, Rick Pilkington, Matt Kelly, Bentley Story, Kevin Sexton (56)

## First Flight

1st Place: Gregg Smith, John Strode, Chip Dickinson, John Simon, Bill Harrison, Doug Maglothin (60)

2nd Place: Jay Ziolk, Clark Long, Nathan Long, Rick Harrison, Gary Harrison, Phil Long (60)

3rd Place: Blain Duncan, Roman Russell, Buddy Swan, Wade Green, Brent Edwards, Terry Burcham (61)

## Second Flight

1st Place: John Spandikow, Larry Watson, Larry Sanders, Dwayne Lucius, Jim Boreson, David Quearry (64)

2nd Place: David King, Sonny Berry, Terry Turlington, Steve Littrell, Drew Beville, William Izmerian (64)

3rd Place: Trey Speight, Angel Farmer, Jeff Wicker, Kenny Noble, Matt Noble, Jim Speight (65)

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Mr. Inoue congratulated by teammates after a long putt.



# Food, Fun, and Fundraising at the Foundation Denim & Diamonds Gala

Almost 200 ANC supporters were in attendance for the annual Denim & Diamonds Gala held on October 25, 2012, in the Governors Ballroom. The event raised over \$20,000 to benefit the ANC Foundation, which helps fulfill the mission of the college through scholarships and building projects. Guests enjoyed a fun night of barbecue, live auction, and prizes.

For more information about the ANC Foundation, contact Rachel Gifford at [rgifford@smail.anc.edu](mailto:rgifford@smail.anc.edu).

## Thank you to the following busi-

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**Special Thanks:** Sherwin Williams for providing handles for our auction paddles; Stevie Stevenson and Scott Gifford for providing auctioneering services. Also, Stevie Stevenson for providing sound equipment; Day's Men's Store for providing the emcee's shirts; ANC Student Ambassadors Chandlor Sullivan, Amanda Johnson, Samantha Hayes, Nick Huffman, Remius Thompson, and Jacob Gatlin for being servers; All of the committee members for helping promote the event and gather auction items and prizes. We couldn't do it without you; Everyone that purchased a ticket, donated an item, or became a major prize or cash donor. We appreciate each and every one of you, and your generosity not only makes our event an enjoyable and successful evening, but helps our Foundation to further fulfill its mission. Thank you.





# Arkansas Delta Training & Education Consortium: The Little Colleges That Could

by Rex Nelson

LITTLE ROCK — While others decry the economic conditions in the Arkansas Delta, community colleges in the region are working quietly but steadily to improve the east Arkansas workforce.

In October, the Arkansas Delta Training and Education Consortium will celebrate its seventh anniversary. Referred to by most people in the region simply as ADTEC, it has attracted more than \$55 million in grants. ADTEC members are Mid-South Community College at West Memphis, Phillips Community College of the University of Arkansas at Helena-West Helena, Arkansas Northeastern College at Blytheville, East Arkansas Community College at Forrest City and Arkansas State University-Newport.

Though the average Arkansan might not be aware of ADTEC, the consortium has received national recognition from those involved in the fields of economic development and workforce education. Consider that:

In 2007, ADTEC earned a Southern Growth Policies Board Innovator of the Year Award. In 2008, the U.S. Department of Labor awarded the consortium its Recognition of Excellence Award for building a regional workforce strategy. In 2009, ADTEC received recognition in a workforce training report that had been commissioned by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2010, the consortium received the Bellwether Award from the Community College Futures Assembly.

So what exactly does ADTEC do? Initial funding from the Department of Labor allowed the five community colleges to begin providing industry driven training opportunities. The schools share faculty members, equipment, curriculum and best practices. The industries themselves help define what students should learn.

“These two-year schools have created an opportunity and a strength far greater than any one campus,” says Gov. Mike Beebe. “This vision for affordable and accessible higher education is changing the entire dynamic of the Delta.”

Chris Masingill, the Arkansan who heads the eight-state Delta Regional Authority, puts it even more bluntly: “If there’s a single great success story from our entire region that the world wants to copy, it’s ADTEC. What we’re doing here with this model is successful.”

High school juniors and seniors can enroll in college-level programs at any of the five campuses, concurrently earning high school and college credits. Students who complete two-year programs earn certificates of proficiency and up to 24 college credits to apply toward technical certificates and associate of applied science degrees.

“For our state to truly reach its potential, we need all regions to be

**“This vision for affordable and accessible higher**

successful, not just the central and northwest sections,” says Glen Fenter, the Mid-South Community College president. “The continued success of our statewide and regional economic development efforts is directly tied to ADTEC’s ability to train and educate workers.”

Fenter is a northwest Arkansas native who decided to make his career on the other side of the state.

Steven Murray, the chancellor of Phillips Community College, calls it “a rare opportunity to do nothing less than transform the Arkansas Delta.”

The success of ADTEC has led to momentum on the individual campuses. Last month, for example, Mid-South dedicated the \$9-million Marion Berry Renewable Energy Center. The facility is named after the former congressman from Arkansas’ 1st District. The center includes advanced laboratories for the study of biofuel production. There are also engine test cells for researchers who are trying to develop alternative fuels and lubricants.

“It’s our hope that this center can become a symbol for the entire region—that things can change; new opportunities can be created; that, in fact, the Delta’s best days do lie ahead,” Fenter says. “We have all the tools. We have everything in place. We have an unbelievable opportunity to create a new day in eastern Arkansas.”

In talking about the Delta, former President Clinton has said that the surest way to create opportunities for the region’s residents is to “change the way we produce and consume energy.”

That’s the mission of the renewable energy center in West Memphis. Fenter believes business and civic leaders in that part of the Delta are now “energized by the opportunities that exist for east-

ern Arkansas and particularly alternative fuels. A lot of the technology that we have at our disposal today because of this facility is certainly going to expedite those opportunities.”

On the day the renewable energy center was dedicated, Berry expressed his continued optimism for a Delta renaissance: “Glen Fenter and I spent many hours and became great friends trying to figure out a way to build this community and this region. The land and the water and the people can do it. It will be interesting to see if we can politically do the other things that it will require to make this all come together and work like it should.”

Freelance columnist Rex Nelson is the president of Arkansas’ Independent Colleges and Universities. He’s also the author of the Southern Fried blog at [rexnelsonssouthernfried.com](http://rexnelsonssouthernfried.com). Article printed with an original headline of “The little colleges that could” in the Arkansas Democrat-Gazette on September 26, 2012, on page 17 of the Editorial section.

## Study finds community college degree increases odds of four-year degree attainment

The National Student Clearinghouse Research Center examined the post-secondary outcomes of students who transferred from two-year to four-year institutions in three different academic years.

Results were very consistent across years. In each year studied, about 60 percent of all two-to-four transfer students graduated with a bachelor’s or higher degree within four years of transferring. In addition, 12 percent of all transfer students had not yet graduated, but were still enrolled at a four-year institution in the last year of analysis. In total, about 72 percent of students either graduated or persisted.

Graduation rates were highest for the students who transferred after receiving an associate’s degree. About 71 percent of these students earned their bachelor’s degree within four years, and nearly 80 percent either graduated or persisted at a four-year institution.

The results were also consistent with a previous report released by the Research Center earlier this year; that report found that for many students, the path to successfully completing a degree at a four-year institution includes enrollment at one or more two-year institutions. In the 2010-11 academic year,

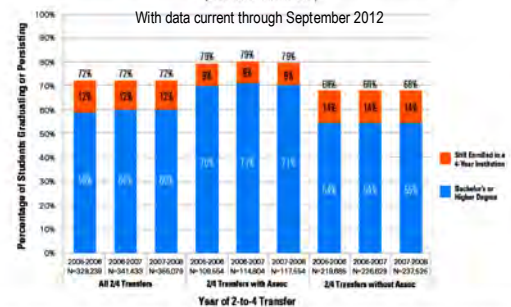
45 percent of all students who completed a degree at a four-year institution had previously enrolled at a two-year institution.

The contribution of two-year institutions varies by state. In 13 states, more than half of the degree recipients at a four-year institution had previously enrolled at a two-year institution.

The 2010-11 Two-Year Contributions Table with individual state and territory information is available at [www.studentclearinghouse.org/snapshot](http://www.studentclearinghouse.org/snapshot).

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