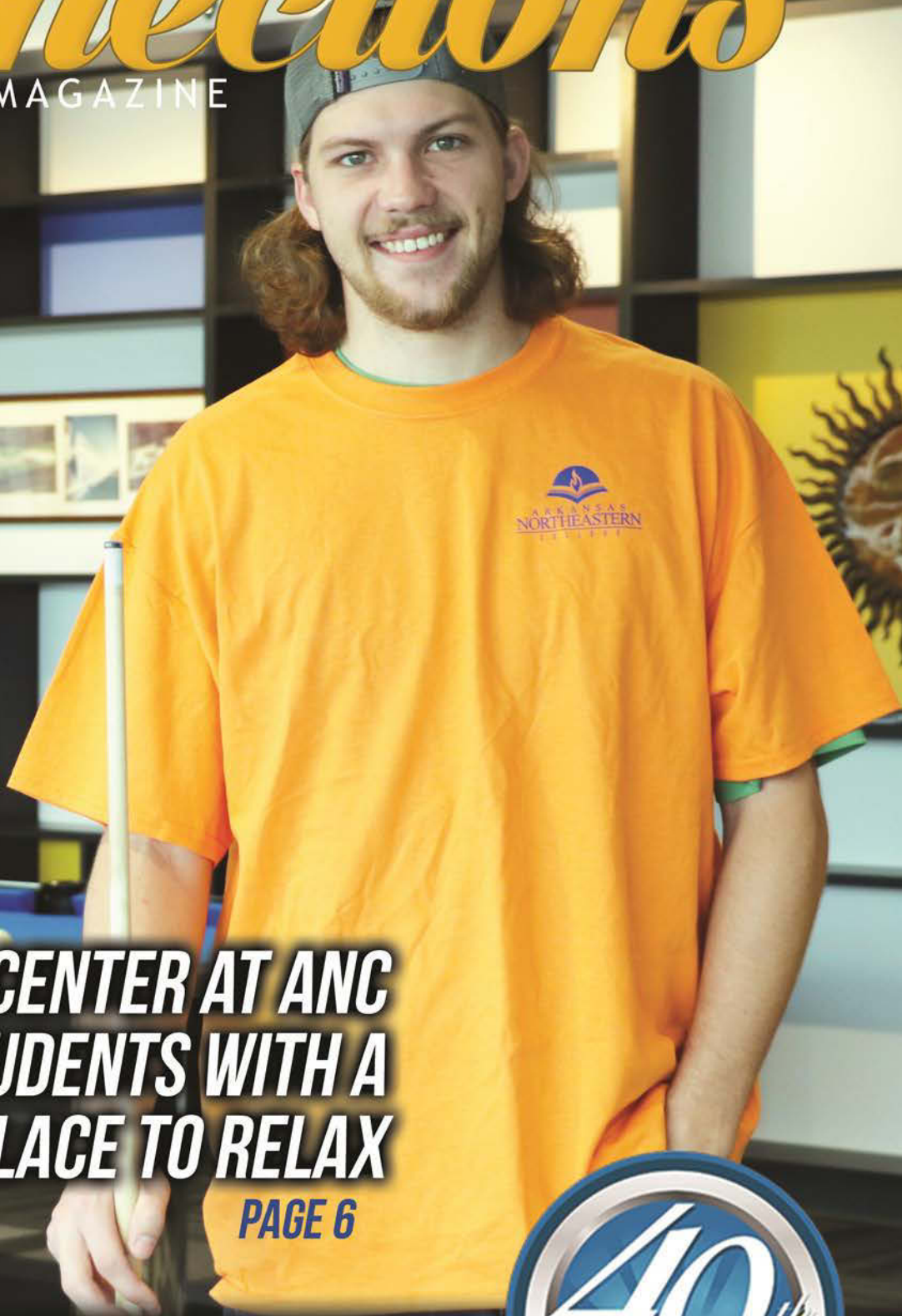


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Spring 2016 Academic Calendar

January 6 - Spring Registration Closes
 January 11 - Classes Begin
 January 18 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)
 January 25 - Last Day to Drop with a Refund
 February 12 - Graduation Application Deadline
 February 15 - President's Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)
 March 21-25 - Spring Break (Students)
 March 25 - Spring Break (COLLEGE CLOSED)
 March 25 - Good Friday (COLLEGE CLOSED)
 April 11 - Summer I, Summer II, & Fall Registration Opens (All Campuses)
 April 15 - Last Day to Withdraw from Class with a "W"
 May 3 - Last Day of Spring Classes (Tuesday/Thursday)
 May 4 - Last Day of Spring Classes (Monday/Wednesday)
 May 5, 9-10 - FINAL EXAMS
 May 13 - GRADUATION

Pictured on the cover is Aviation Maintenance student Dustin Swift from Armorel, Arkansas.

MEET THE STAFF...



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DIVISION OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

(FRONT L-R) **Shannon Davis** - Mathematics, **Lance Morris** - Life Sciences/Laboratory Coordinator
Ramona Hilliard - Speech Communications, **Cameron Klein** - English, **Layne Rayder** - Life Sciences,
Renea Reid - Mathematics, **Julie Dorris** - English, **Tammie Gist** - Administrative Specialist,
Mallory Burnette - Developmental Education, English

(BACK L-R) **Ryan Perkins** - Education Coordinator, **Ann Ball** - Developmental Education, Mathematics,
Dustin Kemper - History, **Lanice Samford** - English, **Ginger Berry** - Physical Science, **Dennis Hay** - Music,
Deanita Hicks - Dean, Arts and Sciences, **Leanna Turner** - Administrative Specialist,
James Hartley - Criminal Justice/Sociology, **Jillian Hartley** - History/Political Science,
Dr. Keith Hearnberger - Music/Choral Director, **Michael Fisher** - Fine Arts/Humanities,
Dr. Gary Yarbrough - Psychology

(NOT PICTURED) **Lydia Coen** - Art, **Tiffany Pillow** - Developmental Education, Mathematics,
Billie Steinkamp - Mathematics



ANC Celebrates 40th Anniversary

A Letter from ANC President Dr. James Shemwell

As we look back over the past 40 years, we cannot help but reflect on the Arkansas Northeastern College's 40 years of service to the citizens of this area. Our mission to provide educational programs, and ANC has continued to

evolve into the type of institution that focuses on the needs of its local constituency. When the citizens of Mississippi County voted for the establishment of a community college (Mississippi County Community College) which began offering classes in 1975, they did so with



On April 29, 1977, United States Vice President Walter F. Mondale announced that the College had been awarded a \$6.3 million federal grant to build the nation's first solar photovoltaic prototype facility in Blytheville, Arkansas.

the desire to have accessible, higher education available to them. After 40 years, that need still exists, and Arkansas Northeastern College is proud to meet that need as well as meeting the training and educational needs of area employers.

From its creation, your College has been one attuned to innovativeness, and that trait has become our tradition. When in 1976, the Department of Energy and the Solar Energy Research Institute were allotted funds for a Total Energy Solar Photovoltaic Conversion System that would be the largest of its kind in the world, Mississippi County Community College was chosen for the project. With the United States facing an energy crisis in the mid-1970s, a comprehensive energy plan that included the research and development of solar energy was created—and your college was a part of that planning. The Total Energy Solar Photovoltaic Conversion System was originally intended to power the College by generating both electricity and hot water. The project provided both an important experimental tool, as well as a campus for the new college campus in 1980.



Classes began in the former Sudbury Elementary School on South Lake Street. Approximately 800 students enrolled for credit the first term.

ment cut funding for the project in 1983, citing low productivity and cost of upkeep. Eighty percent of the solar panels were removed and

sold for scrap metal beginning in 1998. The last remaining examples, with the exception of one, were removed in 2005. The last solar panel stands beside a plaque commemorating the Mississippi County Community College Solar Power Experiment. This important foundation of our history helped shape our sense of forward-thinking.

It is a rich history we have, which includes four presidents and 40 Board of Trustee members who have overseen the growth of our institution from its beginning in an old school building in downtown Blytheville to its current 40 acre main campus location on South Division Street. Adding to its growth was the merger of Mississippi County Community College in 2003 with Cotton Boll Technical Institute to create Arkansas Northeastern College. Cotton Boll Technical Institute which opened in 1966 had two campuses located in Burdette and Paragould. The merger of the institutions combined Mississippi County Community College's academic reputation and technical programs with Cotton Boll Technical Institute's own well-established programs.

The merger further solidified the College's ability to prepare its students for the workforce or for educational advancement. This involvement of the College also increased its service area to include Greene County. From its one building beginning, ANC has grown to

occupy over 130 acres of land with facilities in five cities across Mississippi and Greene Counties. Still, the philosophy of a local college meeting the needs of its local citizens has not been lost, and Arkansas Northeastern College is proud to have its governing board made up of local people who understand the demands of our rural, Delta region. For many of our residents, Arkansas Northeastern College has provided not only their best hope for education and training beyond high school, but their only hope. We understand our service district, but more importantly, they understand that the Arkansas Northeastern College belongs to them.



The College building was designed to be energy efficient. The main concourse and two wings were covered with vaulted glass ceilings that could be used for solar shading and were covered with wind-breaking devices.

With that in mind, we have cultivated an institution for the people—one where the cost remains affordable while the return on the investment is exceptional. We strive to provide the learning opportunities that will both benefit our students and our workforce. Toward that endeavor, we prepare our students for relevant fields of study. In 2012, the Arkansas Research Center cross-matched actual wage data with the previous 10 years of graduates of Arkansas colleges and universities. The median wages for some high-demand associate degrees were very comparable to wages of their bachelor degree counterparts. For example, an associate-degreed registered nurse only made \$2,000 a year less than a bachelor-degreed registered nurse – not to mention

40th Anniversary continued...

that the associate-degreed nurse already earned a total of \$84,000 during the two years that the bachelor-degreed nurse was still attending college! The fields of law enforcement, firefighting and protective services saw only a \$1,000 a year difference in wages earned between two-year and four-year degree holders. In the field of construction trades, two-year degree holders actually earned almost \$3,000 a year

more than those holding bachelor's degrees.

Less comparative, but certainly noteworthy is the wages listing for certificate and associate degrees with no bachelor degree counterpart. For instance, the median salary for Steel Industry Technology associate degree holders was \$61,722.

The one-year Paramedic Certificate earners reported a median salary of \$36,877 a year with welders reporting \$34,251. These salaries are noteworthy in respect to some of the more expensive tuition costs associated with bachelor degree fields with much lower return on their investments. For example, four-year degree graduates in the Liberal Arts & Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities earned median wages of \$25,938 during the same reporting time. Similarly, bachelor degree holders in Philosophy & Religious

Studies reported a median wage of \$23,376; and Social Science, Psychology, and History four-year degree graduates reported \$27,974, \$26,069, and \$25,354 respectively.

While students, interested in earning any of these four-year degrees listed, can still earn the first two years of these degrees at Arkansas Northeastern College at a lower cost, we will also focus on the job readiness programs that will elevate individuals into relevant, higher wage earning fields.

Over our 40 years in existence, we have continually transformed to meet the needs of a changing society. From our state-of-the-art beginning as a solar powered entity to our future Center for Allied Technologies, we strive to provide our students with the knowledge and skills needed for success.

The founders of the College have left their thumbprint on Arkansas Northeastern College, and we still value and depend on the collaboration and input from our community. With such community involvement, ANC has garnered private funding for several capital projects such as the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center, the Adams/Vines Library and Recital Hall, the Angela Wren Nursing and Allied Health Center, the Harry L. Crisp Center, the ANC Osceola Center, the ANC Leachville Center, and numerous donations toward the future Center for Allied Technologies. While we marvel at our 40 years of past success, we do so with excitement and readiness for the future.



When the College was constructed, The Total Energy Solar Photovoltaic Conversion System was originally intended to power the College by generating both electricity and hot water. A total of 270 single-axis tracking concentrating collectors were installed, each measuring 20'x7'.

Get More for Your Money

Median Yearly Wages in 2012 for Arkansas Graduates Employed in Arkansas

Two-Year Degrees or Less

Steel Industry Technology:	\$61,722
Nursing:	\$41,576
Paramedic:	\$36,877
Welding:	\$34,251

Popular Four-Year Bachelor's Degrees

History:	\$25,354
Liberal Arts & Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities:	\$25,938
Psychology:	\$26,069
Social Sciences:	\$27,974

**Source: Arkansas Research Center*



40 Years of Leadership



Dr. Harry V. Smith, President
Mississippi County Community College
1975 - 1983



Dr. John P. Sullins, President
Mississippi County Community College /
Arkansas Northeastern College
1983 - 2004



Dr. Robert L. Myers, President
Arkansas Northeastern College
2005 - 2012



Dr. James R. Shemwell, President
Arkansas Northeastern College
2013 - Present

Technical Students Receive NCCER Cards While in High School

The ANC Technical Center is proud to announce its first two students to receive NCCER cards—Wesley Easley and Taylor Spence, both of Rivercrest High School. Wesley Easley is a 2015 graduate of Rivercrest High School who attended Welding classes at the Technical Center as a high school student, and is now a Welding major at ANC. Taylor Spence is currently a high school senior attending Welding classes at the Technical Center. Through the Technical Center's concurrent credit program, Taylor will have completed a Certifi-

cate of Proficiency in Welding at no cost to him by the time he graduates in May of 2016.

The National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) is a not-for-profit education foundation established in 1995 by the world's largest and most progressive construction companies and national construction associations. It was founded to address the severe workforce shortage facing the industry and develop a standardized training process and curricula. Today, NCCER is supported by hundreds of leading construction and maintenance companies, manufacturers, and national associations.

The ANC Technical Center became a NCCER Accredited Training Center in the Spring of 2015 after comprehensive training and a technical visit. Training programs must be delivered by an NCCER Accredited Training Sponsor in order to offer students NCCER credentials. Students who enroll in the ANC Technical Center's Welding courses, both secondary and post-secondary, are eligible to receive the accreditation, which provide them with industry-recognized credentials and assure national portability of skills. Additionally, their credentials will be tracked in the NCCER's National Registry, which provides transcripts, certificates, and wallet cards to individuals who have successfully completed the NCCER curriculum.

For more information on the ANC Technical Center's programs of study, concurrent credit offerings, ANC's Welding program, or the NCCER, please contact Michelle Bennett at 870-780-1200.



(L-R) William Pelts (Welding Instructor), Sherri Bennett (Vice President for Advancement), Students Wesley Easley, and Taylor Spence.

ANC Foundation Scholarship Recipients

FALL 2015:

Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship: Brandon Akers, Kathryn Ashley; **Angela Wren DiCicco Memorial Scholarship:** Katelyn Watkins; **Marvel B. Dickerson/ANC Recruitment Grant:** Stephanie McCoy; **Lindsey Ohlendorf Fairley Scholarship:** Caitlyn Hill; **Dr. Eldon Fairley and Dr. John Williams Scholarship:** Pamela Ford, Katelyn Watkins; **Cecil H. Scholarship:** Taylor Bailey; **The Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Tyler Taylor; **Hoskins-Whitener Scholarship:** Ethyl Morris; **Paul C. Hughes Scholarship:** Angela Shoup; **Martha Ann Moore Memorial Scholarship:** Stephanie McCoy; **Nelson Nursing Scholarship:** Samantha French; **Newcomb Memorial Scholarship:** Kirsten Adcock; **Pay It Forward Scholarship:** Aerial Emmons, Troy Jenkins, Taylor McCoy, Megan McGinnis, Elizabeth Parks; **Dana Rousell Memorial Scholarship:** Taylor Bailey; **Sims Family Memorial Scholarship:** Kaylynn Razor; **Wayne Taylor Memorial Scholarship:** Justice Aguilar, Cidnie Brooks, Kala Duffel, Heather Hollis, Taylen Smith; **Temple Israel Scholarship:** Alexis Johnson, Hanna Wells, Stephen Wilbanks; **THANK YOU RNs Scholarship:** Tessa Fulling, Madison Gifford; **George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Jimmy Aldridge, Courtney Baker, Christopher Bebout, Yakonda Black, Octavia Bright-Webb, Schnell

Britman, Monique Brown, Sharvae Clay, Jacob Collier, Emily Cook, Braxton Cross, Makayla Culler, Anglee Davison, Flavia Duncan, Dena Estell, Dalton Faulkner, Billy Lane Finley, Chelsea Galbraith, Thomas Garey, Jacob Gonzalez, Austin Griffin, Bailee Griffin, Hannah Hearyman, Allison Hinson, Demira Hister, Cody Hogan, Vivian Honorable, Carisha Jackson, Endre Jefferson, Alexis Johnson, Beverly Johnson, Vanessa Johnson, Jason Jones, Kara Jones, Margarita Marquez, Thomas Mason, Patricia McClung, Yvonne McLaurin, Shontnae McLean, Amanda Moresco, Evelyn Olivares, Morgan Owens, Amber Pate, Leigh Ann Pentecost, Nikki Rucker, Audrianna Scott, Haley Simmons, Tamia Stitts, Brittany Stockton, Rhonda Stovall, Cynthia Tate, Ali Thomas, Ta'shune Vance, Megan Ward, Jellisa Whitfield, Stephen Wilbanks, Dominique Williams, Lisa Williams, Willie Williams, Nadine Wright, Hannah Yost; **Yamato-Kogyo Scholarship:** Britt Austin, Angela Biby, Emily Burke, Paige Cameron, Mickie Cline, Ceara Collins, Kyler Davidson, Shelley Davidson, Kristin Drope, Christian Durham, Shana Edwards, Blake Eveland, Ericka George, Dei'jha Harper, Callie Hines, Lakeshia Hulum, Amanda Klipfel, April Long, Trevor Mafnas, Tammy Massey, Alison McDaniel, Chelsea Nichols, Kayla Pierce, Rondreka Ricks, Marsha Sargent, Taz Shipley, Kimberly Swaim, Roscina Taylor, Jessica Terrett, Scott Townsend, Teneeshia Vance, Felicia Vaughn (Pierce), Hanna Wells, Ashlyn Wilburn, Theresa Wiley.

SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHTS

The Thank You RNs Scholarship

*"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
— Winston Churchill*

The concept of paying it forward is simple—someone does something good for you, and you do something good for someone else. Last summer, Sallye Russell came very close to dying. After 90 days in ICU (most of that time in a coma-like state), Sallye Russell began her long road to recovery. The registered nurses in charge of Mrs. Russell's care were wonderful. They celebrated birthdays together, treated her like family, and declared that she would not die on their watch! Sallye Russell will never forget the dedicated, professional, and loving care that helped her survive. They have become family to her. In the true selfless nature of paying it forward, Sallye Russell and her husband, David, have established a scholarship to help others pursue a career in nursing. The Thank You RNs Scholarship provides up to \$500 each to two full-time ANC nursing students each semester. The funds can be used toward tuition, books, fees, and/or any nursing expense. David and Sallye would like to encourage others who have experienced such thoughtful care, to "pay it forward" and assist future nurses with their educational experience.



David and Sallye Russell are pictured with Thank You RNs Scholarship recipients Tessa Fulling (left) and Madison Gifford (right).



Eileen Hagan O'Neal

Eileen Hagan O'Neal Scholarship

A new scholarship has been established with Arkansas Northeastern College that will be available to graduates of Armorel High School. The Eileen Hagan O'Neal Scholarship has been created through a generous donation by Ms. O'Neal and will be available in the future. The scholarship was established in honor and memory of Ms. O'Neal's parents and grandparents. The Hagans were early settlers in the Huffman community, having made their home in that area in the early 1900s. They held a strong belief in the importance of education, and Ms. O'Neal was the first graduate of Armorel High School where she was valedictorian. She has established this scholarship to assist local students in earning a college education. This is an endowed scholarship and anyone wishing to learn more about it or to contribute to this fund can do so by contacting Rachel Gifford at Arkansas Northeastern College at 870-838-2902.



The Sun Room

It's a great day to be at Arkansas Northeastern College! ANC's newest addition is the Student Center, featuring the Sun Room—a fun space for students to relax and “let the games begin...” Activities include billiards, air hockey, foosball, ping pong, board games, arcade games, and the latest high-tech video games. Health, Wellness and Recreation Director Matt McCord offers tournaments that allow students to compete in games such as billiards, Madden Football, ping pong and more. The Sun Room also features a meeting room for student organizations and clubs.



Arkansas Northeastern College Outstandings Named

ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE OUTSTANDING FACULTY 2015

Julie Dorris, English Instructor

Julie Dorris is an exemplary teacher. She creates an enjoyable atmosphere where students feel comfortable openly participating in class. Her efforts extend beyond the classroom when she takes students on field trips for cultural learning. Julie promotes student creativity through the creation and publication of a yearly literary magazine which highlights students' works. Additionally, she has been instrumental and enthusiastic in the advancement of ANC's Early College Program where she serves as a coordinator for the concurrent classes with local high schools.



Julie Dorris
Outstanding Faculty
2015



Danny Kennedy
Outstanding Staff
2015

ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE OUTSTANDING STAFF 2015

Danny Kennedy, Assistant Director of the Physical Plant

Danny Kennedy has been a dependable employee of ANC since 2007. He is always willing to do whatever it takes to help the students and the staff—even spending weekends in the cold removing ice from sidewalks and parking lots. He has been a key employee in different campus renovations and building projects. Following the retirement of the College's Physical Plant Director, Danny served as the department leader until a replacement was hired. He led by example and earned the respect of the entire college community.

ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE OUTSTANDING ALUMNI 2015

Ammi Tucker, Executive Director Osceola/South Mississippi County Chamber of Commerce

Ammi Tucker is a 2012 Honor Graduate of ANC and current Executive Director of the Osceola/South Mississippi County Chamber of Commerce. She is a leader in economic development and is an active community member who volunteers for numerous community events. Ammi also serves in the Osceola Rotary Club. She resides in Osceola with her husband and two sons.



Ammi Tucker
Outstanding Alumni
2015



Cecilia Cook
Academic All-Star

ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

Cecilia Cook

Cecilia Cook is a full-time student who has maintained a cumulative GPA of 4.0 while also being an active member in the community. She volunteers on local Cancer Relay for Life teams which involves a series of fundraising events and is active with her church. Cecilia also serves ANC as a tutor for both Math and English. Her future plan is to become an elementary school teacher.

Community Ed...Something for Everyone!

Hi! I'm Mary Ann Garren and I'm the Coordinator for Community Education programs at Arkansas Northeastern College. Through Community Ed, you have the chance to expand your horizons and do things you've always wanted to do. Our classes are taught in a relaxed atmosphere—no tests, no grades, no pressure—just a great way to have fun, learn something new and meet people with similar interests.

I would love to hear any ideas that you might have for a class, or you could even teach a class yourself. If you and your friends or co-workers would like to see a class offered, I'd be happy to try and find an instructor to set that class up for you.

If you're looking for that perfect job and need to brush up on your skills, we have several classes offered to help you with that. Keyboarding, Basic Computer Skills and Resume Writing could put you on the right path to employment.

Watch for new ANC Tours being planned for the Crystal Bridges Museum in April and Memphis Botanic Gardens in May. I would love to hear suggestions about where you and your friends would like to travel!

Check out the Community Ed offerings in Osceola, Manila, Leachville and Wilson, as well as Blytheville. You can find a complete schedule of classes on our website at www.anc.edu/communityed.



ANC President Meets with Student Focus Groups

During the months of November and December, ANC President Dr. James Shemwell hosted a series of meetings with students from a variety of disciplines and backgrounds. These student focus group meetings marked the third year for the president to visit with students in this type of forum. The luncheons provided great insight into the students' perspective regarding classes, activities, customer service, and much more.

Approximately forty students participated in the meetings from five different groups including club officers/student ambassadors, transfer students, nursing/allied health students, Burdette/Crisp Cen-

ter students, and business & technical students. Online students visited with the president during an online conference. The meetings with the students took the form of a casual, comfortable conversation over lunch. Overall, students reported being very pleased with their experiences at ANC.

"The overarching purpose here is to better fulfill our mission of serving our students and our community. I very much appreciated and enjoyed having the chance to spend quality time with our students and look forward to conducting similar sessions each year," added Dr. Shemwell.



ANC Part of Joint Effort to Reduce Rural Poverty



Dr. Blanche Hunt

The White House has named 10 communities as rural IMPACT Demonstration Sites, and Blytheville is one of them. Mississippi County has been selected for this project because of the holistic poverty reduction strategies spear-headed by Mississippi County E.O.C., Arkansas Northeastern College and Great River Economic Development for the past four years. The core team members consist of Mr. Sam Scruggs, Executive Director of MCAEOC, Dr. Blanche Hunt, Associate Vice President of Community Relations at ANC, and Tamika Jenkins, Project Coordinator for Great River Economic Development. This initiative is a combined effort that will bring other stakeholders to the table to help bring about an overall change to facilitate the two-generation approach of poverty reduction in Mississippi County. This is a yearlong program with the first six months being spent planning and developing a combined strategy. The six

months following will implement a pilot program based on the first six months' research. The overall objective of the program is to reduce rural poverty by leveraging technology, forging new partnerships, and exploring new models of program delivery, to ensure that all children and families in Mississippi County have an opportunity to succeed.

In October, Arkansas Northeastern College hosted and assisted in the development of the Technical Assistance Program for Mayors conducted by UCA's Director of Outreach & Community Engagement. The new technical assistance program benefits Arkansas mayors from small, under-resourced rural towns. The initiative is meant to revitalize towns by empowering its mayors with the knowledge necessary to make positive differences in their communities.

ANC Welcomes New Board of Trustees Members

ANC recently welcomed three new members to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Lowry Robinson of Osceola, Mrs. Sandra Kennett of Leachville, and Mr. Randy Scott of Blytheville. Mrs. Kennett served previously on the Board from 1983-1997. "We are delighted to have Mr. Robinson and Mr. Scott join our Board and to have Mrs. Kennett back," stated ANC President Dr. James Shemwell. "All of these individuals will make a wonderful asset to the College and we look forward to working with them in the future."



Mr. Randy Scott



Mrs. Sandra Kennett



Mr. Lowry Robinson

ANC Career Pathways Initiative Wins Award

At the 27th annual Arkansas Community Colleges “Mission Possible” Conference, the Arkansas Department of Higher Education Career Pathways Initiative (CPI) presented the 2014-15 Outstanding Annual Institutional Performance Award to the Arkansas Northeastern College Career Pathways Initiative. The annual performance measures were based upon enrollment of new current TEA participants, attainments of certificates and degrees, completers, and student employment. Arkansas Department of Higher Education Career Pathways Director, Dr. Karon Rosa, presented the award to ANC CPI Director, Pauline Linam-Parks. Dr. Rosa said, “Pauline is the type of director who thinks anything is possible and does it with passion.”



Pictured receiving the award for the FY grant in the amount of \$604,683.91 was (BACK L-R) Wes Pillow, ANC CPI Instructor/Advisor; Debra Lyles-Benedict, ANC CPI Advisor (FRONT L-R) Sherri Bennett, ANC Vice President for Advancement; Dr. James Shemwell, ANC President; Pauline Linam-Parks, ANC CPI Director; Dr. Karon Rosa, ADHE CPI Program Director; and Lisa Fuller, ADHE CPI Program Specialist.

Aviation Maintenance Program Takes Flight at Tech Center



ANC Tech Center's Aviation Maintenance Instructor Brian Dennis with Aviation students Blaine Richardson, Joseph Hudson, Justin Bratton, Brandon Rowland, and Landen Stutts.

Arkansas Northeastern College's Secondary-Technical Center has added a new program offering for area high school students. The Aviation Maintenance program at the Tech Center is in its first full year of operation. After completing safety orientation training, students started the year off by traveling back and forth to ANC's ACME Center in Blytheville, where they began working on a Cessna 152 training aircraft. The Cessna was loaned by the post-secondary Aviation program and will be used to study aviation math and physics, basic electricity, use of precision measuring equipment, basic non-destructive inspection techniques, and materials and processes. These subjects are part of the general curriculum requirements for the Airframe and Powerplant Technical Certification. In addition, Aviation courses can be taken for college credit at no cost to Technical Center students, and courses count towards all of ANC's Aviation certificates and degrees.

The Cessna aircraft was recently relocated to the Tech Center campus, where students will enjoy the unique and hands-on experience of learning their trade on an actual aircraft.

Ray Named New Vice-President for Administration

Arkansas Northeastern College welcomes Don Ray as the new Vice-President for Administration. A native of Blytheville, Ray began his career in 1992 as a field auditor for the Arkansas Division of Legislative Audit. He served as City Treasurer and CFO for the City of Jonesboro and Finance Director for the city of

Blytheville. Ray is a licensed Certified Public Accountant with a B.S. in Accounting from Lyon College and MBA from Arkansas State University. As the owner of a CPA firm, Ray focused primarily on government and not-for-profit agencies. He served as an adjunct faculty member at Black River Technical College, Three Rivers Community College, and the University of Arkansas. Ray was a full-time faculty member at Arkansas Northeastern College for six years, Arkansas State University for three years, and the University of Missouri for four years. Don Ray and his wife, Jennifer have two children—Laden and Braxton.



Don Ray
Vice-President for Administration

Business & Technical Advisory Breakfast Held at ANC

On Friday, November 23, 2015, more than thirty representatives from area businesses and industries gathered in the Arkansas Northeastern College Outback for a wonderful breakfast and the opportunity to discuss the College's business and technical offerings. Representatives met with college instructors to discuss current employer needs and to review the curriculum in an effort to ensure that course content is relevant to specific local, industry needs.



ANC Hosts First Young Manufacturers Academy

The ANC Technical Center hosted its first Young Manufacturers Academy from August 3-7, 2015. The academy is a free program, and had sixteen 9th-12th grade students enrolled from the Armorel, Blytheville, Gosnell, KIPP, Manila, and Osceola school districts.



ANC partnered with the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce and Haas Automation, Inc., as well as local industry partners including DENSO, Tenaris, Kagome Foods, Nucor-Hickman, Big River Steel, and the Osceola School District's STEM program to give students a first-hand look at Mississippi County's manufacturers. Additionally, Rivercrest School District provided transportation for the week. Students toured local facilities, and technical experts from each manufacturer designed and guided learning activities for students.

In addition to experiencing the work environment in local facilities, participants learned how manufacturing has changed in the 21st century and explored manufacturing career opportunities in the U.S. and abroad. Working with other students, and under the direction of industry experts, participants designed and manufactured products. These activities will help students explore and understand the skills needed to prepare for a career in advanced manufacturing including Engineering, Computerized Machining, Welding, Industrial Maintenance, and Robotics.



ANC Technical Center Receives Grant; Partners With Local Industry



Michelle Bennett, ANC Assistant Director of the ANC Technical Center is presented a check for \$10,000 from Carry Beevers with Haas Automation and the Gene Haas Foundation. The foundation provided the grant to support summer programs such as the Young Manufacturers Academy at Arkansas Northeastern College and for student scholarships in the manufacturing field.

Gamma Beta Phi Fall Induction



(BACK L-R) Joshua Pittle and Daniel Ray (FRONT L-R) Burl Alexander Lloyd and Amanda Moresco (NOT PICTURED) Sahara Luper and Bayleigh Winikates

New members for the ANC chapter of Gamma Beta Phi were inducted into the honor society on Sunday, November 15, 2015. The ceremony was held in the Governors Ballroom of Statehouse Hall. The new members of Gamma Beta Phi are Burl Alexander Lloyd, Sahara Luper, Amanda Moresco, Joshua Pittle, Daniel Ray, and Bayleigh Winikates.

Gamma Beta Phi is a national collegiate honor society and service organization with chapters in colleges and universities throughout the United States. The society is dedicated to promoting service, scholarship, and character among its members through appropriate service projects and activities.

The Student Voice Project

The Student Voice project is an opportunity for meaningful involvement among faculty, staff and students for the betterment and success of our College. Modeled after the Mississippi County Student Voice Initiative in our local high schools, it is designed to allow students a chance to identify issues and create solutions to better serve the College community.



Approximately 40 students were nominated by faculty and staff, and of those, twenty-two agreed to participate in this pilot project. Four faculty members (Ginger Berry, Jillian Hartley, Joseph Jones, and Kyra Langley) were also selected to work as advisors on this project.

Courtney Fisher, Director of Student Services, is coordinating this effort. She said, "I'm very excited about this initiative. There are several components that make this such a worthwhile project. Students will gain valuable experience in critical thinking, communication fluency, teamwork and problem solving, all while finding ways to make our College even better for our students and community." Fisher added, "While we can't expect major adjustments overnight, we have already experienced changes to various programs here that are direct results from the Student Voice Initiative. I'm encouraged by what I have seen so far and I'm thankful for the faculty and students willing to take part in this exciting project."

ANC Associate Degree Nurse Club Participates in Purses for a Purpose

The Arkansas Northeastern College Associate Degree Nurse Club recently participated in the Purses for a Purpose charity drive in Northeast Arkansas. Students donated 22 medium to large purses that will be filled with items that women can use such as toiletries, power bars, reusable water bottles, gloves, etc. These items will then be taken to local shelters in Jonesboro and Paragould to help local women who are in need.



(BACK L-R) Ericka George, ANC Instructor Shauna Winchester, Rebecca Hill, Amanda Welch, Amber Crowder (FRONT L-R) Jessica Otto, Amanda Klipfel

Celebrate Love ANC Style



The Arkansas Northeastern College Division of Arts and Sciences presented the production "Celebrate Love ANC Style" on November 13th and 15th in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall. The variety show was directed by Michael Fisher with Gianluca Strazzullo as accompanist.

ANC and A-State Choirs Present Handel's Messiah



The ANC Concert Singers, Chamber Chorale, Treble Chorale, Community Choir, and Community Chamber Choir and Arkansas State University's A-State Concert Choir, and University-Community Singers along with the Gosnell High School Chorus and University of Memphis Orchestra members joined their talents for the G.F. Handel's 'Messiah' concerts. Concerts were held November 8th at First Baptist Church Blytheville, AR and November 9th at the A-State Fowler Center in Jonesboro, AR.

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Intramural Volleyball Team Wins ADIL Tournament



The ANC Intramural Volleyball team are champions! ANC won the 2015 ADIL Volleyball Tournament hosted at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, AR. The ANC Intramural Volleyball team used this championship to cap an undefeated season.

ANC Intramural Tournament Winners



(TOP LEFT) PING PONG: Will Jones, 3rd; Hunter McCord, 2nd; Nick Cooper, Champion (TOP RIGHT) BILLIARDS: Drew Emmert, 3rd; Thomas Hutton, Champion; Austin Coleman, 2nd (BOTTOM LEFT) MADDEN 15: Tiberius Real, 2nd; Colby Brister, Champion (BOTTOM RIGHT) NBA2K15: Shundre Johnson, Champion

Intramural Flag Football Team Runner-Up at ASU Tourney



The ANC Flag Football Team finished second place in the annual Arkansas State University Flag Football Tournament on October 22, 2015. ANC beat East Arkansas Community College 18-12 before being edged out by ASU 27-20 in the championship game.

Student Appreciation Week



Back-to-School Ice Cream Bash



Constitution Day Celebration



ANC College Application Campaign



On Wednesday, October 28th, students at Blytheville High School met with Career Coaches and other Arkansas Northeastern College staff to complete college applications. Students had the opportunity to participate in “Minute to Win It” games that were college related. Teachers, administration, and other staff were asked to wear their alumni college attire.

Participating school personnel were encouraged to drop by during their lunch break to visit with students and share their own college experiences and were photographed with the banner which read “The Tassel is Worth the Hassel.”

On Friday, October 30th, Osceola High School participated in the Arkansas Northeastern College Application Campaign. Arkansas Northeastern College Career Coaches and ANC Student Services staff set up during lunch shifts to help seniors complete college applications to both ANC and other Arkansas colleges. A total of 37 students participated in the ACAC event, however 24 other had previously completed applications prior to the event.

Over 700 Students Attend the ArkAcrao College Fair



Over 700 high school students from nine area high schools attended the ArkAcrao College Fair at Arkansas Northeastern College on Thursday, October 29th. All ANC Departments were represented along with 35 other colleges and universities.

Harvest Party

Members of the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation hosted its annual fundraiser this year on Tuesday, October 27th. The Harvest Party included a live auction, a silent auction, and other prizes as well as live music for those in attendance. Guests gathered in the Governors Ballroom where they enjoyed pork steak and chicken provided by Bigg Butts BBQ. ANC Foundation Chairman Senator David Burnett welcomed guests before the auction began. Scott Gifford served as auctioneer while Lewis Walters, Brandon Meadows, and Bill Kenner were the ring men for the event which raised in excess of \$14,000.



“This is such a fun event,” said ANC Executive Director Rachel Gifford. “We have a hard-working Planning Committee and a very generous community. It’s always amazing to me how much support our College is shown by area businesses, industry, and individuals.”

According to Gifford, there were 40 items donated, many valued over \$200, so guests had the opportunity to take home some really nice things.

“We also appreciate our Major Cash Donors who gave \$500 or more to help offset the cost of the event,” added Gifford. This year’s Major Cash Donors were AC Williams Architect, Cache Valley Electric, Dever Industrial Maintenance Solutions, Farmers Bank & Trust, First Commercial Bank, Mississippi County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Nucor Steel Arkansas, and Nucor Yamato Steel.

The Harvest Party Planning Committee included Barry Ball, Sheiron Bearden, Phil Dever, Courtney Fisher, Ronny Goff, Jody Hipwell, George Hubbard, Bill Kenner, Brandon Meadows, Lewis Walters, and June Walters.

This year’s Grand Prize Winner of \$1,000 was Christie Patterson.



25th Annual Yamato Kogyo/ANC Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament

On Monday, September 14th, twenty-seven (six person) teams gathered at the Blytheville Country Club for the 25th Annual Yamato Kogyo/ANC Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament. The weather was absolutely perfect for a great day of golf for a great cause.

This tournament is an international event that brings people from Japan and from all across the United States to Blytheville to play the beautiful course, meet with customers and friends, and enjoy both a sushi bar and hamburger buffet. Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue, President of the Yamato Kogyo Company, presented ANC President Dr. James Shemwell and members of the Foundation Board of Governors and College Board of Trustees with a check for \$20,000 at the close of the tournament.

To date, the proceeds from this event have totaled approximately \$470,000. The generous support of the Yamato Kogyo Company has provided more than 500 Arkansas Northeastern College students with scholarships for their college expenses. Yamato Kogyo, Ltd. established the Yamato Kogyo Scholarship in 1991 at Arkansas Northeastern College.

Yamato Kogyo sponsors the tournament as a way to show appreciation to the community and in support of increased educational opportunities for its citizens. ANC faculty, staff and students wish to thank the Yamato Kogyo Company, the many tee-box sponsors, and each participant of this tournament for supporting this event.



(L-R) Gaylon Rogers, Bill Sullivan, David Burnett, John Logan, Tetsuro Mashima, Dr. James Shemwell, Lewis Walters, Mr. Hiroyuki Inoue



WINNERS

Championship Flight

1st Place: Matt Smith, Greg Reece, Jason Austin, Mike Catlett, Lewis Walters, Perry Dixon

2nd Place: Tony Emmert, Justin Woolsey, John Madison, Bobby Allard, Chris Armstrong, Stephen Southard

3rd Place: Tad Inami, Joseph Reardon, Bubba Michael, Brad Kiefner, Billy Keedy, Kevin Eades

First Flight

1st Place: Chris Ross, Wes Fowler, Robby Minyard, Jack Fowler, Derrick Rhodes, Rocky Rhodes

2nd Place: David Burnett, Bill Sullivan, Jo Bob Denton, Jeff Lynch, Mike Wey, Travis Turner

3rd Place: Mitch Stierwalt, Tony Hawkins, Leyton Clark, Steve Anderson

Second Flight

1st Place: Takafumi Yoshida, Masanobu Kobayashi, Dr. Robin Myers, Tim Myers, Shinji Ono, Tetsuro Mishima

2nd Place: Mike Jaques, Henry Robak, Lendall Yeater, Jay Gee, Mike Bruce, Phil Gebhardt

3rd Place: Bob Logan, Lynn Burks, John Hicks, Zack Wilson, Jim Goodman, Warren Matthews

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