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ANC Fall Schedule of Classes is available for viewing online only at

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January 5	Spring Registration Closes
January 9	Classes Begin
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)
January 23	Last Day to Drop with a Refund
February 10	Graduation Application Deadline
February 20	President's Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)
March 20-24	Spring Break (Students)
March 24	Spring Break (COLLEGE CLOSED)
April 10	Summer I, Summer II, & Fall Registration Opens (All Campuses)
April 13	Last Day to Withdraw from Class with a "W"
April 14	Good Friday (COLLEGE CLOSED)
May 2	Last Day of Spring Classes (Tuesday/Thursday)
May 3	Last Day of Spring Classes (Monday/Wednesday)
May 4,8-10	FINAL EXAMS
May 12	GRADUATION



# ANC President Enjoys Meeting with Students

November was a busy month as ANC President Dr. James Shemwell hosted a series of luncheons with students to hear their thoughts about ANC. These student focus group meetings marked the fourth year for the President to visit with students in this type of forum, and the luncheons provided great insight into the students' perspective regarding all aspects of the College.

Approximately thirty-five students participated in the meetings from five different groups including: Student Ambassadors and student club members, allied health students, transfer students, allied technology students, and online students. The meetings were casual to allow the students to be comfortable in conversation. Overall, students reported being very pleased with their experiences at ANC.

Dr. Shemwell enjoys hosting these meetings each year to learn more about what ANC students think of their college but also to convey to the students that he and the college faculty and staff care about students' thoughts and input. Several changes or additions to the campus have been made as a direct result of the president's conversations with students during these focus group meetings.

"It is very important to me to visit with our students. I always enjoy these luncheons because I truly value their opinions. The purpose here is to better fulfill our mission of serving our students and our community, so I very much appreciate the opportunity to spend quality time with the very people we serve," said Dr. Shemwell.



Arkansas Northeastern College President Dr. James Shemwell meets with ANC students during one of several focus group luncheons. This marks the fourth year that Dr. Shemwell has held student focus group meetings. Dr. Shemwell sincerely loves these meetings and thanks the students involved.

## Meet ANC's Success Navigator

Meet Desmond Hammett. You may be seeing his face around Arkansas Northeastern College, the ANC Crisp Center and out in the community. Desmond Hammett is the new Success Navigator for Community Relations at ANC.

As Success Navigator, he will assist prospective students from under-served student populations in all areas of student services as needed. His assistance will include, but is not limited to: recruitment, admissions, student records, campus engagement, disability services, career services, advising and helping students to connect with campus and community resources.

The goal of the Success Navigator is to promote each student's academic, career, and personal development—working, brainstorming, and jumping in head first to create a path of success for individuals.

Hammett said, "The position of Success Navigator gives me the opportunity to assist students from all walks of life and will help the students reach their maximum potential during their educational and career journey. Whether a student is first generation or a traditional student, I ensure that our program is the road map to their success. I want to motivate and inspire others to be able to succeed in any career path they choose. As the Success Navigator, I will facilitate, guide, and accompany each individual on their journey to success! Let's make your journey a success!"



Desmond Hammett, Success Navigator



# ANC Named Best Online College in Arkansas

Affordable Colleges Online ranks ANC the Best Online College in Arkansas for Two-Year Schools. Affordable Colleges Online goes on to say Arkansas Northeastern College specializes in community education and business and industry training. Formation of the college began on December 17, 1974 when Mississippi County voters approved the development of a local college district. Today, Arkansas Northeastern College is headquartered in Blytheville, Arkansas and accredited by the Higher Learning Commission. Part-time, full-time and distance learning options are available at the school's Paragould, Leachville, Osceola, Blytheville and Burdette campuses. Approximately 200 high school students participate in the college's dual enrollment program each semester. Veterans services, a wellness center, allied health center and (coming soon) a new center for allied technologies all support social, academic and personal engagement and learning.



## Center for Allied Technologies Receives \$100,000 Pledge from D&L, Inc.



Arkansas Northeastern College received another major donation toward its new Center for Allied Technology project as D&L, Inc., of Blytheville made a \$75,000 donation with the pledge of an additional \$25,000 within the next year.

As part of a continuing contribution to the betterment of those in the community, D&L, Inc. agreed to support the construction of an Allied Technology Center on the campus of Arkansas Northeastern College. D&L, Inc. is a full-service HVACR (heating, ventilation, air-conditioning, and refrigeration) company. Their generous commitment has earned them naming rights that will be reflected in the D&L, Inc. HVACR Laboratory and the Harold Newcomb HVACR Classroom (named in remembrance of D&L owners' father).

In response to the announcement of the gift, ANC President Dr. James Shemwell said, "We are delighted to have the wonderful support of D&L for this project and look forward to utilizing their gift to help us train HVACR technicians for the future."

D&L, Inc.'s donation brings the total of local private investment to \$750,000 as the capital campaign continues with additional pledges anticipated in the near future. Bid opening for the Center for Allied Technologies construction project is anticipated in early 2017 with a target completion date of summer 2018.

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## ANC Outstanding Faculty, Staff, Student, and Alumni Recognized

Arkansas Northeastern College's Outstanding Faculty, Staff, Student, and Alumni were recognized at the Annual Conference of the Arkansas Community Colleges (ACC) association, held October 9-11, 2016, in Hot Springs, Arkansas.



ANC Outstanding Faculty member Dr. Keith Hearnberger pictured with ACC Director Bill Stovall

### ◀ Dr. Keith Hearnberger, Outstanding Faculty

Dr. Hearnberger approaches the classroom with enthusiasm and a desire to educate people about music. He is willing to try different tactics to motivate students to success. Through his guidance, ANC Choirs have performed at renowned venues such as the Vatican, the Imperial Chapel of the Schönbrunn Palace in Vienna, the Dom Cathedral in Salzburg, the St. Vitus Cathedral in Prague, the St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, and the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi in Italy; and many sites throughout the United States such as Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the Kennedy Center.

### Michelle Bennett, Outstanding Staff ▶

Michelle Bennett serves as the ANC Technical Center Assistant Director. She is conscientious in her work with students and staff. Always willing to go the extra mile, Michelle helped create ANC's first-ever week-long manufacturing camp. She collaborates regularly with student services, career coaches, and Career Pathways staff to promote the Early College Program, Technical Center, and college transition. Michelle has earned the National Career Development Facilitator Certification and graduated from the local Chamber of Commerce Leadership Institute. Michelle has a wonderful rapport with students, staff, and the communities we serve.



ANC Outstanding Staff member Michelle Bennett pictured with ACC Director Bill Stovall

### ◀ Cody Hogan, Academic All-Star

Cody Hogan of Leachville, Arkansas, is the 2016 Academic All-Star Student for Arkansas Northeastern College. An outgoing student majoring in Computer Information Systems, Cody plans to eventually earn a master's degree in computer science. He maintains a 4.0 cumulative grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities. He is an active member of ANC's Student Voice Initiative and serves as both a student tutor and a peer mentor. Cody is also a member of the Gamma Beta Phi National Honor Society.

### Dr. Charisse Childers, Outstanding Alumni ▶

Blytheville native Dr. Charisse Childers attended Arkansas Northeastern College prior to earning her bachelor's, master's, and specialist's degrees from Arkansas State University and then a doctor of philosophy degree from the University of Arkansas. Her career began in secondary and post-secondary education—even serving as the Director of ANC's College Now (Tech Prep) Program for several years. She has earned both state and national recognition for her leadership and work. She served as the Executive Director of Accelerate Arkansas before being appointed to Governor Asa Hutchinson's Cabinet as the Director of the Arkansas Department of Career Education in January 2015.



ANC Academic All-Star Student Cody Hogan pictured with ACC Director Bill Stovall



ANC Outstanding Alumni Dr. Charisse Childers

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# ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE A YEAR IN REVIEW

2016 has been an exciting year highlighted by several milestones and important developments. At Arkansas Northeastern College we have collectively accomplished much in which we can take pride.

**Report Reveals ANC Graduates as Top Wage Earners:** 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 of graduates of all Arkansas colleges and universities. The *2016 Economic Security Report* provides earnings and employment data for 2014 graduates. The data reveals that *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 \$43,854 during students' first year of employment. In fact, the only bachelor degree full-time wage averages that exceed ANC's associate degree average are the private John Brown University and 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. In terms of specific metrics for credential programs at ANC, the highlights include the average full-time wages of \$78,598 for Steel Industry Technology associate degree graduates, \$49,356 for Nursing associate degree graduates, and \$48,880 for Welding certificate of proficiency graduates.

**Rural IMPACT Demonstration Site Visit:** The White House named 10 communities as rural IMPACT (Integration Models for Parents and Children to Thrive) Demonstration Sites, and Blytheville is one of them. The Rural IMPACT Demonstration will help communities adopt a two-generation approach to programs, policies, and systems to better meet the needs of low-income rural and tribal families and use a comprehensive, whole-family framework for addressing child poverty by improving alignment among service providers to the poor. Doug O'Brien, Senior Policy Advisor for Rural Affairs with the White House Domestic Policy Council and Coordinator of the White House Rural Council, visited the ANC campus on January 13th, along with Chris Masingill, Federal Co-Chairman of the Delta Regional Authority, as the first Demonstration Site visit among the 10 selected sites. Both guests addressed over 100 civic and community leaders in attendance.

**Rural Development Partners Grant Funding Free Material Handling Training:** Rural Development Partners (RDP), a Community Development Entity certified and administered by the United States Department of the Treasury, is working directly with Mid-River Terminal, a new company located near Osceola to service Big River Steel, both with New Market Tax Credits and training funds. RDP is investing \$90,000, matched with another \$90,000 from Mid-River Terminal, in customized training related to material handling. Working with both RDP and Mid-River Terminal, The Solutions Group has developed a Material Handling curriculum involving classroom training and hands-on usage of equipment such as forklifts, rough-terrain lift trucks, aerial man-lifts, scissor lifts, skid steer loaders, overhead cranes, backhoes, and mini-excavators. The overall curriculum design is delivered over a 4-week period. ANC is delivering the training, which began in April, free to the public during the term of the grant.

**3rd Annual Best Practices Symposium:** On May 6th, ANC faculty and staff attended three different best practices breakout sessions with 14 presentation/discussions from which to choose. Utilizing the scoring matrix developed by the BPS/ABC task force, the Cabinet issued the following awards:

- Advancement by Collaboration (ABC) Award (\$2,000) to *Adult Education & Career Pathways Initiative Collaboration* by Pauline Linam-Parks, Deborah Lyles-Benedict, Macy Jones, Tara Hice, Beth Thompson, Sheryl Cooley, Sue Puckett, and Joan Eveland in the category of Advancement in Service
- Best Practice Merit Award (\$500) to *Unlimited Ability to Retake Exams for General Biology Lecture* by Lance Morris in the category of Advancement in Student Success.
- Best Practice Merit Award (\$500) to *Energy: An Arkansas Northeastern College Publication* by Julie Dorris in the category of Advancement in Student Learning
- Best Practice Merit Award (\$500) to *Development of the Associate in General Studies Credential* by Dr. Keith Hearnberger in the category of Advancement in Student Learning

**Arkansas General Assembly on Campus:** On September 28th and 29th, the Arkansas Legislative Black Caucus, along with the Arkansas Senate and House Committees on Agriculture, Forestry, and Economic Development met in the Governors Ballroom at ANC. Fifteen members heard testimony from State agency directors from the Arkansas Department of Career Education, the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services, and the Arkansas Economic Development Commission. Legislators heard testimony from executives from Big River





Steel and Nucor Steel related to the local economy, as well as testimony from Dr. James Shemwell relating workforce development efforts at ANC geared toward underserved communities. Shemwell reported that *ANC's minority student credentialing rate as a percentage of the total student body has doubled over the past decade*. A strategic element in this important outcome has been an increased focus upon shorter-term certificates designed for immediate entry into the workplace. ANC's successes in working with under-resourced students are drawing regional and national attention. Both the Winthrop Rockefeller Foundation and the Annie E. Casey Foundation have visited ANC this Fall semester for interviews and other filming.

**AETN Premiere Held at ANC:** The Arkansas Educational Television Network (AETN) produced an Arkansas companion piece to the nation Public Broadcasting System (PBS) documentary, *Dream On*, analyzing the current state of the American Dream in communities experiencing significant generational poverty. The Arkansas broadcast featured Arkansas Northeastern College and its outreach efforts to underserved communities. On September 24th, AETN hosted a luncheon, video premiere, and public forum at ANC, with panelists including the documentary producer, Kevin Clark, Blytheville Mayor James Sanders, ANC President Dr. James Shemwell, and Dr. Vernon Carraway of the Multicultural Resource Center at Penn State University. Approximately 150 people attended the event. The national broadcast of *Dream On* and the Arkansas companion piece, *A Deeper Look at Poverty in Arkansas*, aired on October 7th.

**ANC Hosts Arkansas Economic Development Commission:** On November 10th, the Arkansas Economic Development Commission (AEDC) held their November meeting in the Governors Ballroom at ANC. Commissioners held a Bond Guaranty Committee meeting as well as hearing presentations from AEDC Executive Director Mike Preston and ANC President Dr. James Shemwell related to workforce development, particularly the extensive training support that ANC is providing to the Big River Steel mill startup. The AEDC visit to Mississippi County also included a tour of the new Big River Steel mill near Osceola.

**Center for Allied Technologies:** After 18 months, the architectural and engineering work is complete for the ANC Center for Allied Technologies. Fundraising efforts toward the 85,000 square foot facility will continue through the construction process. The bid opening for the Center for Allied Technologies construction project is anticipated in early 2017 with a target completion date of summer 2018. As a reminder, this facility will consolidate the programs currently being offered at the ANC Burdette Center, Harry L. Crisp Center, and the ACME Center—with an estimated cost savings for the College of approximately \$100,000 per year in maintenance.

**Completion of Courtyard Amphitheatre:** The Courtyard Amphitheatre project was completed in November. The Courtyard Amphitheatre will be available for use for a wide variety of activities including choir and theatre performances, a venue for outdoor lectures, student talent shows, or other college events. Most importantly, the completion of the Courtyard Amphitheatre project has transformed the former dirt berm into an attractive campus highlight for both current and potential students.



#### Other Key Developments:

- ANC is part of two consortium initiatives receiving Workforce Initiative Act implementation grants through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education, one with ADTEC (Arkansas Delta Training & Education Consortium) and a second with Northeast Arkansas Community College Collaborative (NEAC<sup>3</sup>), consisting of ANC, ASU-Newport, and Black River Technical College; the grants will help fund revisions of the Advanced Manufacturing curriculum at ANC, including virtual software and hands-on training equipment, as well as providing a certified truck driver program in partnership with ASU-Newport
- The former Business & Technical Programs division was dissolved and merged into the Allied Technologies Division; as part of the reorganization, the Office of Effectiveness, Assessment, & Planning was created to help inform and prepare reaccreditation efforts
- ANC established its first faculty ranking system allowing faculty members to earn the ranks of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor based on accomplishments in the areas of student & dean evaluations, institutional & community service, scholarship, student success, and institutional-specific & discipline-specific professional development
- The ANC Board of Trustees updated the long-range Campus Master Plan to include future outdoor amenities such as a tennis court, two outdoor racquetball courts, bocce court, horseshoe pit, small pavilion, and intramural field
- Numerous fine arts productions took place in 2016 including choir concerts, theatrical productions, and community band performances
- The ANC Tours program featured a trip to Italy in March
- Landscaping projects completed include work done behind the B-Wing, west of the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center & the Sun Room, at the Leachville Center, and along the southern corridor entrance along South Richard Reid College Drive and the crossing drive in front of the Angela Wren Nursing & Allied Health Center

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# Future Educators Visit ANC Campus

On Friday, October 21, 2016, the Arkansas Northeastern College Educators Rising Club (Future Educators Club) visited the campus. There were 28 students, grades 10-12, from three different area high schools that included Armorel, Blytheville, and Manila. Students in the Education Rising Club have been actively involved in helping elementary schools and are interested in the teaching profession.

While on campus, they spent some time with Ryan Perkins, the Education Coordinator and Education Instructor for ANC. They explored the many reasons one may be interested in the teaching profession, and the need for quality teachers in the area. Staff members also came by to greet the students. Lance Morris, Life Sciences Instructor and Lab Coordinator at ANC, and the students performed a lab together to showcase the ANC labs and show students how engaging and fun science can be. ANC Theatre Instructor Michael Fisher, Art Instructor Holt Brasher, and English Instructor Cameron Klein discussed with students the many exciting programs ANC has that intertwine with the education degree plans.

Students were then able to enjoy lunch while visiting the Sun Room, where they were able to relax and just have some fun. ANC staff would like to thank all of the students who participated in this fun-filled educational day!



## Foundation Scholarship Recipients

**SCHOLARSHIPS FALL 2016:** **Sharon Wingo Churchill Scholarship:** William S. Toler; **Cohen Scholarship:** Emily S. Dunhame, Jordan B. Glass, Caitlyn Hill, Mercedes Jones; **Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship:** Summer J. Neal; **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship:** Tiffany Ashley, Martha A. Balcom, Jessica N. Bard, Nichole Boatman, Mathew D. Cole, Danielle Dodson, Kala Duffel, Robert O. Farmer, Heather L. Frost, Tyler R. Granger, Rebecca A. Hager, Robert H. Hudson, Kimberly Jeffers, Jacob G. Johnson, Megan N. Key, Haylee B. Kirk, Casie L. Moore, Anthony B. Pieri, Saneita C. Rea, Madison S. Shaw, Tianna O. Taylor, Tarryn A. Tracy, James H. Williams; **Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Scholarship:** Shernicia Morris; **Marvel B. Dickerson Scholarship:** Lyric Lacy; **Jim Grimes Memorial Scholarship:** Tiffany Landmon, Seth Rounsavall; **L.D. and Reddie Harris Scholarship:** Kathryn L. White; **The Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Jamilya S. Hooks; **Paul C. Hughes Scholarship:** Terrance Chew, Gabrielle Mays; **Johnston Memorial Scholarship:** Jessica Tubbs; **Lindsey Ohlendorf Fairley Scholarship:** Chavelia Joyner; **Martha Ann Moore Memorial Scholarship:** Nyokee Mitchell; **Nelson Nursing Scholarship:** William Brown; **Dr. King Nunn, III Memorial Scholarship:** Nyokee Mitchell; **Nursing Endowment Scholarship:** Amanda Klipfel; **Johnny W. Nutt Memorial Scholarship:** Kathryn L. White, Rhoda Yost; **Chapter W P.E.O. Memorial Scholarship:** Jessica Tubbs; **Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship:** Adrienne Askew; **Loretta Smith Memorial Scholarship:** Morgan L. Carter, Terrance Chew; **Wayne Taylor Memorial Scholarship:** Madison Crawford, Glorest J. Hall, Taylor B. Harmon, Lindsey Treece; **Temple Israel Scholarship:** Alexis F. Odell; **Thank You RN's Scholarship:** Tessa E. Fulling, Madison Gifford; **George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** Taylor D. Adams, Adrienne Askew, Christopher Bebout, Mattison Bell, Autumn Bennett, Kirsten Benson, Nicholas Blackman, Kevin A. Bortis, Nakita S. Branch, Anna M. Brewer, Devon S. Carter, Morgan L. Carter, Natasha Childers, Gabriel Choctaw, Austin Coleman, Lane F. Crites, Lauren Delancey, Bruce I. Edward, Skinesha Floyd, Karen L. Garcia, Jacob Gonzalez, Sarah E. Graham, Austin Griffin, Ethan J. Grissom, Belinda Hall, Portia Y. Harris, Caitlin E. Holt, Tyshonna Horner, Lauren Jenkins, Tamarah R. Jones, Nicole M. Juarez, Lyric Lacy, Katelyn M. Lee, Brandy Lindsey, Chase T. Lloyd, Karlie A. Long, Hannah C. Martin, Jerry L. Martin, Marcy G. Mays, Stephanie McCoy, Mark McGlaughlin, Madison Middlebrook, Carl Miner, Rachel L. Money, Amanda Moresco, Melinda J. Ohler, Debbie R. Payne, Kayla N. Pierce, Tyrone A. Pope, Deloris Prince, Karla M. Ray, Kaylynn Razor, Samantha Reams, Alex Richardson, Jordan Richardson, Jakeya Robinson, Kerri D. Shrable, Ashley D. Smith, Taylen R. Smith, Deshinell Snead, Haston S. Sparks, Dalton Stallings, Paris Taylor, Tyler M. Taylor, Demond A. Thomas, Lamond M. Thomas, David Thomas Jr., Rheanna Turner, Juliane Veach, Cody L. Waters, Clarissa Watson, Kirsten Wattigney, Amy Wells, Leon C. Wheeler, Willie Williams, Rhoda Yost, Sanchez Zampino; **Whitener-Hoskins Scholarship:** Austin Carrillo; **Angela Wren Memorial Scholarship:** Summer J. Neal; **Yamato-Kogyo Scholarship:** Demetri Bennett, Deborah R. Brown, Ashley E. Downum, Billy L. Finley, Amy L. Flowers, Kimberly Harris, Kelsey E. McVay, Jona Montgomery, Alexis F. Odell, Morgan K. Paison, Jennifer Pattilo, Hannah Pitcher, Hanna M. Wells, Jeremy T. Wilson, Breanna Younger



**ON THE COVER: DIANA GUZMAN** LET ANC PUT A *smile* ON YOUR FUTURE!

Meet Arkansas Northeastern College student Diana Guzman who is currently enrolled in the College's Dental Assisting Program. After moving to Osceola, AR from Houston, Texas, just over two years ago, Diana decided she likes the small, hometown feel of the area and chose to further her education at ANC after graduating from Osceola High School in 2016.

"It's comfortable here, and it's nice to be close to home. At ANC, I like how it's small and everyone can connect," said Guzman who added that she has gained some great new friends since enrolling at the College.

Guzman seems an appropriate candidate for her chosen field as she constantly beams a radiant smile. When asked why she chose to study dental assisting, she shrugged and said, "I like to smile. I like to see other people smile, and I want to be able to help people have the kind of smile they want."

She has no regrets for her decision either as she is really enjoying the program. While she admits that the material can be challenging, she is confident in her abilities and credits her classmates and instructor as being great motivators.

"My favorite thing about the dental assisting program is the instructor (Lisa Childers). She is super cool and she treats us all equally. It's just a great environment. The class is small, so everyone helps each other out. No one wants to see a classmate fail," added Guzman who also praised the Angela Wren Nursing and Allied Health Center as being a wonderful facility in which to take classes. "We get lots of hands-on practice in our labs and it's set up to be just like a real dentist office."

Guzman says that she would highly recommend Arkansas Northeastern College and the Dental Assisting Program to anyone interested in going to college. The Dental Assisting Program at Arkansas Northeastern College is a one year Technical Certificate program designed to train students in the role of dental assisting and upon program completion, perform their duties in all areas of the modern dental office. The program consists of the training necessary to assist the dentist in the dental operator, the laboratory, and the dental business office. The ANC Dental Assisting Program is approved by the Arkansas State Dental Examiners Board and is accredited by the American Dental Association.

"It's an accredited program and that's great," said Guzman who added that it was nice to be able to start a program and, in less than a year, be certified for a new career so you can immediately go to work. Guzman said she would be happy to have a certificate that would allow her to find work virtually anywhere.

ANC's Dental Assisting Program selects a class each year and begins instruction in the Fall Semester. The program continues through the following Spring Semester and completes at the end of June or Summer I Term for a total of 10 months of instruction and supervised clinical performance. Students successfully completing the Dental Assisting Program at ANC are qualified to apply and sit for the Dental Assisting National Board (DANB) to become a Certified Dental Assistant.

So, what would Diana Guzman tell someone considering attending Arkansas Northeastern College? "I would tell them that ANC is a small college, but you'll feel more connected here. It's a really good place to start."

We couldn't have said it better ourselves, Diana.



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## ANC App Wins NCMPR Bronze Medallion Award

James Hartley recently attended the National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR) District 4 Regional Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The NCMPR is a professional organization that recognizes two-year colleges involved in marketing, communications, and public relations. The organization is broken up into 7 districts. The Arkansas Northeastern College is located within District 4 along with all other community colleges in Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming. Each year, the districts have marketing competitions regionally. The official ANC app won the Bronze Medallion award for excellence!

## Kara Johnson Named EMT Instructor of the Year

The Arkansas Instructor's Society announced the Instructor of the Year award for 2016, Kara Johnson, at the annual EMS Conference Banquet in Hot Springs, AR on Saturday, August 6, 2016. In addition to this honor, Johnson will serve as AEMTA president for the next two years.

Candidates for this prestigious award go beyond the call of duty to teach Emergency Medical Technician skills and exemplify characteristics such as:

- Provides superior patient care
- Is an effective advocate for patients and their families
- Works with peers to foster a positive work environment
- Demonstrates professionalism in interacting with patients, their families and other medical professionals
- Demonstrates his/her commitment to continuing professional education

Kara Johnson instills in her students the knowledge and skills it takes to excel, sets values and goals high for her students and expects them to meet those goals.

As a training institution, Arkansas Northeastern College is proud to promote Paramedic/EMT programs taught by the Arkansas Instructor of the Year for 2016. We congratulate Kara Johnson on this honor and recognize her outstanding contributions to emergency medical care.



## EMT TO PARAMEDIC BECOME A PARAMEDIC IN ONE YEAR!

Arkansas Northeastern College offers a 12 month Technical Certificate in Paramedic that provides training and education in advanced pre-hospital patient care. After satisfactory completion of the Paramedic Program and meeting application criteria, students are eligible to apply for the National Registry Emergency Medical Technician (NREMT) Exam for certification as a National Registered Paramedic (NRP).

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(BACK L-R) **William Pelts** - Welding Instructor, **Tim Mills** - Security Officer, **Kammie McGee** - Administrative Assistant, **Brian Dennis** - Aviation Instructor, **Matt Woods** - Career Readiness Instructor, **Jeff Echols** - Career Coach, **David Diagostino** - Career Coach, **Debbie Stubblefield** - Medical Professions Instructor

(FRONT L-R) **Michelle Bennett** - Secondary Center Assistant Director, **Mary Gaston** - Career Coach, **Melissa Arledge** - Lead Career Coach, **Susie Scott** - Career Coach, **Kim Hart** - Education Instructor, **Paul Hamilton** - Construction Instructor, **Duane Busby** - Criminal Justice Instructor, **Sherri Bennett** - Vice President for College and Career Readiness



## Two Ghoulish Plays in One Entertaining Show

Arkansas Northeastern College Division of Arts and Sciences presented two ghoulish one-act plays just in time for Halloween. The plays, "Ten Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse" by Don Zolidis and "Fog on the Mountain" by Tim Kelly, were directed by ANC Theatre Instructor Michael Fisher. In addition to the three free performances at ANC, a dinner theatre production catered by Strawberry's was offered at the Manila Community Center at a cost of \$20 per ticket.



## ArkACRAO College Fair

The annual ArkACRAO College Fair was held on October 27, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center on the Blytheville Main Campus.

Over 650 current ANC students and area high school students had the opportunity to interact with over 30 colleges and organizations to learn about some of the resources ANC has to offer to future and current students.



## ANC Intramural Volleyball Wins League Tournament



ANC's intramural volleyball team won the annual Arkansas Delta Intramural League volleyball tournament held at ASU Jonesboro. (BACK L-R) Matt McCord, Heather Cook, Chelsey Thacker, Megan Key, Justice Flowers, John Diamond (FRONT L-R) Takyia Jarvis, Ambyr Washington, Taigianna Fore. Other players not pictured are Madison Henley, Mildred Hale, Alexis Cruz, and Lacy Johnson.



# ANC Choral Activities

UNDER THE DIRECTION OF DR. KEITH HEARNSBERGER



(LEFT) ANC singers participated in “A Christmas Holiday Spectacular” featuring the music of John Leavitt. The ANC singers joined ten other choral groups from all over the United States to perform the music at the legendary Carnegie Hall. (MIDDLE) Some of the ANC students toured Columbia University in New York City. This was taken outside of the administrative building (The library title is an eternal misprint. The library is actually on the opposite side.). The statue of Athena behind the students is the mascot of Columbia. (RIGHT) ANC students performed with a festival chorus at St. John the Divine Cathedral in New York City, the largest cathedral in North America. The event was a morning recital on November 25, 2016.



(LEFT) ANC Chamber Singers traveled to Hot Springs and were the featured choir at the Arkansas Community Colleges annual convention on October 9, 2016. (RIGHT) The Combined Choral Ensembles of ANC and the Chamber Orchestra at St. Mark’s Episcopal Church, Jonesboro presented the fall concert: In Memoriam: Fauré Requiem: Music for the Soul. The program was repeated on Sunday at First Baptist Church in Blytheville, AR. The Sunday event was in combination with Gosnell, Blytheville, and KIPP high school choirs.



# ANC Nursing and Paramedic Students Attend Pediatric Workshop

Arkansas Northeastern College second year Associate Degree Nursing students and Paramedic students recently attended a Pediatric Workshop in Poplar Bluff, Missouri presented by Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital. The workshop was sponsored by Air-Evac, Black River Medical Center, and Poplar Bluff Medical Center. Topics that were presented by pediatric registered nurses and paramedics throughout the day included pediatric cardiology and respiratory illness, pain assessment and management in children, seizures, autism, and children with medical complexities. The students would like to thank Air-Evac 20-24 for hosting this workshop and bridging the gap between Emergency Medical Services and Nursing.



## Student Appreciation Days

We appreciate our students greatly at Arkansas Northeastern College. Student Appreciation Days provide one small, fun way of showing it. This year, Student Appreciation Days took place October 12-13, 2016. Snacks, prizes, obstacle courses, minute to win it games, and more were all part of the fun!



## ANC Allied Health Day

Thirty-six high school seniors from Armored, Blytheville, Buffalo Island Central, Gosnell, Osceola, and Rivercrest participated in Allied Health Day on the ANC Main Campus in Blytheville, AR. ANC's Allied Health Division in partnership with the ANC Career Coaches provided the students with some real life knowledge and experience in a variety of medical areas. The students learned how to properly take a pulse, worked with live simulation mannequins, performed CPR, learned about infection control, first aid bandaging, and dental technology.





# ANC TECHNICAL CENTER HOSTED ITS SECOND YOUNG MANUFACTURERS ACADEMY

Arkansas Northeastern College Technical Center hosted its second Young Manufacturers Academy on October 7-8, 2016 in celebration of National Manufacturing Day. Eighteen students from 6 different school districts (Armorel, Blytheville, Gosnell, Manila, Osceola, and Rivercrest) participated in the free program.

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, Nucor-Yamato, and the Osceola School District's STEM program to give students a first-hand look at manufacturing in Mississippi County. On October 7th, students learned about manufacturing processes through hands-on activities with industry representatives, including team-building, material sciences and quality assurance. They also learned about ANC's post-secondary internship opportunities, and attended the Manufacturing in Mississippi County: Connecting Education to Industry luncheon and panel discussion. Panelists Marilyn Woessner of Nucor-Yamato, George Harguess of DENSO, and Lenore Trammel of Big River Steel discussed manufacturing needs and career opportunities in Mississippi County. On the 8th, they toured the DENSO facility, where they discussed safety and lean manufacturing processes. They wrapped up the 2-day camp with a Robotics tutorial and competition, which was held at Osceola High School using the OHS robotics equipment and software. Parents joined the camp for the end of the competition.

The Young Manufacturers Academy helps students explore and understand the skills needed to prepare for careers in advanced manufacturing including Engineering, Computerized Machining, Welding, Industrial Maintenance, and Robotics. For more information on the Young Manufacturers Academy or the Advanced Manufacturing Program at the ANC Technical/Secondary Center, please contact the Assistant Director, Michelle Bennett, at mbennett@smail.anc.edu or 870-762-1020 ext. 1406. For more information on ANC programs and opportunities, please visit [www.anc.edu](http://www.anc.edu).



(TOP) 2016 Young Manufacturers Academy participants at DENSO. (L-R) Triona Carter, Jesse Clap, Calup Hedger, Tyrique Dodd, Bradley Annalora, Heather Ring, Justin Moore, Eddie Keffer, Mathew Royer, Ashley Wright, David Carney, and Xavier Reed. (BOTTOM LEFT) Winners of the Robotics competition (L-R), Tyrique Dodd, Triona Carter, and Calup Hedger, all of Blytheville High School. Ben Turley of Nucor-Hickman, who ran the tutorial and competition, is pictured far right. (BOTTOM RIGHT) Trenton Drury, Meltshop IT Intern with Nucor-Yamato, conducts a material science experiment with David Carney of Rivercrest (middle) and Eddie Keffer of Armorel (right).

## MANUFACTURING IN MISSISSIPPI COUNTY CONNECTING EDUCATION AND INDUSTRY NATIONAL MANUFACTURING DAY

On Friday, October 7, 2016, Arkansas Northeastern College hosted Connecting Education and Industry—an event in recognition of National Manufacturing Day and in appreciation of local manufacturing and educational entities. ANC provided a catered luncheon of barbeque and fish for approximately 150 area manufacturers, service agency partners, local officials, and public school partners. The agenda included updates on county initiatives, recognition of industry contributions to technical education, and scholarship awards. Following the luncheon, participants had the opportunity to attend an industry panel discussion.







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Thursday, November 10, 2016, marked the 28th year for the Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation annual fundraising dinner. Over 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 businesses, 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. Gifford also praised the generosity of the major event donors who gave money or items valued at \$500 or more. “Our major donors really made it possible to offset the cost of the event as well as contributing some items that brought a high price at auction. We are still finalizing the numbers, but we expect to make in excess of \$15,000 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 Bigg 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 new 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.

Members of the ANC Foundation Harvest Party Planning Committee were: Lewis Walters, Phil Dever, George Hubbard, Bill Kenner, Brandon Meadows, Angie Dixon, Matt Noble, Ammi Tucker, Jane Stanford, Sandra Kennedy Mitchell, Eva Chitwood, Jody Hipwell, Courtney Fisher, June Walters, Sheiron Bearden and Rachel Gifford.

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# GOLF

TOURNAMENT

Twenty-nine six-person teams filled the greens of the Blytheville Country Club for the 26th Annual ANC Foundation/Yamato Kogyo Company Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, September 19, 2016.

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, who added that this year's tournament raised approximately \$25,000 for scholarships.

"Mr. Inoue and the Yamato Kogyo Company continue to promote friendship and cooperation between our 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.



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



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