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



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I can remember being nine years old and seeing MCCC flyers and stickers at Central Elementary School, plus all around town. My parents even had one on our refrigerator at our home on Meadow Lane. On December 17, 1974, the citizens of Mississippi County voted to tax themselves to create the Mississippi County Community College. Seemed like a good idea at the time, especially eight years later when I left Blytheville High School after the 11th grade to begin college at MCCC. I never dreamed then that I would return 12 years later to spend a career at our College. I remain so very grateful to the innovative, forward-thinking leaders who worked diligently to campaign for the College and, of course, for the people of our County for making it a reality that has changed tens of thousands of lives since its inception.

Dr. Harry V. Smith, our Founding President, was a true pioneer, growing our fledgling College and immediately establishing its reputation as a trailblazer. Dr. John Paul Sullins was a builder for over 22 years, developing facilities, programs, and a strong financial footing to serve our entire County for years to come; his fingerprints remain all over our campuses and rich history. Dr. Robin Myers was a bona fide visionary who understood the role that workforce development could play in the economic development of our County, and who led with a sincere kindness unmatched among college presidents. The strategy with which I have led over the past 10 years has been one of calling forth and unleashing the vast talent and desire to change lives that exist within our College's exceptional faculty and staff to make ours the most agile college not only in the state, but the nation. We have put our money where our mouth is, investing in new, groundbreaking, and occasionally unorthodox approaches; some have failed, but many more have been wildly successful thanks to our people and, most of all, our students. Today, the Arkansas Northeastern College is recognized nationally as a leader of change, a leader in workforce development, and a leader in successfully serving under-resourced populations.

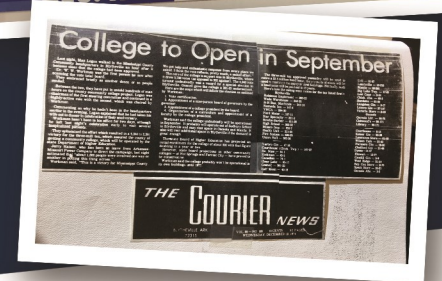


Dr. James Shemwell, ANC President

Over the past decade, ANC has enjoyed great strides forward in terms of student success, both in the classroom and post-graduation. Our minority student graduation rates have more than tripled and now are well above the national average for minority community college students. Non-minority students now perform above the national average as well. The earnings of our graduates, across all of our programs, represent Arkansas' benchmark, consistently out-performing university bachelor degree averages, both one year and five years after graduation. Perhaps more than anything, ANC's keen focus upon student success after graduation and its investment in the same (career placement, paid internships, clinical assignments, building employer relationships customized training, etc.) is what sets ANC apart from other colleges.

Another of ANC's greatest assets throughout our history has been and continues to be our Board of Trustees. The list of Trustees who have served our College reads like a register of local leaders who changed things in our County for the better. I am genuinely grateful for their thoughtful guidance and sterling support during my tenure as President. Also, words cannot capture how appreciative I am of my executive staff, the President's Cabinet — simply stated, they are the best in the business.

What I most want the people of Mississippi County and the surrounding area to know is that there is no more heroic assemblage of talented, dedicated, college employees than the faculty and staff of the Arkansas Northeastern College. **They change lives daily** and are the primary reason why our College's future is bright and full of amazing promise for decades to come. Serving these past 29 years at my hometown college, especially the last 10 as the champion of their work, is the greatest professional blessing of my lifetime. Thank you to all supporters of ANC and our mission! Viva ANC!



Dr. James Shemwell

ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE PRESIDENT



U.S. STEEL AND ENERGY ARKANSAS PARTNER WITH ARKANSAS NORTHEASTERN COLLEGE TO OFFER STEEL TECH ACADEMY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

U. S. Steel’s Big River Steel facility and Entergy Arkansas, have entered into a partnership with Arkansas Northeastern College (ANC) to support The Steel Tech Academy, a hands-on internship program for high school students to prepare them for career opportunities in the steel industry. This partnership includes an investment of \$75,000 from Entergy Arkansas and \$225,000 from U. S. Steel. The investment demonstrates a robust commitment to the local communities and their future.

“This is exciting news for Arkansas high school students,” said Dr. Jamie Frakes, Associate Vice President for Workforce Development and Allied Technologies, Arkansas Northeastern College. “With more people leaving the workforce than entering the workforce, there is an urgent need and value in having a sustainable pipeline of prepared talent, interested and ready-to-enter careers in the local steel industry. I’d like to thank U. S. Steel and Entergy Arkansas for investing in this partnership.”

“U. S. Steel is thrilled to help make The Steel Tech Academy a reality,” said Daniel R. Brown, U. S. Steel’s Senior Vice President - Advanced Technology Steelmaking and Chief Operating Officer for Big River Steel. “U. S. Steel is investing in our operations in Arkansas because the future of steelmaking is here. This program will train the next generation to keep steel mined, melted and made in America.”

The Steel Tech Academy is envisioned as a two-year paid internship program, with the first year taking place during students’ senior year in high school and the second year continuing after high school graduation. ANC will begin recruiting students for The Steel Tech Academy with an “Internship Week” to be held in the summer of 2023. U. S. Steel and other partners will be on-hand to make presentations, interview interested candidates for internships, and make internship offers to specific students.

Students participating in the Academy will be immersed in steelmaking processes, industrial technology, and manufacturing principles to prepare them for making immediate contributions. Some of the courses that will be considered for inclusion in the curriculum include: Basic Metallurgy, Basic Electricity, Basic Hydraulics and Pneumatics, Maintenance Welding, and Industrial Safety.

Internship opportunities will be project-based and will involve “bringing the company” to the classroom/lab, rather than students visiting production facilities. Beginning late in the first year and continuing into the second year, however, the internship will immerse students in steelmaking operations under the supervision of U. S. Steel employees. Internships will occur around class schedules in coordination with U. S. Steel.

ANC staff will be providing information to area high schools for interested students to learn more about the program and how to apply. For more information on The Steel Tech Academy, visit www.anc.edu/steeltechacademy.

- For Mississippi County Arkansas high school students starting their senior year in 2023
- 2 Year Program:
 - 9 months classroom/lab paid internships
 - 15 months classroom/on-site paid internships
- Paid Internships
- 25 program entrants each year





MANUFACTURING DAY

Arkansas Northeastern College hosted the Manufacturing Day 2022 event on October 6th and 7th, 2022. Manufacturing Day is a holiday held on the first Friday of October to show students and parents what manufacturing is like today. The Be Pro Be Proud Mobile Workshop was a featured exhibit for students to experience various professions in manufacturing through virtual reality simulations. The students also spent time in breakout sessions learning about the various paid internships Arkansas Northeastern College has to offer through community partners. Students also used TransfrVR virtual reality curriculum to explore careers.



ANC BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBER HONORED WITH LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD



Clifton R. Chitwood, ANC Board of Trustees member and President of the Great River Economic Development Foundation

ANC Board of Trustees member and Mississippi County Chief Economic Developer Clifton R. Chitwood, of Osceola, was one of four individuals in the state honored for excellence in economic development. Chitwood joined Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson, Kirkley Thomas and Bryan Scoggins as recipients of the Maria Haley Lifetime Leadership for Economic Development award during the 2022 Arkansas Economic Developers & Chamber Executives (AEDCE) annual conference in Little Rock.

“Arkansas is stronger thanks to the dedication and tireless efforts of these individuals,” said Secretary of Commerce Mike Preston. “Each award recipient has put in countless hours to make their individual communities — as well as the state as a whole — great places in which to live and work. All are deserving of these incredible honors, and we are thankful to each one for the many years they have dedicated to economic development within our state.”



Fisher Completes LeadAR Experience

Courtney Fisher, Director of Enrollment Services, recently completed LeadAR, an intensive 18-month hands-on program through the University of Arkansas: Division of Agriculture — Research & Extension. The program is designed to help Arkansans broaden one’s understanding of issues and opportunities facing our state and strengthen his or her ability to make a difference.

Fisher and twenty others made up Class 19. While the program is almost 40 years old, and has hosted more than 500 members, only 7 participants have been selected from Mississippi County.

When asked about her experience, Fisher said, “LeadAR helped me learn and love so much more about Arkansas. Ideas were cultivated and connections were made statewide that really can help propel us in future endeavors. I feel very fortunate having been chosen for this honor to participate, and even more fortunate that I had the College’s support. It truly was a one-of-a-kind experience for which I am very grateful.”

Meetings were held monthly through zoom or in person in various counties in the state. Highlights from the experience include the National Study Tour, which took place in Washington D.C. in Fall 2021, and the International Study Tour which included 11 days in Portugal in September 2022.



Courtney Fisher, Director of Enrollment Services, is one of just seven participants all-time from Mississippi County to be chosen for the honor of participating in the LeadAR experience



HARTLEY SELECTED CO-CHAIR FOR THE NATIONAL COLD WAR CENTER ADVISORY BOARD



Dr. Jillian Hartley, ANC Professor of History and Co-Chair for the National Cold War Center Advisory Board

Dr. Jillian Hartley, Arkansas Northeastern College Professor of History, has been selected to serve as co-chair for the National Cold War Center Advisory Board. The board will serve as a critical source of relevant knowledge and expertise to the development of the National Cold War Center, located on Eaker Air Force Base in Blytheville, Arkansas. The NCWC will provide an immersive and authoritative experience that will inform, interpret, and honor the legacy of the Cold War. The Center is poised to be a major tourist attraction in Arkansas, and as a member of the advisory board, Dr. Hartley will provide her professional expertise in the design of exhibits.

Over the past twenty years, Dr. Hartley has researched the settlement and development of Southeast Missouri and Northeast Arkansas. She has studied the decision to close Eaker Air Force Base at the end of the Cold War and the impact it had on Mississippi County. She looks forward to lending her expertise to the diverse issues that are relevant to the interpretation of the Cold War and its connection to local, national, and international events.



THE NATIONAL COLD WAR CENTER

Childers Elected President-Elect for ADAA

At its recent annual session in Washington D.C., the American Dental Assistants Association (ADAA) elected their 2022-2023 officers. Arkansas Northeastern College Associate Professor and Director for Dental Assisting Lisa Childers was elected to the honored and prestigious position of President-Elect. This came after serving on the ADAA's Board of Directors for the past four years.

The American Dental Assistants Association is the oldest and largest organization representing professional dental assistants. Established in 1924, the ADAA's mission is to advance the careers of dental assistants and advocate for the dental assisting profession in matters of education, professional activities, credentialing, and legislation. It encourages education, registration, and certification for dental assisting professionals and provides a network of personal services for its members.

If you are interested in ANC's Dental Assisting Technology program, contact Jackson Neil at 870-838-2984 or jneil@smail.anc.edu.



Lisa Childers, Associate Professor & Director for Dental Assisting



ANC *Outstandings*

KYRA LANGLEY, OUTSTANDING FACULTY

ANC is proud to announce Assistant Professor for Allied Health, Kyra Langley as its Outstanding Faculty member. Kyra is professional and always willing to help in any area as needed. Over the years, she has developed new, best practices for the division. She is active on committees and served as a co-chair for one of the HLC planning committees. Kyra does a fantastic job keeping students engaged. Her delivery is one of expertise and precision. Additionally, she volunteers her time in her hometown community and is always doing something outside of work to benefit someone else.



Kyra Langley

LISA MCGHEE, OUTSTANDING STAFF

ANC is proud to announce Lisa McGhee as its Outstanding Staff member. Lisa was promoted to the Director of Federal TRIO Programs this year to oversee all three of ANC's TRIO programs. She is an exceptional program director with a proven talent for managing staff. She is a committed and capable administrator who leads from the front, provides fair and thorough leadership, and who builds and maintains a multi-grant team mindset. Lisa is always willing to help with any campus project and is a familiar face at many on-campus recruitment events and has long been a positive force for students.



Lisa McGhee

LaRAY WHITE, OUTSTANDING ALUMNI

LaRay White of Blytheville is ANC's Outstanding Alumni. She graduated from ANC in 1999 and currently serves as the VP of Community and Business Development at Farmers Bank & Trust where she improves the financial awareness of people throughout Mississippi County. She loves her community and serves as a volunteer for numerous organizations and events. Additionally, she serves on the Mississippi County Chamber of Commerce board of directors. She is one of Mississippi County's biggest advocates and makes it her personal mission to raise awareness of organizations, events, and great things happening throughout the county.



LaRay White

MADDIE TREECE, ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

ANC is proud to announce Maddie Treece of Caruthersville, MO, as its Academic All-Star student. Maddie boasts a 3.89 GPA while also serving the college as a student ambassador. She has assisted many departments throughout the campus, including student activities, and volunteered to work for foundation events. She represented the student body as one of 12 to speak with HLC reviewers about ANC. She is personable, hard-working, and well-liked. Upon graduation, she plans to continue her studies in business.



Maddie Treece

2022 FALL FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS



Judge David and Sonja Burnett Scholarship: Kylie Jones, Rikki Wilson; **Sharon Wingo Churchill Scholarship:** Jessica Rayburn; **Cohen Scholarship:** Abigail Anderson; **Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship:** Trinity Smith; **Brandon J. Elliott Memorial Scholarship:** Jacob Pruet; **Dr. Eldon Fairley and Dr. John Williams Scholarship:** Bethany Hall, Ashley Osborne; **Jim Grimes Memorial Scholarship:** Gabrielle Mays; **L.D. and Reddie Harris Scholarship:** Chris Jenkins; **Ruth and Acton Holmes Scholarship:** Katelyn Sanders; **Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship:** Shelbie Collard; **Paul C. Hughes Scholarship:** Kayla Sanders; **Sue and John Logan Nursing Scholarship:** Alexis Nichols, Grace Martin; **Newcomb Memorial Scholarship:** Connor Milligan; **Johnny W. Nutt Memorial Scholarship:** Kamryn Jaco; **Harold and Bruce Ohlendorf Scholarship:** Breyden White; **Eileen Hagan O'Neil Scholarship:** Rachel Luttrull; **Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship:** Kaitlyn King; **Sims Family Scholarship:** Jason Garner; **Temple Israel Scholarship:** Jessica Ibarra, Lindsey Treece; **THANKYOU RNs Scholarship:** Alyssa Mann; **George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship:** De'ondre Atterberry, Elizabeth Anderson, Isac Arellano, Elizabeth Barks, Sydney Branscum, Jonathan Bratton, Karsen Brown, Devin Cammack, Trinity Casinger, Ashton Caviness, Forrest Christiansen, Shelbie Collard, Matthew Cook, Haley Copeland, Aliya Davis, Emily Dunham, Addison Ephlin, Mandi Flatness, Asia Fowler, Marvin Fry, Jason Garner, Geoffery George, Peyton Gestring, Faith Gomez, Jennifer Guthery, Ryan Hallett, Mason Hastings, Essence Haynes, Chandler Helton, Madison Henard, Brittany Holmes, Jonathan Hopper, Lilly Jackson, McKinley Jackson, Rayonna Jackson, Connor Johnson, Kylie Jones, Taylor Jones, Kaylee Lanier, Chad Lovell, Alyssa Mann, Grace Martin, Annette Middlebrook, Olivia Miller, Sarah Millikan, Sarah Moore, Mason Morgan, Norma Navarro, Alexis Nichols, Darrius Nichols, Courtney Pannell, Kayla Parker, Felicia Poore, Jacob Pruet, Stephan Range, Elizabeth Robinson, Luis Romero, Shiyah Scott, Trinity Smith, Sydney Stigall, Stephanie Stone, Lilly Sullins, Petra Sutterfield, Caleb Tidwell, Tiffany Treece, Madison Walker, Juleigh Webster, Rachel Wilbanks, Javis Williams, Miranda Wilson, Rikki Wilson; **Yamato/Kogyo Scholarship:** Dylan Bard, Cassandra Bastian, Kaylee Brown, Talisia Brown, Jennifer Crocker, Bethany Hall, Kaylee Hood, Jessica Ibarra, Carrington Inman, Shahada Jackson, Kamryn Jaco, Lucreta Jamison, Chris Jenkins, Kaitlyn King, Robert McClendon, Ashley Osborne, Shelbi Phillips, Jessica Rayburn, Payton Russell, Katelyn Sanders, Kayla Sanders, Lindsey Treece, Vivianne Wallace, Hanna Watson, Madison Whittington, Tanya Young



WORLD CLASS CUSTOMIZED TRAINING THE SOLUTIONS GROUP

ANC Tech Center and Allied Technologies Students Earn National Credentials

During the month of October, The Solutions Group, in partnership with Rural Development Partners, funded Core 4 Heavy Equipment training for approximately 30 ANC Tech Center high school students and 30 ANC Allied Technologies college students. After the successful completion of training, operators are able to calculate load balance, provide material handling services, and operate two types of forklifts and two types of articulating lifts. The Solutions Group was awarded a grant from Rural Development Partners to train instructors Ibrahim Alisic, Josh Chipman, and Mike Street as Heavy Equipment Core 4 trainers. The grant also funded the Rough Terrain Forklift and the national certifications these students obtained after successful completion.



The Solutions Group and Majestic Steel Hosted Job Fair at ANC

Majestic Steel and The Solutions Group collaborated to host a job fair at the ANC Center for Allied Technologies during September in preparation to hire employees for their new Blytheville location. The Solutions Group is responsible for the first round of training for the new workforce. The training will include Overhead Crane, Counterbalance Forklift, Electrical Safety, as well as Confined Space Permit training. Office of Skills Development and Great River Economic Development Foundation grants were written by our Dean for Customized Training, Stacey Walker, to aid in the cost associated with the training. After successful completion of the first round of training, approximately 6-10 individuals will have completion certificates for each topic. Special thanks to Majestic Steel, The Solutions Group instructors, local partners, GREDF, and OSD for this collaborative effort.



United Rentals Hold Sessions to Speak to ANC Allied Tech Students

On October 26, 2022, United Rentals employees Aislynn Woodard and Derek Burkhalter provided two sessions for ANC Allied Technologies students. During these sessions, they provided information on current positions available and the internship opportunities United Rentals offers.



Dr. James Shemwell

Excellence in leadership for a decade. A legacy that will last much longer.

Rachel Gifford, Editor

It is very hard to find the words to adequately describe what Dr. James Shemwell has meant to the Arkansas Northeastern College, to much more than that really, but especially to our ANC family. His announcement in October of his plans to retire June 30, 2023, left those of us fortunate enough to work at ANC with an array of emotions: sadness, uncertainty, and fear to name a few, but we are also happy and excited for our leader who has more than earned the time to enjoy the fruits of his labor.

Once we get past the sadness, we can think through the uncertainty to realize that he has prepared us, this wonderful institution, for future growth and success by the leadership he has provided the past 10 years. Dr. James Shemwell is a visionary who has spent his tenure as President of the Arkansas Northeastern College as an innovator instilling momentum and change while unapologetically fighting for what is best for our students and our College. He runs a tight ship and demands, for our students' sakes, our best efforts, but he also cloaks us with a feeling of protection, reassurance, and pride in our College and what we do. In Dr. Shemwell, we know that we have a voice, someone who will stand up for us and who will have us leaping mountains others would not attempt to climb. In doing so, he has instilled in us a strength and resilience that can only flourish whether under his tutelage or another's. So, as we ponder the retirement of Dr. James Shemwell, we cannot help but to reflect on the many accomplishments our College has seen in the last 10 years.

Shemwell, who has been with ANC since 1994, began his career at ANC as Coordinator of the Osceola Center, in partnership with the Osceola/South Mississippi County Chamber of Commerce where he simultaneously served as its Executive Director. He moved up the ranks at ANC to Dean for Technical Programs & Training in 1999, then to Vice President for Finance in 2010, where he served until his appointment as President in January 2013. Through his leadership, ANC has garnered national recognition and become a frequent contributor to the American Association of Community College's dialogue for numerous topics. He has positioned the Arkansas Northeastern College as a nationwide leader, and to quote him ANC is, "the best College in the country."

Shemwell began his journey as president on a mission. He hit the ground running and has not slowed. He quickly implemented changes to improve college-wide communication, changes to improve student advisement and success, merging of programs to improve efficiency and more collaboration, and more long-term planning in developing a strategy for a world-class Center for Allied Technologies that came to fruition in 2018.



Son. Husband. Father. Mentor. Leader.
Advocate. Innovator. Visionary. Motivator.
Inspirational. Determined. Passionate. President.

Under Shemwell's reign, ANC has overcome the achievement gap with minority students performing as well as or better than white students, has produced the highest earning graduates in the state for multiple years, and the Community Relations department was created to provide a multitude of services and assistance to the underserved community including free transportation, food, clothes, and mentoring. He partners with community groups and has formed the President's Council to create an active group working to infiltrate the underserved areas of the county to provide more than assistance, but to instill hope.

From his early days with the College to now, Shemwell has worked with industry in innovative ways and used more of a business approach than an academic one in meeting their needs. The Solutions Group, which Shemwell originally helped to create in 1996, has grown and evolved as a premier provider of customized training, recognized nationally for innovation, and home to the Arkansas Steelmaking Academy: a partnership forged by Shemwell with the SMS group's North American operations which serves as the only training hub of its kind for all of North America.

The College, through Shemwell's leadership, has gained the confidence of industry partners who are willing to support its efforts and help solidify its place as a leader in workforce development. Serving on numerous boards and commissions during his career with ANC, Shemwell is widely respected for his contributions and often looked to for advice and insight. He has been invited to speak at national conferences and included as one of only 15 community college leaders featured in a book about workforce development that included experts worldwide. He does whatever he can to promote ANC so that the College is positioned to better serve its constituency.

It is overwhelming to really think about his career with ANC and the many accomplishments that have occurred through his vision and guidance. Unfortunately *Connections Magazine* is not a large enough publication to capture in one issue the many positive things that Dr. James Shemwell and the Arkansas Northeastern College have done during his time as president. We try to give a glimpse through our issues published twice each year, but even that does not totally encapsulate it. So, to put it simply, after almost 30 years of service to ANC, Dr. James Shemwell has left an undeniably amazing mark, and he will leave his institution even better than he found it. For this and so many other reasons, we thank you Dr. Shemwell.





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HARVEST PARTY

The ANC Foundation held its annual Harvest Party fundraising dinner on November 3, 2022, at the Holiday Inn in Blytheville. More than 175 people were in attendance for the fun event which included a live auction, silent auction, door prize giveaways and a new event — the “dessert dash” where tables bid for the chance to have the top pick of an amazing assortment of donated desserts by local businesses and individuals.

“It was so much fun watching representatives from all tables ‘dash’ to the desserts to make their selections,” said Ms. Christie Patterson, Chairwoman for the ANC Foundation Board of Governors. “We had some agile folks,” laughed Patterson who raved about the many desserts that had been donated. “I can’t even begin to describe how fabulous our desserts were, and that just helped increase the bids. That one event, while lots of fun, raised more than \$6,000.”

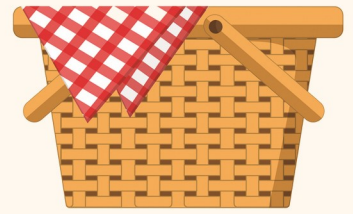
“We appreciate all the many donations we received. There were so many nice items for people to bid on or win, and it just made the whole event a huge success,” said ANC Foundation Executive Director Rachel Gifford who also touted the major sponsors for the event. “The donations we received from Southern Bancorp, Farmers Bank & Trust, First Commercial Bank, Mississippi County Electric Cooperative, Inc., and the Willis Clinic in Osceola helped cover the expenses so that we could raise more money.”

The \$1,000 grand prize winner for the evening was Joan Khilling of Jonesboro. At the time of *Connections* printing, Gifford said final figures were not yet in but the event should clear around \$20,000 for the ANC Foundation, the most the event has raised.





Picnic on the Plaza



ANC's Picnic on the Plaza was held September 13th and 14th at the H. Claude Bush Honor Plaza near the campus' clock tower. Picnic on the Plaza offered Arkansas Northeastern College students, faculty, and staff free food and games.



VIEW ALL PHOTOS FROM PICNIC ON THE PLAZA



INTRAMURALS *...are Back!*



ANC Intramurals are back! Nearly everything was affected by the pandemic and intramurals at Arkansas Northeastern College was no exception. After a two-year hiatus, it was great to see the return of intramurals to the ANC campus. ANC was able to travel and compete in ADIL Flag Football this fall.

ADIL Intramural Basketball is planned for Spring 2023. If you are interested in playing basketball or other sports & activities at ANC, please take a moment to fill out our Intramural Interest Form. You must be enrolled at ANC to participate. Intramurals at ANC are co-ed.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN PLAYING INTRAMURALS AT ANC IN THE SPRING, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM



Halloween COSTUME CONTEST

The campus was teeming with students, faculty, and staff having fun getting into the Halloween spirit. ANC's Student Services and Financial Aid won with their 'Greased Lightning' theme. Jillian Hartley's 'Victorian Ghoul' garnered second place. Erica Couch as a 'Ninja Princess' and Jerrod Rose as 'Chucky' tied for third place. Thanks to all who participated.



VIEW ALL COSTUME CONTEST PICS



ArkACRAO College Fair & ANC Student Appreciation Day



The annual ArkACRAO College Fair was held on October 27, 2022, in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. Over 725 students from local high schools visited over 30 booths representing various colleges and programs. Students present were invited to join the festivities at the ANC Student Appreciation Day. Students enjoyed great food including chili, cinnamon rolls, funnel cakes, and even a candy apple bar. With amazing weather, students were able to participate in different games and activities including bouncy-house obstacle courses, velcro walls, putt-putt, decorating pumpkins, and playing baggo.



VIEW ALL PHOTOS FROM THE
ArkACRAO COLLEGE FAIR
& ANC STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY



4th Annual Student Juried Art Exhibition

On November 10, 2022, the reception for the 4th Annual Student Juried Exhibition was held in the Adams/Vines Gallery. The exhibition was curated by esteemed juror and humanities instructor Mike Fisher. Family, friends, faculty, and staff were all welcomed as they took in art from Mallory Burnette, Jaylen Howard, Gabrielle Mays, Bradley Menne, and Melly Taylor. Both the Juror's Choice and Best in Show were awarded to Bradley Menne for "Mermaid and Shark" and "Festival." The Dean's Choice Award, chosen by Dean of Arts & Sciences Ryan Perkins, was presented to Jaylen Howard for "Godop and Harpy: Easter Hunt." Gabrielle Mays received the Public's Choice Award for her piece "Captain Madman." The ANC Visual Arts Department would like to thank everyone who helped make this event a success and everyone who attended the show. We are proud of our young artists!



(L-R) Gabrielle Mays, ANC Visual Arts Instructor Holt Brasher, Bradley Menne, and Jaylen Howard

VIEW ALL PHOTOS FROM THE EXHIBITION



ANC President Dr. James Shemwell and the President's Council on Underserved Communities discuss youth engagement solutions to combat crime and generational poverty

President's Council Discuss Creating Neighborhood Learning Hubs

The President's Council on Underserved Communities met with youth service providers and representatives from area ministries to discuss launching a youth engagement initiative to engage children and their futures to combat crime and generational poverty.

The group discussed the concept of implementing Neighborhood Learning Hubs which are designed to build life skills competencies that help children to become successful adults. The following components will be incorporated into the curriculum: the importance of education and life-long learning, interpersonal/intercultural communication, conflict resolution, career development, and the value of a healthy work ethic.



30 FOR 30 SHADOW A CEO DAY PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ANC STUDENTS

Moncrief Game Changers, Inc., a nonprofit organization led by former Razorback and NBA All-Star Sidney Moncrief, hosted a "30 for 30 Shadow a CEO Day" for college students on September 23, 2022. The event brought together 60 college students and 30 CEOs for a day of entrepreneurship focused activities and on-site job shadowing. The goal of this CEO-shadowing experience was to increase the exposure to different career opportunities for the students. The students also had a chance for face-to-face engagement with these successful CEOs.

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CELEBRATION & INFORMATION FAIR FUN DAY

On October 7, 2022, ANC Community Relations in partnership with Arkansas United and UMOS, sponsored a National Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration and Information Fair Fun Day in the ANC Center for Allied Technologies.



VIEW ALL HISPANIC HERITAGE CELEBRATION PICS



JOHNSON CHOSE ANC AND IS THRIVING



ANC Transfer Degree student Reshard Johnson

Meet ANC student Reshard Johnson. A graduate of Rivercrest High School, Johnson is a freshman at ANC where he is working towards a transfer degree. With his talents and interests, he plans to further his education in music production and video production.

Johnson is an active student who serves the College as one of its student ambassadors where he has the opportunity to participate in and assist with many college-wide activities. His mother helped motivate him to attend Arkansas Northeastern College.

“I chose to attend ANC to further my education in music production and video production. My mom, Naomi Johnson, went here and was on the President’s list. She earned her degree here as a welder. This motivated me to attend here.”

Johnson admits that he was not always so sure of college, but he is happy about his choice to do so. “I overcame the thoughts of thinking college might not be for me or I couldn’t do it because I’m not smart enough. ANC has helped me realize I was wrong, and that I am smart enough. I just have to try. ANC has made me a better person.”

In his decision to attend ANC, Johnson credits several people for helping him overcome any obstacles he faced. “My mom has helped me. I can honestly say that Ms. Thomasson (Assistant Professor of Math) and Ms. Burnette (Assistant Professor of English) have helped me grow as a person. I give thanks to them and everyone else who has helped me grow. You know who you are.”

“**ANC has made me a better person.**
Reshard Johnson”

For others considering College, Johnson says to go for it. “I believe that if you can dream it then you can achieve it. Also, you can earn higher pay with education. You can do anything you put your mind to. You just have to have faith in yourself.”

A devout Christian, Johnson also credits his faith with helping him succeed in college. He quotes Philippians 4:13 “I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me,” as a verse he uses as motivation. “I believe, in Him, all things are possible. He’s helped me this far and He hasn’t stopped yet,” added Johnson.



Jacob Ireland of Steele, Missouri, has been named the ANC Student Snapshot recipient for the 2022 fall semester. Ireland was nominated by ANC Industrial Mechanical Systems Specialist Scott Follett. Ireland is enrolled in the Steel Tech program at ANC. He also earned an internship at Nucor Yamato Steel. Ireland has excelled as both a student and as an employee at Nucor. Despite a heavy school load and a 24 hour a week job, he currently owns a 4.0 GPA which reflects his dedication and effort. This December, Ireland will graduate a semester early and plans on working full-time in the shipping department at Nucor. ANC instructors and his supervisors at Nucor sing high praises of Jacob. The Steel Tech program’s success relies on a close relationship between industry and ANC. Ireland has and continues to represent the school well.



Ireland Named ANC Student Snapshot Recipient

ANC Student Snapshot Recipient Jacob Ireland



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Arkansas Northeastern College Community Education traveled to Memphis, TN to enjoy a night on the town, have dinner at the Majestic Grille on south Main Street, and watch *Pretty Woman the Musical* on its opening night at The Orpheum. This Community gathering was just one of ANC's many events this year. ANC Community Education allows us to enjoy an eclectic mix of noncredit classes such as website design, intro to DNA, cake decorating, arts, sewing, upholstery, basic excel, concealed carry licensure, CPR, several exercise classes, and so much more.

If you are passionate about a topic that would make for an exciting class and would enjoy teaching others, contact ANC Coordinator for Osceola Center & Community Education Kaci Bell at kbell@smail.anc.edu or by calling 870-563-3236.



Kaci Bell, ANC Coordinator for Osceola Center & Community Education



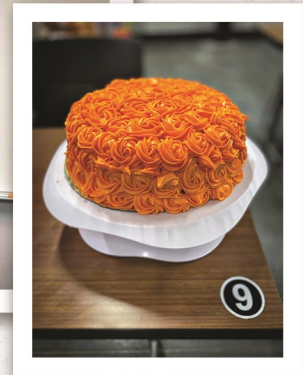
This great group of ladies enjoyed opening night of *Pretty Woman the Musical* at the Orpheum in Memphis, TN



Ammi Tucker teaching during her "Intro to Home DNA" class



Ms. Betty Earl (LEFT) of Grandma Betty's Bakery Delights and Felicia Pierce (RIGHT) having a great time at Ms. Betty's Cake Decorating class



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31ST ANNUAL YAMATO KOGYO/ANC FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

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Perfect weather graced the 31st annual Yamato Kogyo/ANC Foundation Scholarship Golf Tournament on Monday, September 26th, as 180 golfers from across the United States and Japan filled the course. It was a wonderful day of golf held at the Blytheville Country Club, where players were treated to sushi and a hamburger buffet. The Yamato Kogyo Company presented Arkansas Northeastern College President Dr. James Shemwell, and members of the ANC Board of Trustees and ANC Foundation with a check for \$40,000. There was an additional \$13,300 raised in tee-box sponsorships. All proceeds from the tournament are used to fund student scholarships at the Arkansas Northeastern College.



L-R: ANC President Dr. James Shemwell, ANC Foundation Governors Lewis Walters, Bill Sullivan, Christie Patterson, and David Burnett, being presented a check for \$40,000 from Yamato Kogyo Co., Ltd. President Mr. Mikio Kobayashi and Yamato Holding Company President Mr. Norio Iino.



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