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

### www.anc.edu/schedule

### Fall 2015 Academic Calendar

August 12 - Fall Registration Closes

August 17 - Classes Begin

August 20 - Payment Deadline/Last Day to Declare Audit Status

August 28 - Last Day to Drop with a Refund

September 7 - Labor Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)

November 2 - Spring 2016 Registration Opens

November 13 - Graduation Application Submission Opens

November 20 - Last Day to Withdraw from Class with a "W"

November 25-27 - Thanksgiving Break (Students)

November 26-27 - Thanksgiving Break (COLLEGE CLOSED)

December I - Last Day of Classes (Tuesday/Thursday)

December 2 - Last Day of Classes (Monday/Wednesday)

December 3,7-9 - FINAL EXAMS



Arkansas Northeastern College is in the midst of exciting times. In April, our Board of Trustees approved the largest capital project in the College's history, the new 80,000 square foot Center for Allied Technologies to be located on our Main Campus immediately south of the Angela Wren Nursing & Allied Health Center and the Briggs-Sebaugh Wellness Center and west of the Arkansas Department of Workforce Services building. This issue of *Connections* contains more information about this vital, exciting new facility. As the architectural work for this project gets underway, our G-building/Student Center renovation project is culminating. We are repurposing our former horticulture greenhouse & classroom building to create a Student Center that will connect with our Outback Café by way of one of two solariums that the project features. The Student Center also will feature billiards, air hockey, video games, board & card games, a student club meeting room, and plenty of lounge seating. Research demonstrates that students who connect with other students or faculty members are more likely to persist in college and, accordingly, be successful. It also allows our College to more favorably compete with facilities that students would see at other colleges and universities.

In addition to building projects, these are exciting times in terms of results and happenings. Our College has seen improvement in our students' overall course success rates, most notably in the areas of math & science where our faculty members have been innovating to facilitate student learning and success. Our first-time, licensure pass rates for our Registered Nursing program exceeded 90 percent for last year's graduates and we anticipate similar success this year. In fact, all of our professional licensure programs have enjoyed outstanding success. The success rates for our Early College program have been phenomenal in only our first year. Over 90 percent of the Arkansas high school students who have taken advantage of the \$25 net tuition cost for general education classes while concurrently enrolled in high school have been successful in earning college credit. Program outcomes demonstrate once again why ANC has the best Career Pathways and Career Coaches programs in Arkansas. Additionally, our fine arts offerings continue to grow and diversify as we now offer multiple forms of choir, theatre, and community band opportunities in terms of participating or just attending and enjoying. We will be rolling out new wellness offerings for the community at-large this coming year. We also resolved to reinstitute the ANC Tours program this coming year featuring a trip to New York in early December and a trip to Italy next March.

One of the best highlights that we enjoyed this past academic year was the opportunity to host 16 representatives from colleges across the country as part of the Job Ready, Willing, & Able (JRWA) Initiative led by the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) and funded by Walmart Foundation. AACC sponsored colleagues from nine different colleges ranging from New York to California to come to ANC to learn from our best practices. Among the many wonderful compliments that our College received from our visitors was the following comment: "There is a culture of student success that is alive and vibrant at this College and it is demonstrated through the people who work here." Indeed, it is and, indeed, these are exciting times.

**Dr. James Shemwell** 

### **Board Approves Construction of Center for Allied Technologies**



Members of the Arkansas Northeastern College Board of Trustees gathered for their regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, April 15, 2015, where they approved the financing plan and construction of the new Center for Allied Technologies.

The proposed facility will be located on the ANC Main Campus just south of the Angela Wren Nursing & Allied Health Center. The new center will feature the headquarters for The Solutions Group, including general purpose classrooms, electrical classroom and lab, mechanical classroom and lab, safety classroom and lab, Heating, Ventilation and Air-Conditioning classroom and lab, computer

classroom, and large multi-purpose room. A world-class welding laboratory will serve secondary, post-secondary, and customized training needs. Also featured will be an aircraft hangar and lab, combination non-destructive testing (NDT) and composites laboratory, and general purpose classrooms to fully accommodate the aviation maintenance program, both secondary and post-secondary. In addition to welding and aviation maintenance, Secondary/Technical Center students from our area high schools also will be served on the Main Campus by classroom and lab facilities for advanced manufacturing, criminal justice, education, and construction/carpentry. Medical professions secondary training will be delivered at the existing Wren building to co-locate with the other allied health professions.

Fund-raising efforts for the \$13 million project have begun with several local industries having already pledged support. Osceola Municipal Light & Power Company made the first pledge in December, 2014, of \$25,000 toward the completion of an electrical classroom in the facility. In March, 2015, Nucor Steel Arkansas and Nucor-Yamato Steel agreed to support the construction of the building. The companies will contribute \$83,000 per year over three years for a total of \$250,000.

In April, 2015,ANC Foundation Governor, Phillip Dever of Dever Industrial Maintenance Solutions committed \$75,000 toward the project which will fund the electrical laboratory in the 80,000 square foot facility. Then, in June, 2015, DENSO North America Foundation (DNAF) announced a \$150,000 contribution toward the project over a three year period.

"We are so appreciative of the support we have received so far toward the realization of a new Center for Allied Technologies. We have excellent industry partners and supportive communities, and we are proud to work together to bring this workforce training facility to fruition. We hope that others will see the benefits of supporting the project and hope to raise enough funds to complete, equip and furnish the facility without an excessive debt burden on the College," said Shemwell who added that fund-raising efforts would continue throughout the planning and construction phases of the project and that naming opportunities still exist.

"We have had the strongest workforce training program in the state for a number of years, we are glad to finally see plans for a premier facility on the horizon for these programs," added Shemwell.

### ANC Serves as National Mentor in Job Ready, Willing, and Able Initiative



(LEFT) Representatives from across the country gathered at ANC April 30-May 2, 2015, as part of the Job Ready, Willing and Able Initiative made possible through Walmart Foundation and the American Association of Community Colleges. (RIGHT) ANC President Dr. James Shemwell leads visiting college representatives on a tour of the Angela Wren Nursing and Allied Health Center.

Sixteen representatives from nine colleges across the nation and the American Association of Community Colleges were on the Arkansas Northeastern College campus April 30 and May 1, 2015, to observe best practices and benchmark their efforts with those of ANC.

The visit coincided with ANC's second annual "Best Practices Symposium" which is a college-wide celebration of innovations in both academic and service areas. Held on May 1, 2015, ANC personnel presented a variety of breakout sessions for colleagues to attend. These sessions covered areas of interest to instructors and to staff and offered insightful ideas for integrating "best practices" throughout the college. From managing stress and team building to innovative instructional techniques, there were sessions offered to meet the interests of all attending. College representatives from New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, and California traveled to Arkansas to tour ANC's workforce training facilities, discuss ANC's nationally-recognized model of delivering customized industrial training, participate in the Best Practices Symposium, and conduct the Spring meeting of the JRWA Initiative.

Last year the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) announced a \$4.19 million three-year grant from Walmart Foundation to support the Job Ready, Willing, and Able (JRWA) Initiative, including \$2.67 million directly supporting 17 community colleges across the country—including Arkansas Northeastern College. The JRWA Initiative provides middle-skill training, industry recognized credentials, and access to employment across varying industry sectors in each of the 17 communities.

The 17 participating colleges were selected through a highly competitive process with four colleges, including Arkansas Northeastern College, serving as mentor colleges. The JRWA Initiative marks the

second occasion that the AACC has selected ANC to participate in a national workforce development project funded by Walmart Foundation. The first initiative, the Walmart Workforce & Economic Opportunity Initiative helped pave the way to launching a Federal Aviation Administration-certified aviation maintenance technician program at ANC in 2010. The current JRWA Initiative has assisted ANC in establishing a Certificate of Proficiency in Construction Technology to help meet the need for 2,000 construction workers in Mississippi County.

Mentee college representatives had the opportunity to participate in the ANC Best Practices Symposium and take information from the sessions back to their respective institutions. Several attended the WORK Initiative session and specifically recognized it as one of ANC's many programs to model. Workforce Orientation & Retraining Keys (WORK) is a sixty clock hour program designed to lift under-skilled, local residents living in poverty out of poverty and, simultaneously, advance economic development by expanding the local workforce. The WORK Program provides individuals, at no cost, with the necessary skills and support network to access economic opportunity.

As part of the collaborative effort, other leading colleges from around the nation will benchmark their efforts with those of ANC and vice versa. As a mentor college, ANC continues to stay in contact with its mentee colleges in addition to hosting representatives for facilities tours and information sharing sessions.

"The colleges participating in the Job Ready, Willing, and Able Initiative are among the most innovative community colleges in America. We were glad to share our ideas with our counterparts from across the country and proud to continue our work with Walmart Foundation," said ANC President Dr. James Shemwell.

### Early College Program Benefits Area High School Students

ANC is partnering with area school districts to offer an early college credit program. In doing so, many local high school students can earn college credit while still in high school. This early college enrollment program will increase students' opportunities to gain early college credit at a reduced tuition rate. This will save students both time and money to be spent on their college education. Concurrent credit classes are offered to students in general education courses through classes on the college campus or online. To further assist these students, ANC is offering the ANC Early College Scholarship. This scholarship is available to students enrolled in all Mississippi, Greene, and Craighead County high schools. It provides a net tuition/ fee cost of \$25 per credit hour for up to six hours of concurrent credit per semester for students. The Early College Scholarship applies to live general education offerings delivered to local high schools, and online or live courses taken independently by county high school students while enrolled in high school.

Additionally, ANC offers a technical center as part of its Early College Program. The Arkansas Northeastern College's Technical Center, located on the ANC Burdette Campus, is a workforce educa-

tion center that offers both high school and college credit in technical programs to high school students in Mississippi County. Services are offered at NO COST to the students. Books, tuition and fees are provided through the Center and funded by the local school districts and the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education. The Center's curriculum serves as an extension of high school curricular offerings by providing students with hands-on training in the following technical fields:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Aviation Maintenance
- Criminal Justice
- Education
- Medical Professions
- Welding

The ANC Early College Program is designed to help students get a jump start on their futures by allowing them the opportunity to gain education and training before they graduate high school.

# Richardson Earns Simultaneous Degrees



**Alexandra Greenwell Richardson** 

Alexandra Greenwell Richardson, 18 year old daughter of Rick and Janie Greenwell, graduated concurrently from Armorel High School and Arkansas Northeastern College. On Friday, May 15, 2015, Alexandra Richardson received her A.A. Transfer Degree with Honors from Arkansas Northeastern College. On Sunday, May 24th, she walked with the 2015 graduating class of Armorel to receive her high school diploma.

Alexandra began taking classes at ANC during the summer of 2012 following her freshman year of high school. During her sophomore and junior years, Ms. Richardson continued to take evening classes at ANC, which often meant driving to the ANC Osceola Center at night. During her senior year, Ms. Richardson took all of her classes at ANC. Richardson was able to complete all of her requirements for history, math, science, and English to receive her high school diploma while simultaneously completing the college prerequisites to very likely become the youngest student ever accepted into the prestigious Registered Nursing program with all the prerequisites completed.

While still in high, Alexandra Richardson took college courses in College Algebra, Anatomy and Physiology, Micro-Biology, Chemistry and more. "It was very hard," says Richardson "but when I think of how much money I saved my parents, and how soon I can start making lots of money—it was worth it!"

By taking advantage of the concurrent credit and Early College programs available at ANC, Ms. Richardson got a jump start on her college education and saved her parents thousands of dollars in tuition costs. The new Early College Program allows high school students to take college courses at a fraction of the usual cost per credit hour and covers the cost of all fees normally associated with the courses. Students who are interested in Early College opportunities should contact their ANC Career Coach, or the ANC Secondary Center directly at 870-762-1020, ext. 1404.

# 2nd Annual Best Practices Symposium



On May 1st, ANC faculty and staff attended three different best practices breakout sessions with 15 presentations/discussions from which to choose. The Symposium launched with a presentation reflecting on the College's 40th Anniversary. Feedback related to the event indicates that taking time to celebrate some of the things that our College does successfully is an idea well-received by those participating. Utilizing the scoring matrix developed by the BPS/ABC task force, the ANC Administration issued the following awards:

- Advancement by Collaboration (ABC) Award Grand Prize to *What Do Our Students Need to be More Successful? Ask Them.* By Ginger Berry, Shannon Davis, Ruby Meador, Billie Steinkamp, Tiffany Pillow, Ann Ball, Renea Reid, & Cindy Clark in the category of Advancement in Student Learning
- ABC Award to *Cultivation of Theatrical Arts* by Dr. Keith Hearnsberger & Mary Ann Garren in the category of Advancement in Service
- Best Practice Merit Award to *The Kenna Application* by James Hartley in the category of Advancement in Student Success
- Best Practice Merit Award to Mastery-Based Learning & Student Success by Dr. Gary Yarbrough in the category of Advancement in Student Learning

# Student Voice Initiative

On April 17, 2015, students and school leaders participated in the Northeast Arkansas Regional Student Voice Initiative hosted by Arkansas Northeastern College and the Arkansas Leadership Academy. Eight schools participated from Mississippi County, and included Blytheville High School and Middle School, Gosnell High School and Jr. High, ANC Tech Center, Armorel High School, Osceola High School, and Rivercrest High School. The initiative was developed under the direction of the Arkansas Leadership Academy, which has piloted successful student voice programs at multiple school districts and conferences throughout Arkansas.

The Student Voice Initiative is aimed at equipping school leaders with a process to engage students as partners in every facet of their school culture and to strengthen their commitment to education and community. Student voice gives students the ability to influence learning to include policies, programs, contexts, and principles. Engaging students as educational decision-makers can lead to invested interest in their own educational outcomes and for the broader school community.

Blaine Alexander, with the Arkansas Leadership Academy, has been a supporter of student voice initiatives for many years. Alexander said, "Students should be afforded opportunities to actively help shape their education through conversations with teachers and school administrators. The learning process should be a concerted effort. To create a school culture that is concentrated on education, students must be involved and take ownership of their own learning."

When students are invested in the process, research shows that authentic change and positive outcomes can be the result. The school leaders, who attended the student voice event in April, are hoping that the student voice initiative will help build relationships that will systematically and positively change their school culture. The Northeast Arkansas Regional Student Voice Initiative and school leaders will be meeting regularly to continue the work started at the April conference.

Contact the Arkansas Leadership Academy office at 479-575-3030 for more information.



# Gamma Beta Phi Spring Induction

New members for the Arkansas Northeastern College chapter of Gamma Beta Phi were inducted into the honor society on Sunday, May 3, 2015. The ceremony was held in the Governors Ballroom at Statehouse Hall. The new members of Gamma Beta Phi are: Michael W. Bradford, Jr., Anna Marie Brewer, Taylor C. Brooks Lucius, Bailey Callens, Devin D. Chambers, Tony Copeland, Dixie Cross, Tamara Hendershot, Angel Hernandez -Orduna, Judy Michelle Jacobs, Anthony Jay, Hallie K. Kisselburg, Clorissa Mullins, Jennifer R. Pruett, Emily Tilley, Elizabeth Janae Carrell and Justin Wells.

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.



(BACK L-R) Devin D. Chambers, Angel Hernandez-Orduna, Hallie K. Kisselburg, Jennifer R. Pruett, Emily Tilley, and Justin Wells (FRONT L-R) Michael W. Bradford, Jr., Taylor C. Brooks Lucius, Bailey Callens, and Elizabeth Janae Carrell

Holly Burns, chapter President, gave greetings to family, friends and special guests in attendance. Megan Onnen, Vice-President, then gave the objectives and expectations of Gamma Beta Phi. Those expectations are to recognize and encourage excellence in education, to promote the development of leadership ability and character in its members, and to foster, disseminate, and improve education through appropriate service projects. The guest speaker for the event was Kevin Fillers, Assistant National Executive Director, GBP. Fillers discussed the history of the Gamma Beta Phi Society, its impact, and the ANC chapter. He closed by congratulating the new members.

Andrew Van Duyne, assisted by Megan Onnen, inducted the new members. Tonya Harris then gave the membership pledge. The new members received a certificate, a membership card, a GBP lapel pin, and GBP decals.

Congratulations to the new members of Gamma Beta Phi!

# President's and Dean's Lists for Spring 2015

**SPRING 2015 PRESIDENT'S LIST**: Students are named to the President's List when they earn a grade point average of 4.00 for 12 or more semester hours of work completed in any semester. (College preparatory courses are not included)

ARKANSAS: Blytheville - Sharon Ballard, Kathleen Banks, Michael Bradford, Ilene Canty, Tiffany Caviness, Justin Deaver, Constrance DeBose, Sarah Ellis, Jeff Gilliam, Cody Hamilton, Cheyenne Harrison, Karen Holmes, Elissa Hoskins, Hallie Kisselburg, Lyntrice Lewis, Daryl Little, Zachary Maddox, JoDee Miller, Amanda Moresco, Megan Onnen, Bryvonnia Palmore, Miriam Petersen, Jonathan Porter Jr., Paul Ross, Lisa Sanchez, Emily Tilley, Fred Treece; Corning - Aaron Arnell; Dyess - Linda Gillmore; Gosnell - Olga Baker, Alison Beal, Cecilia Cook, Kylee King, Dennis Martin, Amber Mask, Otis Morris III, Haley Pruitt, Christopher Ward; Joiner - Henry Morgan; Keiser - Kaylee Parnell; Leachville - Adam Guthrey, Brittany Stockton; Lepanto - Franklin Harston, Carole Kincaid; Luxora - Malcolm Smith; Manila - Ha Le, Kimberly Swaim; Marion - David Killgore; Monette - Tyler Rolland, Cherie Watson; Osceola - Tabitha Crafton, April Harris, Tristian Vaughn; Paragould - Shannon Ellington, Nina Jamison; West Memphis - Brennan Bryant, Kyle Killgore; Wilson - Harry Parish MISSOURI: Bragg City - Dulce Munoz; Caruthersville - James Stricklin II; Holland - Angel Hernandez-Orduna; Kennett - Michael Street; Steele - Jonathon Bryant, Chase Walker

**SPRING 2015 DEAN'S LIST**: Students are named to the Dean's List when they earn a grade point average of 3.50 to 3.99 for 12 or more semester hours of work completed in any semester. (*College preparatory courses are not included*)

ARKANSAS: Blytheville - Brandon Akers, Jacquilyn Berry, Edward Blankenship, Eldridge Buckley, Ronnie Cato III, Cassie Chamness, Natasha Childers, Dixie Cross, Ronald David, Tessa Fulling, Madison Gifford, Jamelia Johnson, Dana Kaulfurst, Crystal Little, Denaissa Middlebrook, Bruce Overman, Ke'Arra Palmore, Kelly Payne, Jennifer Pruett, Abby Rigney, Jeffrey Rounsaville, Kenneth Self, Hilary Stricklin, Tyler Taylor, Dontrel Washington, Myranda Williams; Dyess - Alexia Lyva; Gosnell - Beau Griggs, Robert McDonald, Austin Mitchell; Joiner - Burl Lloyd; Keiser - Chelsey LaRue, Teresa Manuel, Corbin Smith; Lake City - Terri Mommsen; Leachville - Deloris Adams; Lepanto - Sarah Hattle, Peyton Roach; Manila - Samantha Galloway, Danielle Hicks, Zachery Pentecost, Clifton Richmond, Laci Spencer, Allyson Stankiewicz; Marked Tree - Juan Guerra; Osceola - Quinton Adams, Darian Brewer, Shannon Coleman, Bruce Edwards, Adrienne Johnson, Richard Jones, Perla Maldonado, Victoria Nichols, Kelli Pierce, Austan Rea, Tionna Richardson, Robert Walker III, Timothy Winston, Blossom Moore, Marissa Crawford

MISSOURI: Bragg City - Kenneth Self; Holland - Ashley Walter; Hornersville - Reagan Miller; Kennett - Matthew Jones; Portageville - Jason Ward; Senath - Luke Sample; Steele - Rosibel Garcia, Stephanie McMellon, William Pelts III

### **SCHOLARSHIP HIGHLIGHT:**

### Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship

Arkansas Northeastern College is fortunate to have many privately funded scholarships that are offered to ANC students through the ANC Foundation. In each issue of Connections Magazine, we list our scholarship recipients. For this and future issues, we are going to highlight a specific scholarship to give our readers more understanding of the scholarship donors and the reasons behind individual scholarships.

Because this year marks the 20th year since Paige Pollock was diagnosed with cancer, we have chosen to highlight the Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship. Paige was born August 3, 1967, in Osceola to Dr. George and Dorothy Pollock. The redheaded beauty graduated from Osceola High School in 1985 and initially entered college as an elementary education major. However, during one of her summer breaks, she worked at the Osceola Nursing Home and fell in love with the patients. Her passion for teaching quickly turned into a passion for healthcare and a desire to help others. She switched her major and was working toward becoming a nurse when she was diagnosed

with breast cancer in March of 1995. With a positive attitude, Paige continued her studies throughout her health struggles. Unfortunately, she lost her battle with terminal breast cancer on December 9, 1996, while still pursuing a nursing degree.

Paige's legacy to help others, however, has continued. The Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship was established in 1997 by Laura Girdley, President of the Osceola Circle of Friends. On August 1, 2009, a meeting of the group was held with attendees Laura Girdley, Dot Pollock, Staci Pilgrim and Carolyn Poole, and they chose to move the scholarship to Arkansas Northeastern College where it is available to students in the Nursing Program still today. While Paige's opportunity to reach her goal of becoming a nurse was lost, that opportunity continues for others through her scholarship. Anyone interested in contributing toward this or any other ANC Foundation scholarship, can contact Rachel Gifford at 870-838-2902 or rgifford@smail.anc.edu.



(Top) Savannah Paige Pollock (Bottom L-R) Laura Girdley, Rachel Gifford, Dot Pollock (1997)



# Rivercrest Students Shine at Weldathon

Three Rivercrest High School students represented the ANC Secondary Center at the 6th Annual NEA Weldathon, hosted by Arkansas State University Newport and held in Jonesboro. Dustin Henard, Zack Brock, and Zeith Shepperson were given a rolling cart and had to cut it out and weld it together. After the smoke cleared and judging was complete, they were excited to learn they won first place. They each won an auto darkening hood, welding jacket, gloves, numerous hand tools, and a \$1,000 scholarship. They also won a Fronius ARC welder for ANC. Additionally, Dustin Henard won first place in the single cutting competition and won a cutting torch for ANC. The welding department at the ANC Secondary Center would like to thank the following Diamond level sponsors for the wonderful prizes: American Railcar Industries. ASUN, WorkForce Training Consortium, Fronius, and Ozarc Gas.

# Foundation Scholarship Recipients

SCHOLARSHIPS SPRING 2015: Sharon Wingo Churchill Scholarship: Tera Klipfel; Cohen Scholarship: Christopher Caveney, Tiffany Sykes; Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship: Brandon Akers, Courtney Cooke; Bonnie Wheeler Davis Memorial Scholarship: Justin Deaver, Tammra Ellis, Ebony Hooks, Brittany Stockton; Lindsey Ohlendorf Fairley Scholarship: Patricia Hill; Dr. Eldon Fairly and Dr. John Williams Scholarship: Sharon Lewis, Andrew Sperry; L.D. and Reedie Harris Scholarship: Marquita Branch; Hospital Gift Shoppe Auxiliary Scholarship: Elissa Hoskins, Andrew Sperry; Paul C. Hughes Scholarship: Haley Romans; Johnston Memorial Scholarship: Lindsey Bradford, Sharon Lewis; Tom and Jane Miller Scholarship: Michael Askue, Hannah Martin, Jace Tyler, Hillary Walker; Martha Ann Moore Memorial Scholarship: Megan Tally; Newcomb Memorial Scholarship: Kirsten Adcock, Jessica Gobles; Pay It Forward: Samantha French (RAFT), Stephanie Huffstutler, Trevor Mafnas, Erica Malone, Diana Martinez, Rafael Martinez, Aimee Studie, Kevin Walls, Adonna Whitworth; Chapter N P.E.O. Memorial Scholarship: Marquita Branch; Savannah Paige Pollock Memorial Scholarship: Terri Mommsen; Wayne Taylor Memorial Scholarship: Cidnie Brooks, Matthew Cotton, Courtney Garrett, Stephanie McCoy, Macey Parker, Tracy Routon; Temple Israel Scholarship: Jamelia Johnson, Amanda Moresco; George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship: Dominique Bell, Kentarius Bohannan, Sarah Boling, Javiera Bragg, Tawshuna Brooks, Darvis Brown, Jerry Brown, Natasha Childers, Rachael Cole, Rakiuna Cullins, Constance DeBose, Bruce Edwards, Shumecia Estell, Billy Lane Finley, Shellee Flora, Robbin Frazier, Chelsea Galbraith, Angie Gavin, Tyler Haggard, Hillary Hall, Cody Hamilton, Katrina Hatch, Atarah Henning, Allison Hinson, Amy Hopper, Willie Hughes, Ressie Jackson, Terica Jackson, Lasheila Jacobs, Jesse James III, Jamelia Johnson, Regal Johnson, Helen Jones, Jacquelle Jones, Ashley Lucas, Hollie Luff, Steven McAlister, Candace McAlister, Robert McDonald, Shantelle Moore, Amanda Moresco, Tiffany Nettles, Ashlyn Pace, Taqwela Pearson, Kelli Pierce, Allison Prater, Alea Reddick, Trevor Redditt, Terrance Redmon, Brian Reed, Abby Rigney, Phobie Rogers, Rebecca Rogers, Jalisa Sherman, Marcos Sieerra, Corbin Smith, Dawn Smith, Jared Smith, Danielle Thomas, Ashley Tiffany, Brittany Webb, Nyesha Williams, Teresa Williams; Wilson Scholarship: Aaron Stallings; Yamato-Kogyo Scholarship: Britt Austin, Kaitlyn Bracken, Bailey Callens, Ashley Clay, Kathleen Crowder, Jessica Fields, Kendra Franks, Hannah Ganus, Greg Garner, Matthew Hammock, Brandie Henson, Hannah Hinton, Mary Hollywood, Madison Hovis, Lakeshia Hulum, Alexis Hutcheson, Elizabeth King, Lauren Lewis, Taylor McCoy, Megan McGinnis, Christian McLemore, Andrea Phelps, Luke Sample, Taz Shipley, Joshua Smith, Megan Taylor, Hunter Williams; BOOK SCHOLARSHIPS SPRING 2015: Col. J.M. Crane Memorial Scholarship: Shelly Richardson; George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship: Anglee Davison, Lanecia Gooden, Alexis Toombs; SCHOLARSHIPS SUMMER 2015: Pay It Forward: Kaitlyn Stokley; Wayne Taylor Memorial Scholarship: Tracy Routon; George Moore Trimue and Nancy McCauley Trimue Scholarship: Jerry Brown, Monique Brown, Belinda Conde, Lakeesha Johnson, Keisha McGaughy, Kaitlin Miles, Tucker Miller, Allison Prater, Alexis Smith, Megan Tally; Yamato-Kogyo Scholarship: Kathleen Crowder, Leslie Dent, Brandie Henson

## **ANC Holds 10th Annual Quiz Bowl**



Eleven schools participated in the 10th Annual Quiz Bowl competition held Friday, February 27th on the ANC Main Campus. Quiz Bowl Winner: (LEFT) First Place - Jonesboro High School; (TOP RIGHT) Second Place - Kennett High School; (BOTTOM RIGHT) Third Place - Crowley's Ridge Academy.

# Tomorrow's Outstanding Professionals Skills Challenge

Approximately 240 students from 12 area schools gathered Friday, February 6th on the ANC Blytheville main campus and Burdette Center to compete in the TOPS (Tomorrow's Outstanding Professionals Skills) Challenge. Competitions were held in Accounting, Word Processing I and II, Computer Applications: Excel and PowerPoint, Impromptu Speaking, Public Speaking, Business Communications, Introduction to Business, Business Law and Medical Professions—Quiz Bowl. At the Burdette Center, students competed in Aviation; Welding combination, Welding SMAW, and Plate-cutting; Criminal Justice Felony traffic stop, Early Childhood Hands-on and Bulletin board; Job Interview and Crime Scene Investigation team competition.

The TOPS Challenge is held in conjunction with National Career and Technical Education Month and is designed to promote career preparation and technical education to students who are still attending high school. Gold medal winners in each category received a one year ANC Foundation Technical Scholarship.

Schools participating in the event included: Armorel, ANC Technical Center, Bay, Blytheville, Cooter, East Poinsett County, Gosnell, Manila, Osceola, Paragould, Rivercrest, Riverside, and the Sikeston Career Center in Missouri.



# **ANC Hosts CTE Completer Event**

Arkansas Northeastern College once again hosted the Career and Technical Education Completer Event on April 10, 2015, on the ANC main campus in Blytheville, AR. This event honored 454 high school seniors who completed at least one technical program of study. ANC welcomed students from Armorel, Buffalo Island Central, Blytheville, East Poinsett County, Gosnell, Manila, Osceola, Paragould and Rivercrest school districts. Students were addressed by keynote speaker Matt Birk, a former six-time Pro Bowl center for the Minnesota Vikings. He spoke about lasting leadership principles and fulfilling your potential, incorporating football and the NFL as a means of illustrating his point. Additionally, students attended breakout sessions on transitioning to college and workplace essentials hosted by Dawson Employment and ANC, consecutively, and heard a motivational speech by Paul Vitale of Vital Communications. Student involvement included the following: EPC's Margarita Lobato sang the national anthem, Rivercrest's JROTC did the Presentation of Colors, and Nick Black of Blytheville and Hannah Glaser of Armorel both spoke in the program to represent students who hold state offices in school organizations.



(LEFT) Presentation of Colors by the Rivercrest High School JROTC. (MIDDLE) Keynote speaker and former Pro Bowl center for the Minnesota Vikings, Matt Birk. (RIGHT) Over 450 high school seniors were honored for academic achievements in CTE programs.

# Career and Technical Education Empowers

By Paul Vitale

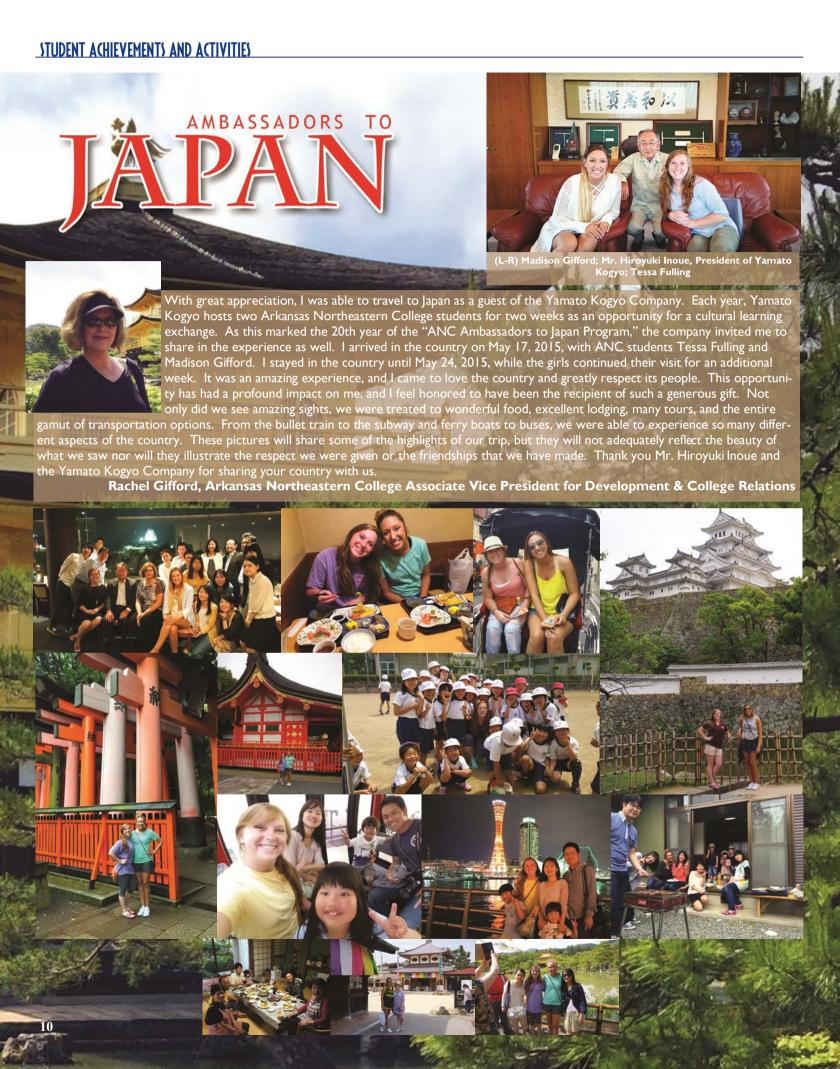
As a professional speaker, trainer, and consultant, I have the unique opportunity to view the inside workings of many industries while maintaining an outside perspective. Whether working with the largest corporation in the world or the smallest school district in Arkansas, I have been privileged to gather insight and experience from numerous individuals of all ages and walks of life. Throughout my experiences though, one reality has risen above all others: the importance of education and proper preparation for the workforce through programs such as career and technical education.

Arkansas Northeastern College's recent CTE Completer event, "Graduating to College and Career," illustrates the empowerment obtained by students who work hard, remain disciplined, and participate fully in their education, points reiterated by Completer event keynote speaker, Matt Birk, Director of Football Development for the NFL. It was an honor to share the stage with my good friend Matt, our second occasion to do so in Northeast Arkansas, and to observe the audience eagerly absorb the messages presented. Through our work together both in tandem with and independent of the NFL, Matt and I share a common goal of spreading the importance of education, work ethic, and character. The CTE programs in place in the region echo this philosophy, while producing concrete results.

I have observed first-hand career and technical education in action in area schools for over seven years through my *A Hero Within* presentations, on behalf of Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative. I firmly believe that the CTE programs functioning throughout the Natural State give our students a leg up when entering the workforce. As advancements continue to be made in areas such as technology, medicine, and the service arena, this type of career preparation is critical to ensure the success of our future generations. Participation in programs such as these give students an advantage they might not otherwise receive. It was a privilege working with ANC's Sherri Bennett and CRESC's Kathi Turner in making "Graduating to College and Career" a success!



(L-R) Paul Vitale, Kathi Turner, Matt Birk



# ANC Presents Comedy "Greater Tuna"

The Arkansas Northeastern College Department of Fine Arts presented two performances of "Greater Tuna" on May 1st and 2nd in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall. "Greater Tuna" is a comedy about the third smallest town in Texas and was written by Jaston Williams, Joe Sears, and Ed Howard. These performances were directed by Michael Fisher and starred Quinton Adams, Kim Bowman, Tammie Gist, Taz Shipley, Ally Stankiewicz, and Jace Tyler.





### ANC Concert Singers Perform in Washington D.C.

The ANC Concert Singers had the opportunity to perform at the Kennedy Center in Washington D.C. A collaboration of over 300 voices united to perform for the National Memorial Day Concert at the Kennedy Center, Sunday May 24th. Dr. Craig Jessop conducted the singers, accompanied by the US Air Force Symphony Orchestra. The singers performed Vaughn Williams' "Donna Nobis Pacem" (20th century Cantata regarding the realities of war tied together with poetry from Whitman and scripture) as well as many patriotic favorites. The ANC Concert Singers were in residency in D.C. May 21-26, and experienced the joys of singing with this caliber of musicians.



(BACK L-R) Jill Mazar, Michael Fisher, Jace Tyler, Kalesha Johnson, Taz Shipley, David Lythe, Mary Ann Garren, Carl Ciaramitaro, Dr. Keith Hearnsberger (FRONT L-R) Janis Holder, Ty Mitchell, Joey Courtwright, Michelle McDonald, Ally Stankiewicz, Hillary Poindexter, Lou Ann Banks (not pictured Liz Smith)

# **ANC Math Department** Celebrates Pi Day



Pi Day is celebrated on March 14th (3/14) around the world. Pi (Greek letter " $\pi$ ") is the symbol used in mathematics to represent a constant - the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter - which is approximately 3.14159. Pi Day was extra special this year, as 2015 stretched the symbolic March 14th celebration out a little longer to 3.1415. Additionally, Pi Day is also Albert Einstein's birthday! In celebration, the ANC Math Department provided tasty snacks for students including cake and pecan pie!

# ANC Job Fair



The 2015 ANC Job Fair was held April 23rd at the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center. More than 1,000 participants had the opportunity to speak with area employers and educators. Attendees included approximately 250 high school students from nine area schools.

# MIRAMURAL SPO

Students can sign up for intramurals each semester in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center, or just come on out and get in the game or activity. (Must have a valid student ID)

Intramural Basketball is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2pm to 5pm. Flag Football is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2pm to 5pm. Volleyball is on Mondays and Wednesdays from 2pm to 5pm or TBA. Other Intramural activities that are offered are wiffle ball, dodgeball, softball, and badminton.

(Agreed upon standards for participation: Minimum 6 hours enrollment to participate in ADIL games against other colleges)

### **ADIL Schedule of Games and Activities**

### FLAG FOOTBALL

September 17 @ 4pm October I @ 4pm October 15 @ 4pm October 22 @ 3pm

Jamboree @ MSCC Jamboree @ MSCC Tournament @ ASU

#### VOLLEYBALL

November 4 @ 4:30pm November 11 @ 4:30pm November 18 @ 3pm

Jamboree @ ANC Jamboree @ ANC Tournament @ ASU

#### BASKETBALL

February I @ 4:30pm February 8 @ 4:30pm February 22 @ 4:30pm February 27 @ I Iam Jamboree @ EACC Jamboree @ ANC Jamboree @ PCCUA Community College Classic Tournament
@ ASU

#### **DODGEBALL** March 30 @ 4pm

Jamboree @ MSCC

Jamboree @ EACC









On May 13, 2015 the Associate Degree Nursing Pinning Ceremony was held at the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center where 28 nursing graduates were awarded their nursing pins. The Annual Pinning Ceremony is held after students meet their academic requirements for degree completion and serves as a rite of passage for those entering in the nursing profession. Students are recognized for their hard work, perseverance and dedication demonstrated throughout the program. Family, friends, and faculty attended the ceremony and celebrated as graduates received their nursing pin, Florence Nightingale Lamp, and recited the International Pledge for Nurses.

Each year, the ANC Nursing Faculty recognizes graduates by presenting two special awards to those who have excelled in their educational endeavors. The Clinical Excellence Award was presented to three nursing graduates who demonstrated outstanding clinical leadership, organizational skills and clinical competence while providing nursing care to clients in the healthcare setting. The recipients of the Award of Clinical Excellence were Amanda Curtis, Jill McBride, and Tasha Tidwell.

The Sharon S. Fulling Memorial Award of Nursing Excellence was presented to two nursing graduates who exemplified the outstanding qualities of professionalism, academic merit, clinical competence and leadership in both the classroom and clinical setting. The Sharon Fulling Memorial Award of Nursing Excellence was presented to Tiffany Kirk and Shannon Ellington.

Arkansas Northeastern College hosted "Believe in Yourself" - A Women in Leadership Event on the ANC Blytheville Main Campus, March 31, 2015. The vent was the culmination of the nationally designated "Women in History" month of March. Twelve women in leadership positions throughout the county shared their experiences and offered encouragement to female students and guests from the area. Approximately 200 young women attended the one-day conference and benefited from the life lessons of the following speakers: Sally Bennett, Superintendent Armorel Public Schools; Lisa John Adams, Quality Director, Nucor Steel Arkansas; Dr. Tina Gray Teague, Professor of Entomology & Plant Science; Pacey Bowens, Interim Vice President for Finance, Arkansas Northeastern College; Lenore Trammell, Chief Compliance Officer, Big River Steel; Christie Patterson, Executive Vice President for Commercial Lending, Southern Bancorp; Kyra Langley, MSN, RN, CSN - ANC Nursing & Allied Health Instructor/Performance Improvement Staff Development RN; Tracey Ritchey, Community Relation Specialist, Tenaris-Hickman; Dr. Valencia M. Andrews-Pirtle, MD - Family Medicine Physician, Blytheville, AR; Ammi Tucker, Executive Director, Osceola/South Mississippi County Chamber of Commerce; Wanda James, Arkansas State Trooper Recruiter, Arkansas State Police; and Kasie King, Human Resource Manager, Aviation Repair Technologies. Keynote speaker for the event, Ms. Cassidy Todd, shared how having a special needs child changed her whole life trajectory as she shifted careers to become an entrepreneur and owner of The Sensory Shop, a toy store for special needs children.





(BACK L-R) **Gene Bennett** - Dean of Workforce & Economic Development, **Tim Bentley** - Leadership & Performance Industrial Instructional Specialist, **Steve Crosskno** - Industrial Technical Skills Electrical Systems Specialist, **Stacey Walker** - Webmaster/Technology Support Specialist, **David Davis** - Welding Instructor, **Rick Sones** - Heating & Air Conditioning/Refrigeration Instructor

(FRONT L-R) Rob Semmel - Leadership & Performance Industrial Instructional Specialist, Brent Carroll - Welding Instructor, Marty Crawford - Construction Instructor, Latanya Wilson - Administrative Specialist I

(NOT PICTURED) **Brian Dennis** - Aviation Maintenance Instructor, **Frank Hernandez** - Aviation Maintenance Instructor, **Doug Echols** - W.O.R.K. Coordinator

### Hartley Creates App to Connect with Students

James Hartley, Criminal Justice, Criminology, and Sociology instructor at Arkansas Northeastern College, recognized the need for a quick connection to his students and their desire to access information through their smart phones. Hartley began working on an app that would streamline the process. To develop an app, you must speak a language that is ever-changing with technology, and few of us would venture to learn. Hartley has an affinity for technology and has invested countless hours toward this end.

Kenna (named for the Norse word meaning "to teach") is a basic informational app that Hartley created for his college students. It is a free application that will help him stay connected with the students throughout the semester, as well as offering quick access to specific institutional resources.

Kenna provides a crime news RSS feed, a list of all the classes that Hartley teaches, course syllabi, a direct call feature, an institutional phone directory, email form, the current student handbook, academic calendar, and college weekly newsletter.

Kenna also provides remote notifications that remind students of quizzes and exams as well as other institutional information. Students expressed interest in an app of this nature, so with that encouragement, Hartley focused his efforts on creating Kenna. The app is available for download on iPhones and iPads.



(TOP) James Hartley (RIGHT) Screenshots of Hartley's Kenna app highlighting the clean interface and RSS feed.



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### 17th Annual Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tourney

It was a beautiful day for golf as players gathered at the Big Lake Country Club on Thursday, June 11, 2015, for the 17th Annual Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by the ANC Foundation.

This tournament was established as a way to raise scholarship funds for students from the Buffalo Island and Bootheel of Missouri areas. Mr. Wavne Taylor helped create this wonderful tournament that, since its inception, has raised more than \$85,000 for scholarships and has benefited many Arkansas Northeastern College students. Mr. Taylor was an ardent supporter of ANC and a long-time member of its foundation's Board of Governors. He was a past Chairman of the ANC Foundation, and a true friend to the College. His wife Janet served on the ANC Foundation Board for many years following his death and is still a strong supporter of education and active with this event. The Arkansas Northeastern College Foundation is proud to hold this tournament in honor and memory of Mr. Wayne Taylor. Janet, who lives in Sevierville, TN, and Mr. Taylor's son, Jon, who resides in Houston, were able to attend this year's event which raised \$5,500 for student scholarships.

The ANC Foundation wishes to thank its many sponsorship donors and players. Additionally, special thanks to the Big Lake Country Club and to Chapter AC P.E.O. for providing a wonderful lunch.



#### **Championship Flight**

Ist Place: Matt Noble, Chase Shelton, Terry Brewer, Perry Dixon 2nd Place: Myrna Adams, Harold Vines, Sandra Kennett, Ronnie Kennett 3rd Place: Chris Stuck, Ryan Stuck, Chuck White, Dick Woodard

#### First Flight

Ist Place: Mari Hayden, Dick Pace, Mike Bridges, Tim Bassing
2nd Place: Brian Davis, Rodger Davis, Brady Davis, David East
3rd Place: Hugh Rose, Gerald Carmichael, George Moore, Bill Van Guilder

#### Second Flight

Ist Place: Nick Goodrich, Gary Higgins, Zach Fahlberg, Kevin Hufstedler

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Wayne Taylor Scholarship recipient Tracy Routon (Pictured far right) attended the tournament and visited with Mr. Taylor's wife and son, Janet and Jon. Routon brought a basket of snacks to share with golfers to show her appreciation for their support of the tournament which funds approximately 7-10 scholarships each year.



First Place in the Championship Flight (L-R) Perry Dixon, Terry Brewer, Chase Shelton, and Matt Noble.

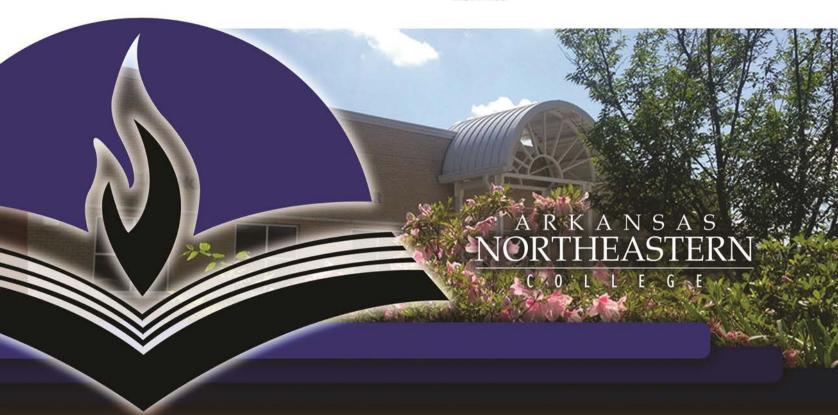


Chapter AC P.E.O. provided lunch for golfers at the Wayne Taylor Memorial Golf Tournament held Thursday, June 11, 2015.

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