

Arkansas Northeastern College

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Have items of interest you would like featured in the NewsLink online newsletter? Please send your departmental news, upcoming events, etc., to James Hartley at [jehartley@smail.anc.edu](mailto:jehartley@smail.anc.edu). The deadline is 5 pm on the last Thursday of the month.

## ANC Mission

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

## ANC Student Wins Pageant

ANC student India Kuykendall was recently named the 14th Annual Miss Lights of the Delta! She will soon be competing for the title of Miss Arkansas in June. If she were to win the Miss Arkansas pageant she would be eligible to compete for Miss America!

Kuykendall graduated from Gosnell High School in 2015. She will be graduating from ANC with her Associate of Arts degree in May.

In addition to being a full-time student, Kuykendall works two jobs. She also recently participated in ANC's Black History Month celebration by singing "What a Wonderful World."

Congratulations, India!  
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The Solutions Group

## Six Sigma Certifications - BlueOak

The ANC Solutions Group, recently certified Ryan Niedzwiadek and Thomas Gilbert of BlueOak Arkansas in Osceola as Six Sigma Greenbelts. BlueOak Arkansas is the nation's first urban mining facility and provides a vital domestic solution for electronic waste ("e-waste") recycling.

To earn certification, Ryan and Tom completed 80 hours of specialized training and had to complete a project that demonstrated knowledge of the skills they learned in the course. Their optimization of the sampling process will save the company over \$700,000 annually when BlueOak ramps up to full production.

Arkansas Northeastern College's challenging Six Sigma program, instructed by Scott Follett, saved participating companies \$5.7 million in 2016.



For more information on Six Sigma and other instruction offered by ANC, contact Stacey Walker at 870-838-2966.

## South Pemiscot Schools Visit Allied Technologies!

South Pemiscot's JAG (Job's for America's Graduates) program students and their instructor James Carlisle toured the ANC Crisp Center and ANC ACME Center on March 7th, 2017.

Stacey Walker, Courtney Cooper, Rob Semmel, Doug Echols, Frank Hernandez, and Brent Carroll gave presentations to the students.

For specific presentation details and more photos, click the link below:

[ANC Solutions Group Blog](#)





# ANC Education Majors Tour Blytheville Primary Campus

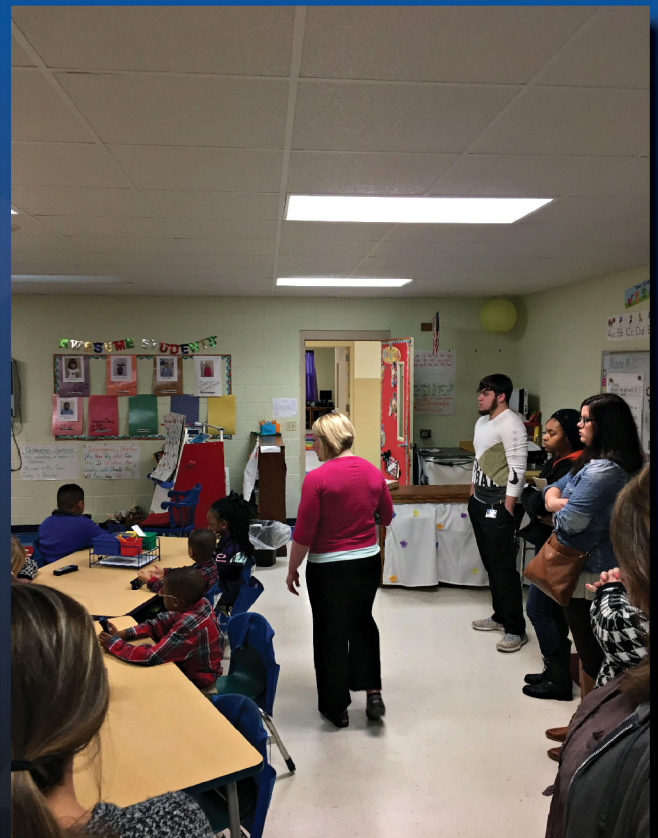


Some of ANC's education majors took a tour of the Blytheville Primary Campus to learn more about the daily roles and responsibilities of a teacher. Mrs. Eileen Garris, the assistant principal, took the students on a tour of the campus where they learned more about instruction, intervention, engagement, and the curriculum.

Students were also able to see the vast amount of hands-on resources available for literacy, math, and science. Mrs. Garris also explained the benefits provided to students such as computer labs, science labs, gifted and talented, and after-school programs.

Education majors also got a glimpse of how technology can supplement instruction, and how it can help meet the needs of all students. They were able to see devices such as iPads, Chromebooks, and clickers that students use for classroom assessment and data.

Overall, it was a wonderful opportunity for students at ANC to see first-hand the great things happening in the field of education.





# Blytheville Elementary School Math & Science Family Night



Blytheville Elementary School recently hosted Math and Science Family night. Lauren Stark, Instructional Facilitator, invited ANC instructors Ginger Berry and Lance Morris to participate in the event. Ginger Berry demonstrated a pendulum dance with an apparatus built with simple metal bolts, string, and a wooden dowel. She also brought a Newton's Cradle to allow the students to see "equal and opposite forces" in action.

Lance Morris had the students test how well they were washing their hands. Glo-Germ was applied to their hands to simulate the flu virus. The Glo-Germ is only visible under a UV light. They washed their hands and then checked again under the UV light to see how clean they were.





## Artist Showcased at ANC

The "Stay in Touch: A Showcase of Work by Ellen Dempsey" opening reception took place Thursday, March 9, 2017 in the Adams/Vines Gallery.

Ellen Dempsey is an artist living and working in Memphis, TN. She is currently completing her Master of Fine Arts Degree at the University of Memphis. Her primary medium is Sculpture and Printmaking and enjoys finding new ways to combine the two.



## ANC Tech Center Career Day

The ANC Tech Center hosted its first Tech Center Career Day on Friday, March 3rd. Tech Center students spent the day with ANC college faculty members learning about ANC's degree and certificate programs, and networked with area industry representatives to learn about local employment opportunities.

Thank you to our guests for engaging with our students and helping them see the opportunities that ANC and Mississippi County can offer!





# Ramsdells Give to ANC Center for Allied Technologies

Arkansas Northeastern College's Center for Allied Technologies just received another gift toward constructing the facility. Mr. Rick Ramsdell and his wife Trev, longtime residents of Blytheville who have recently moved back to their home state of Utah, have donated \$25,000 to the project which is slated for construction to begin later this spring.

The Ramsdell's donation will allow them naming rights to the student lounge area of the facility. Mr. Ramsdell recently retired from the Nucor Yamato Steel Mill where he spent many years working in the industry. Given his work history and his commitment to community service, he understands the importance of ANC's Center for Allied Technologies and, along with his family, wished to support the project.

"Arkansas Northeastern College provides the necessary training and education for local industry employees who are looking for career advancement or change. This facility will be instrumental in their efforts and I am glad to support something that will be so important to the community," said Ramsdell.

"We are fortunate to have the friendship and support of people like Rick Ramsdell," said ANC President Dr. James Shemwell. "The Ramsdells have been active members of our community for many years and we are happy to have an area of the new facility that can serve as a reminder of the love and commitment they have to this area."



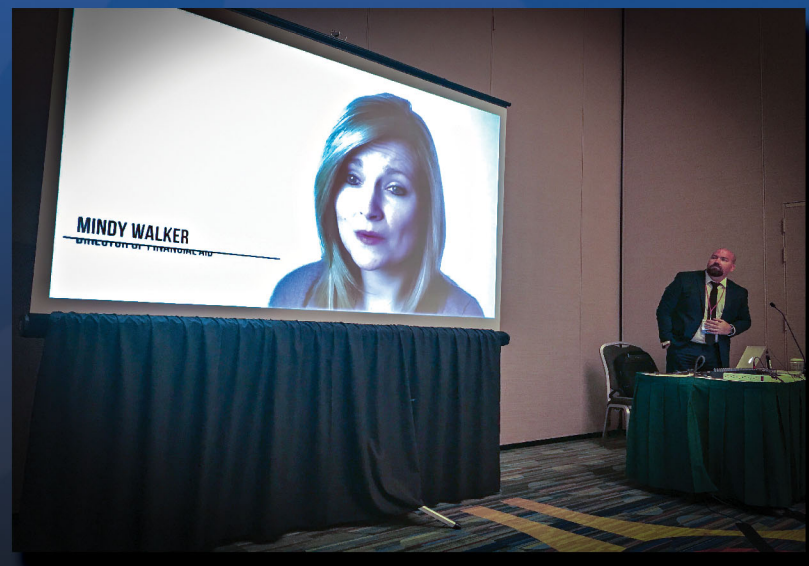


# ANC Professors Present at League for Innovation Conference



Dr. Jillian Hartley, Professor of History, presented a session detailing how Arkansas Northeastern College has implemented a best practices strategy that focuses on interaction and active learning in online courses. The session covered the process and rationale for adopting this approach as well as how to evaluate instructor performance

James Hartley, Professor of Criminology & Sociology / Digital Production Specialist, presented a session on Digital Marketing & Student Recruitment. The session focused on using social media platforms to reach current and prospective students. The session covered the methods employed to keep students engaged with the institution as well as increasing recruitment. The session also detailed how using internal contributions rather than third-party sources for app development, videography, photography, and newsletters can minimize cost and maximize product control and development.





# ANC Board Approves Center for Allied Technologies Contractor

Members of the Arkansas Northeastern College Board of Trustees gathered for a special meeting on Wednesday, March 23, 2017, where they approved the awarding of a contract to Construction Network Incorporated of Jonesboro for the construction of ANC's Center for Allied Technologies.

The meeting follows a sealed bid opening which was held Wednesday, March 15, 2017, on the main campus of Arkansas Northeastern College. Eight general contractors submitted sealed bids for the project. CNI submitted the low bid of \$12,875,000.00 for the construction of the facility and to implement a campus wide drainage plan.

The approximate 88,000 square foot center will actually decrease the College's overall facilities by 30,000 square feet by consolidating the Burdette Center, Harry L. Crisp Center, and the ACME Center—with an estimated costs savings for the College of approximately \$100,000 a year in maintenance. The new facility will feature a headquarters for the College's customized training force—The Solutions Group, including general purpose classrooms, electrical classroom & lab, mechanical classroom/lab, safety classroom/lab, HVAC classroom & lab, computer classroom, and large multi-purpose room. Additionally, a world-class welding laboratory will be available for students. Secondary Center students from area high schools will also be served on the ANC Main Campus by classroom & lab facilities for advanced manufacturing, welding, criminal justice, education, and construction/carpentry. The design incorporates a computer lab for the Secondary Center. Also featured in the facility is an aircraft compound, combination non-destructive testing (NDT) & composites laboratory, and general purpose classrooms to fully accommodate ANC's Federal Aviation Administration— certified Aviation Maintenance Program. Even though only one floor level is planned, the building design features a two-story-height aviation compound, welding laboratory, and glass entrance tower to add to the building's distinctiveness and appeal.

Funding for the facility will come from a variety of sources including college resources, bond proceeds, private contributions, and support from the ANC Foundation. External fund-raising will continue throughout the construction of the project to lessen the amount of borrowing needed.

Construction will begin next month with a scheduled completion date of summer 2018.





## Alliance for Success

The Arkansas Northeastern College Community Relations Department has agreed to work and assist Blytheville Middle School in coaching and mentoring 6th and 7th grade students as part of the Alliance for Success initiative. These students have the potential to achieve greatness, but sometimes lack the necessary support to do so.

The goal of the Alliance for Success Program is to engage and inspire students with positive behavior alternatives. Mentors will visit six students weekly during lunch times and/or during the classroom settings. The Blytheville Middle School staff has in place a data system that will help the mentoring program achieve the desired outcomes from the students that they serve. The goal for this partnership is to see a reduction in negative behavior as well as improved attendance.



## ANC Nursing Students Honored

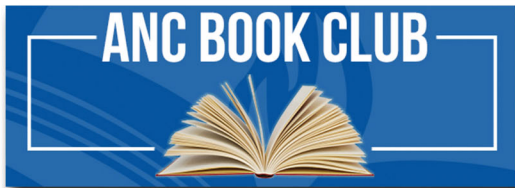
The nursing staff of 3 East at St. Bernards Medical Center honored ANC students for their clinical performance by surprising them with pizza and a cookie cake. This occurred on the last day of their clinical. This speaks very well for the ADN program and ANC.





# Social

## LOCAL ENGAGEMENTS



Join ANC Librarian Karen Ellis for intellectual stimulation and lively discussion in the ANC library. Make new friends, share your knowledge, and if you don't have a card— sign up for a library card to take advantage of the excellent reading material available at the ANC Library.

The book of the month is:  
*The Shack*

For more information, contact Karen Ellis at [kellis@smail.anc.edu](mailto:kellis@smail.anc.edu)



The Community Education department at Arkansas Northeastern College is a non-credit, lifelong learning program that meets the changing needs of the community. Educational opportunities are continually developed and offered for citizens of all ages for a reasonable cost.

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Join the ANC Community Choir and experience an enrichment of your life through music!

For more information, contact Dr. Keith Hearnberger at [khearnberger@smail.anc.edu](mailto:khearnberger@smail.anc.edu)



# April

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### April 2nd: Let Music Live Concerts

The Let Music Live Concerts will feature the choral ensembles of ANC singing a variety of choral standards, Pop tunes, and modern choral pieces from a variety of genres of choral music. The concert is at 3:00 p.m. in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall.

### April 6th: Twelfth Annual Career Fair

Arkansas Northeastern College will be hosting the Annual Career Fair in the Briggs/Sebaugh Wellness Center, Thursday, April 6th from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm.

If additional information is needed or if you have any questions, you may contact Dr. Bridget Shemwell at 838-2974 or ext.1045.

### April 9th: Spring Band Concert

The ANC Community Band will performing their Spring Concert, on Sunday, April 9 at 3 p.m. in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall. The concert will feature a variety of Wind Ensemble music from today's leading composers. Jon Fulkerson will direct, and the concert is sure to be its usual enjoyable experience. Come support ANC Musicians.

### April 27th, 28th, & 29th: "Agatha Christie Tackles Texas"

Famous sleuth and detective mystery writer, Agatha Christie, is seriously challenged when she leaves England and heads to the state of Texas to work on her next book.

After encounters with a gifted butler who just got out of prison and his knife loving daughter; an aging, over-sexed business agent with a comical trio of young male performers to manage, and a secretary who is bigger-than-life, can she still figure out who committed the latest murder?

This quick paced, comedic, murder mystery should answer the question in a most entertaining fashion.



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