

THE VISION

The Newsletter of Arkansas State University-Mountain Home



It is a historic time at Arkansas State University-Mountain Home (ASUMH) and it is my pleasure to report on our unprecedented growth and performance. The demand for educational services is higher than ever before, which means higher enrollment and graduation rates. This May, we awarded over 500 certificates and degrees for the academic year -- more than ever before.

Through the years, ASUMH's accomplishments have been very significant and meaningful. We recently celebrated ten years on our beautiful campus and look forward in September to dedicating our largest building and one that will be used by the entire community. The Vada Sheid Community Development Center's grand opening is scheduled for September 9 and the month will be filled with activities in the new facility.

We are determined to continue to provide the highest quality of educational services to our students, businesses and the community in which we live and work. We know that as our growth continues, lives will continue to be changed through the opportunities that ASUMH provides. As we look back over ten years on our campus, and forward to the opening of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center, we hope you will celebrate with us this historic time in our lives, and in the lives of our students.

ASUMH 14th Graduation Ceremony

Although rain dampened Keller Green on the morning of May 10, spirits were still bright in Dunbar Auditorium for the university's fourteenth commencement ceremony. This May, ASUMH had its largest graduating class ever. Topping a total of 444 graduates in 2008 and 508 in 2009, ASUMH projected to award degrees and certificates to 571 in 2010. Each year's total numbers reflect December graduates as well. Of that number, 211 are Associate Degrees (Associate of Arts, Associate of Arts in Teaching, and Associate of Applied Science) and 360 Certificates (Technical Certificates and Certificates of Proficiency). The ASU-Jonesboro program had 76 graduates from ASUMH in 2010, also up from 48 in 2008 and 42 in 2009.

Students were spotlighted during the event in various ways. Graduate Caleb Hudson of Flippin, AR, gave the invocation. He received an Associate of Arts degree from ASUMH and plans to pursue Public Relations and Youth Ministry

at Harding University this fall. Hannah Gregg presented a piano solo she composed titled "I'll Never Be Alone." She received her Associate of Arts degree. Hannah is from Mountain Home, AR, and plans to continue her education at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago where she will study Ethnomusicology. The Student Address was presented by Nina Huddleston. Nina previously earned her Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Management at ASUMH and this year received an Associate of Arts.



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UPCOMING EVENTS:

- June 25-26
Red, White and Blue Festival
- September 9
Grand Opening of Vada Sheid Community Development Center
- September 11
Black & White Charity Auction
- September 16
Arkansas Symphony Concert
- September 25
*"Light Up the Night"
Retro Dance*



Our Commitment – Your Opportunity

Arkansas Higher Education Institutions Unite to Offer and Recognize New Business Transfer Degree



A press conference was held on Thursday, April 29, at the Clinton School in Little Rock regarding a new proposed Associate of Science in Business transfer degree.

The effort to develop an A.S. in Business transfer degree was led by Dr. Pat Bailey, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic and Student Affairs, Arkansas State University-Mountain Home (ASUMH), Dr. Larry Davis, Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Arkansas State University-Newport, and Karen Hopper, Associate Vice Chancellor for Research, Special Projects, and Distance Learning, ASUMH.

Dr. Bailey said, "With the passage by the Arkansas legislature of the state transfer agreement known as Act 182 or the Roger Phillips Transfer Policy Act of 2009, work began to develop the A.S. in Business transfer degree." The Roger Phillips Transfer Act of 2009 guarantees that Arkansas two-year college students who complete Associate of Arts, Associate of Science, and Associate of Science in Teaching degrees have the right to transfer freshman and sophomore-level courses to any public four-year institution in Arkansas.

Bailey reached out to her colleagues at the state's two-year colleges and four-year universities for assistance to develop the agreements and led a series of meetings that has culminated with nine of the state's 10 eligible four-year institutions and 20 of the state's 22 two-year institutions pledging their support for the new transfer degree.

Bailey added, "The Roger Phillips Transfer Act demonstrated for all of us in Arkansas higher education that we need to take every possible opportunity to streamline the transfer process for our students. The proposed A.S. in Business is the next step in what we hope will lead to further efforts for smooth transfers for Arkansas students."

Davis said, "We also want to send a strong message to Governor Beebe that we stand behind his vision of creating more bachelor degree trained Arkansans." Governor Beebe has said, "Our state's future depends on increasing the number of citizens with degrees. The better educated our workforce is, the better equipped we will be to recruit high-tech, knowledge-based jobs. This means that the effort to increase college-graduation rates doesn't just help these students, it helps the prosperity of our state and our communities."

Vada Sheid Community Development Center Grand Opening



Hold these dates! September 9, 2010, is the grand opening and dedication of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center. This 65,000 square-foot building is the largest on the ASUMH campus and will include the McClure Convention Hall, First Security Amphitheatre, Dale Bumpers Great Hall, Dykstra Stage, Haley Family Conference Room, Ozark Arts Council Conference Room and more! The 2:00 p.m. dedication program will include speeches and entertainment from dignitaries and performers from across Arkansas. On September 11, 2010, an ASUMH Benefit Auction will be held in the McClure Convention Hall followed by a performance on September 16 by the Mountain Home Symphony Orchestra and the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra. Grand opening events will culminate with a return of hot air balloons to the ASUMH campus and a dance in the Vada Sheid Community Development Center featuring music through the decades and an incredible light show. Join us in September as we celebrate the opening of this beautiful new facility that will be enjoyed by all of North Central Arkansas for years to come!

Staff and Faculty Members of the Year

Katy Page and Beverly Crabb were recently selected Staff Member of the Year and Faculty Member of the Year at ASUMH by their peers. Page serves as administrative assistant to the provost and vice chancellor for academic and student affairs. She has worked for the university since February of 2007. Crabb is a practical nursing instructor and has been with ASUMH since August of 2007. Both will be recognized this fall at the annual meeting of the Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges in Hot Springs, AR.



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