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President's Perceptions

Warm greeting ArkACRAO members! As my term as president slowly comes to an end; I would like to take this moment to thank each of you for having the trust and confidence in me to head the Association. It has been a joy, honor and privilege to serve as your president. Thank you all!

First, I would like to thank the executive committee for their support, guidance and leadership. Second, I would like to thank the committee chairs and members, for their dedication, commitment, and hard work in helping the association continue in the right direction...great job! Third, I would like to thank the ArkACRAO membership for your unwavering support and understanding. Fourth, I would like to thank ArkACRAO members Dr. Corbet Lamkin, Chancellor; and Dr. Reginald Cooper, Vice Chancellor; for allowing me to travel around the state in support of ArkACRAO. Finally, I would like to thank my staff members, Faith Schalchlin and Rita Givens, for taking care of the office and doing an excellent job while I was out ...thank you ladies.

Our 2008 fall conference will be held October 1 – 3 at the Mount Magazine State Lodge in Paris. President-Elect Robin Hayes

and her committee has been busy putting together a very exciting and informative meeting. Come prepared to learn and have a fun time doing it.

As I have stated in the past, I would like to encourage the entire membership to actively continue to get involved with ArkACRAO. Get active and stay active. Don't wait for someone to do something you can do! You are the future of the Association! Again, thank you for allowing me to head the Association, it was a pleasure. Best wishes everyone for a successful and rewarding year. ☺

Sincerely,

Wayne D. Banks

ArkACRAO President



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! SACRAO Meeting

SACRAO 2009
62nd Annual Meeting
February 7-11, 2009, New Orleans, Louisiana



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NEWS FROM COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

Arkansas State University

Jennifer Douglas and Becky Holmes have joined the Registrar's office team. Jennifer is fast becoming an EDI expert and Becky has the first smile everyone sees as our new receptionist.

Arkansas Tech

Elizabeth Latch and Stacey Helton turned in their travel bags and left the Admissions Office in May. Emily Fulmer and Courtney Mullen, both 2008 Tech graduates, were hired as Admissions Officers in June and hit the road this fall. Congratulations to Ryan Taylor, our Coordinator of Information Services, and his wife, Leah. They are expecting twins in April.

Ecclesia College

Ecclesia College continues to expand to serve students in academic, social, and spiritual growth. Ben Richards was hired as the new First Year Program Coordinator and Alicia Hofer was hired in the Student Development Office to assist in the First Year Program and in Worship Coordination. Joseph Wood was hired as the new Career Services Coordinator and we launched our Women's basketball program this fall. Additionally, faculty and programs continue expanding to meet the growing needs of our small Christian college.

Henderson State University

We have new faces at Henderson State University. First, Henderson State University welcomed its new President, Dr. Charles Welch in July. Dr. Welch was Chancellor at UACCH prior to taking the presidency at Henderson. In addition, we are proud to have two, new admissions counselors in the Office of University Relations/Admissions: Meghan Miller, counselor for Texas and Justin Collie, counselor for Central Arkansas. Stephanie Kennedy left us after eight years as a student worker and an admissions counselor. We hated to see her leave the HSU family! Go figure ...Vikita is still here! (The old gray mare ain't what she use to be!!!). Amber Taggard, admissions counselor is busy recruiting in the Northwest and Southwest regions of the state. Ashley Gattin Bowden is our Transfer Counselor. See you on the road!

North Arkansas College

North Arkansas College has experienced lots of changes over the summer. Our long time Registrar Jane Brown retired as of June 30 as well as our Director of Financial Aid, Nancy Fountain. They took with them fifty-six years of Northark knowledge, we wish both of them a wonderful retirement life! Northark has restructured their Registrar's Office and Admission Office into one area, Enrollment Services. Charla Jennings is now Director of Enrollment Services. She has enjoyed her years in admissions, but looks forward to her new challenge. Sarah Bing joined Northark last April as our Enrollment Specialist. Sarah is an Arkansas State University graduate and came to Northark from the Fed Ex corporate world. Amanda Johnson (soon to be Amanda Robertson – to wed on October 11) has assumed the Assistant Registrar's position. Amanda has worked in the Registrar's Office for over a year. Mandy Bell has been promoted to Admission Analyst. Mandy has worked in the Admissions Office for three years.

Ozarka College

Ozarka College is thankful for another record enrollment, and we continue to increase our retention efforts on campus. Our student success center is assisting us with these efforts, and we now offer the Kuder test to every new applicant. This fall Ozarka has entered into a partnership with the Arkansas Craft Guild Education and Support Association, Inc., and The Ozark Folk Center. We hope to educate aspiring and practicing craft professionals for success in the creative economy. The AA program, with an emphasis in Entrepreneurship for Artisans, as well as the certificate of Proficiency, is set to begin in the Spring 2009. We look forward to hosting everyone at our college planning day this fall. See you there!

Rich Mountain Community College

At RMCC, we are proud to announce new changes on our campuses. Dr. Wayne Hatcher became president of RMCC as of July 2008 and came to us from Labette Community College in Parsons, Kansas. He has extensive experience in student affairs and is excited about leading RMCC and supporting its role

in the community, region and state. Also, as a result of the First Year Student experience, the Office of Student Services at RMCC established a new position in the fall of 2007 with a Director of Student Success Initiatives. Terry Francis (formerly known by her role as the TRiO Programs Student Support Services Coordinator) started in this position as of September 1, 2007 and has worked diligently to improve the academic advising process as well as a number of new strategies to strengthen retention. RMCC is currently undergoing a main campus renovation project to include a one-stop center for students to access admissions, financial aid and placement testing to improve the flow of student services. In the very near future, students who live in the southern region of the RMCC service area will have access to our newest satellite office and classrooms in the community of Wickes.

Southern Arkansas University

Laura Wilkerson has been promoted to admissions data supervisor in our office. Janet Allison and Courtney Goble are new to the front office. We are glad to have them aboard. Erin Bevan is new to the recruitment fairs this fall. She joined us this past spring as a newly-wed. She will be traveling in Arkansas and Louisiana. Kelli Barton is now at home with her new baby boy. Big brother Will is helping out with Wade. Kelli is electing to stay home with her boys rather than putting up with us. We don't blame her. Sarah, Steve, Scott, Whitney, Erin and Ed look forward to seeing everyone this fall.

Univ. of Ark. Comm. College - Morrilton

We are pleased to announce that Shelley Price and Matthew White have joined the admissions team as Admission Counselors. We are excited to have them on board just in time to attend ArkACRAO Fall Conference. Dave Pinson and Amanda Young left our team during the summer. Dave was named as the Director of Housing and Residential Life at UAFS and Amanda will be a full-time mom to new daughter, Ava.



University of Arkansas at Monticello

The 2008-09 academic year is underway on the UAM campuses in Monticello, Crossett and McGehee. The admission's staff involved in fall recruitment includes Mary Whiting, Brooke Rodgers, Josh Rauls and Katie Williams in Monticello. Charles Rocconi serves the McGehee campus, and Mitch Powell represents the Crossett campus. The admission's staff will host the first Arkansas Ambassador Meeting on November 7. Invitations have been sent to all Arkansas institutions. The intent is to allow students from each campus to meet and share ideas. Leadership keys will be presented by guest speakers. Campus leaders from each institution will also share ideas and gain input from services offered. There is no charge to attend. The deadline to reply is October 15. Contact Mary Whiting at whitingm@uamont.edu for details. Visitors will note much construction in place, as new facilities and renovations are in progress to better serve students. The campus is preparing for a special Centennial Celebration in 2009. News and details will be released in the near future.

University of Central Arkansas

UCA is pleased to announce two wonderful additions to the Admissions team. Rebekah Gardner and Jennifer Rutherford recently joined the recruiting staff. Rebekah will recruit in Northwest Arkansas and Jennifer will recruit in Northeast Arkansas. Kasi Jones, who previously recruited Northwest Arkansas for UCA, was recently appointed Senior Director of Orientation at Purdue University. Brian Corbin, who previously recruited Northeast Arkansas for UCA, took another position at UCA as Director of Testing. Construction continues on the UCA campus! UCA began construction on a new College of Business building. The new College of Business will be ready for Fall 2009 freshmen. In addition, a new Gross Anatomy Laboratory building is being added to the Health Sciences Center.

University of the Ozarks

Amber Willard is the new Admission Counselor for the Walker Teacher Education Program.

ArkAcrao New Web Site

ArkAcrao is pleased to announce Blayne Stewart of ASU Beebe and Bassik Design www.bassikdesign.com as the new administrator of the ArkAcrao Web site. Please check the Web site often www.arkacrao.org and contact the executive committee members for ideas or suggestions for the Web site.



Boot Camp and Support Staff Workshop

Arkansas State University at Beebe played host to two great programs this summer. A Support Staff Workshop was held in March with nearly 70 attendees. The ArkACRAO Boot Camp for New Admission Professionals was held this summer. Approximately 30 new admissions professionals attended. The event featured presentations regarding financial aid, communication, college fair preparation, and travel tips. Attendees also were given the opportunity to interact with high school counselors in the Counselors Panel. Several seasoned ArkACRAO members were present to lend their expertise and support. ASU-Beebe will host Boot Camp again in July 2009.



Articulation Workshops

Articulation workshops held in September were hosted by UALR, National Park Community College, ASU, and U of A.



Large crowd attends central Articulation Workshop at UALR



Wayne Banks and Kim Coker assist the counselors

Travel Season has begun!



Monticello and Pine Bluff Consolidation Fairs

