

UACCB YEARBOOK

2023-2024













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The Paramedic Coining Ceremony recognized Michael Beck, Nichole Carmical, Randell Crabtree, Trenton Johnson, Andrew Kirkpatrick, Amy Leonard, Courtney Lewis, Steven Lewis, and Netzy Mendez-Sanchez for their exceptional commitment to the pursuit of excellence in the field of healthcare.



































Practical Nursing (PN) Pinning Ceremony

The graduates recognized during the pinning ceremony were Morgan Case, Jorge Cervantes, Kiley Davis, Katelynn Edington, Kenlee Gallegly, Brittany Harmon, Madison Hubbard, Sarah Knowles, Fallon Lewis, Dani Moore, Mason Pedigo, Gracie Pretty, and Abigail Sullivan.



Congratulations to the LPN Class of 2023 for achieving a 100% first-time NCLEX pass rate!! We are immensely proud of our LPN graduates' hard work and nursing faculty's guidance - what an amazing accomplishment!

Faculty and Staff Fall Kick-Off Meeting and Photo Booth





















































Tie-Dye Shirts • Paint Your Future • Video Game Corner • Campus Resource Fair • Pet Photo Contest























Self-Care Day at UACCB! From flag football and bounce houses, to massages and personality quizzes, we had tons of exciting activities for the entire campus to unwind and enjoy.



























AGRICULTURE CLUB PETTING ZOO

UACCB FOOD PANTRY

UACCB's Food Pantry offers non-perishable food items and personal hygiene items to UACCB students. Students do not have to show proof of income or verify tax information to participate, and can stop by as often as needed!



ARKANSAS COLLEGE HUNGER SUMMIT

Students and staff from UACCB attended the Arkansas College Hunger Summit in October. 25 schools from across the state made their way to Little Rock to share how they're making sure students have access to food, and a lot of them do this by having food pantries.























ZOMBIE NERF WAR

SEMESTER CELEBRATIONS



Students that completed our 8-week Phlebotomy program took their Certified Phlebotomy Technicians exam in October. There was a 100% pass rate!! Some students are pictured here with their instructor, Dawn M. Smith. Congratulations, everyone!

Our Adult Education program celebrated the UACCB Sharp County Adult Education Center's grand opening with a ribbon cutting in October!







































HALLOWEEN



Congrats to all of our winners from the Halloween festivities!

Scariest Costume: 1st Pennywise Raven, 2nd Slasher, 3rd Plague

Doctor Avery

Student Overall Best Costume: 1st Knight Sean, 2nd Pennywise

Raven, 3rd Lexi Red Riding Hood

Employee Overall Best Costume: 1st Persephone Jenna, 2nd

Slytherin Student Shanna, 3rd Trick or Treat Samantha

Employee Office Contest: 1st Wonderland TRIO, 2nd Tiffany's Office,

3rd Valerie's Office

Employee Door Contest: 1st Library Student Success Center, 2nd

Bookstore, 3rd TRIO

































PHI THETA KAPPA

INDUCTION CEREMONY

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society that promotes academic excellence, protects academic integrity, and develops leadership. Congratulations to the newest members of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society BETA MU BETA: Shelby Coombe, Mason Evans, Cali Green, Melody Hearyman, Layla Holderby, Saul Medina, Kamryn Moore, Erin Ramsey, Ashley Reed, Morgan Stout, Angela Vazquez, Lauren Simmons, and Will Jones.





















RN PINNING

CLASS OF 2023

"We are proud of the registered nursing class of 2023 for completing this education journey. These students have overcome many obstacles in pursuit of this degree, and we look forward to the impact they will make in the healthcare of our region and state."

- Becky Warren, Dean of Health Professions



































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1st: Justin Crenshaw (Alum), 2nd: Randall



Warn (Faculty), 3rd: Raven Smith (Student)





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Fall Chancellor's and Vice Chancellor's Lists

Students named to the Chancellor's List achieved a 4.0 GPA during the Fall term. Students named to the Vice Chancellor's List earned a 3.5 GPA during the Fall semester. These lists reflect the consistent focus and dedication to academic performance by these students.

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"CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STUDENTS WHO MADE IT TO THE CHANCELLOR'S AND VICE CHANCELLOR'S LISTS! YOUR HARD WORK, DEDICATION, AND COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE HAVE TRULY PAID OFF. A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING FACULTY AND STAFF FOR THEIR UNWAVERING SUPPORT AND GUIDANCE IN SHAPING THE FUTURE LEADERS OF TOMORROW."

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Rose Pagan, Cave City Madison Page, Batesville Christopher Power, Desha Gracie Pretty, Batesville Brittney Raines, Bay Ashley Reed, Bradford Hallie Reed, Rosie Maddi Rider, Newark Gracie Ring, Batesville Avri Rudisill, Batesville Courtney Sanchez, Batesville Shanna Santini, Batesville Bethany Scheffler, Floral Ian Seymore, Batesville Kali Shelton, Batesville Catherine Shonk, Newark Brylie Simpson, Batesville Lindsey Sinele, Batesville Brooke Smith, Mountain View Daniel Smith, Batesville Skyler Stout, Batesville Audrey Stracener, Cave City Lilly Swanson, Batesville Riley Sweet, Batesville Kathryn Tackett, Batesville Victoria Vance, Batesville Hunter Varnell, Bald Knob Angela Vazquez, Locust Grove Jonathan Villanueva, Batesville Adrianna Walters, Batesville Kaylan Watson, Poughkeepsie William Webb, Pleasant Plains Heather Whitson, Batesville



Main Street Cleanup



Thank you to our awesome volunteers who braved the cold at the Main Street Clean-Up Event honoring Martin Luther King Jr. with a day of service.









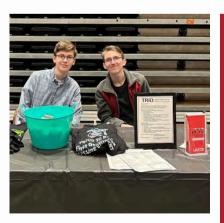
STUDENT ORGANIZATION FAIR

Student organizations are a big part of campus life! We encourage students to be involved by attending campus events and joining our awesome student organizations: Agriculture Club, Art Club, Baptist, Collegiate Ministry, eSports and More, First Generation Student Organization, JAG Career Association, Multicultural Student Association, Phi Theta Kappa, Campus Ministry International-Soul, Student Government Association, Student Ambassadors, Team UACCB, UACCB Debate Club, UACCB Unity

















We raised over \$450 for student organizations through our Pi Day fundraiser! The "winners" with the most donations were Dakota West (staff), Andrew Muse (faculty), Zach Perrine (administration), and Shelby Coombe (student).



COSMETOLOGY FRUIT NINJA

Our cosmetology students teamed up with Director of Counseling, Maggie Beshears, for some stress-relief fun on March 14th!































The UACCB RN students had a Pediatric Birthday Party in April where they gave presentations on age appropriate snack and toys for a birthday party - as well as psychosocial, physical, and cognitive development across age groups. This was a fun way to apply the pediatric nursing content they had been learning!

STUDENT SHOUTOUTS



UACCB Students Lexie Tozer, Madalyn Killingsworth, Sean Thomas, Jimmy Alexander, and Shanna Huffine participated in the Arkansas Community Colleges Student Leadership Academy in Little Rock. The students were also able to visit with State Representative Shad Pearce. They heard from other members of the legislature, attended hearings, and met Governor Sarah Sanders.



Congratulations to Kade Qualls and Brandon Thrasher who signed with Bad Boy Mowers during the Industrial Signing Day at UACCB. These graduating welding students will be able to put their excellent skills to work!

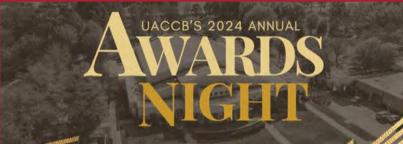




UACCB Students are going to D.C. to compete among
12 teams in the 2024 Community College Innovation
Challenge hosted by American Association of
Community Colleges & National Science Foundation!
Calculus II students (pictured from right) Rex Fletcher,
Shanna Huffine, Maria Cervantes, and Dustin "Rico"
Durham, along with Math faculty, Andrew Muse
designed the IntelliCline "a smart ramp solution that can
adjust slope, height, and temperature to enhance
accessibility for people with disabilities. By eliminating
common barriers, IntelliCline improves quality of life and
creates more inclusive communities."















































GRADFEST



Honor graduates are denoted as summa cum laude (cumulative grade point average of 3.9 or higher) magna cum laude (cumulative GPA of 3.75 to 3.89) and cum laude (cumulative GPA of 3.5 to 3.74).

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- DR. BRIAN SHONK, UACCB CHANCELLOR



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STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

ALLI SCALES

Alesondria "Alli" Scales who graduated from the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville (UACCB) in December with a Registered Nursing degree, said she always thought her first round of nursing school was challenging, but when she went back in 2023 for her RN, she was confronted with a whole set of trials for which she was not prepared.

Scales said after high school graduation, she toyed briefly with business then cosmetology before landing in the nursing program. She had overcome a number of obstacles before accomplishing her dream and obtaining her LPN degree at UACCB in 2022.Covid.

Scales said she found a job at a clinic but knew she wanted something faster paced. "I decided I wanted to work in a hospital because I felt like I was losing some of my skills like putting in IVs and things like that," she said.

In January 2023, Alli went to work at St. Bernards in Jonesboro on the Med Stroke floor, and that same month she started the LPN to RN bridge program at UACCB.

"It was a tough year last year, but there was light at the end of the tunnel because I was able to take my tests and finish the LPN to RN program," she said. "Career Pathways and the TRIO program (at UACCB) helped me get my schooling paid for, and they helped me pay for uniforms for my job."

She said the nursing instructors at UACCB were also a big support as well. "If I needed to cry, they would give me a hug or words of encouragement. They went out of their way to reach out to me and see if I was OK. I'm usually a loud, bubbly person but I had some rough days, and I always felt like I could talk to (the faculty and staff) and work things out," Scales said.

She entered the preceptorship program at St. Bernards, where she would follow an experienced nurse to gain further experience and individualized attention, which required a certain amount of hours that did not include her regular shifts. Alli's hard work paid off as she completed the preceptorship and accepted a position at the hospital's NICU pending she pass the exam for her RN degree known as NCLEX.

Scales said one thing she would like her daughter to see is that life may not go how you plan it, and there may be more than one stumbling block along the way - but obstacles can be opportunities in disguise. "Just because you can't do it this year, doesn't mean you can't do it next year or in two years - as long as you're alive, you can't let one defeat or several defeats stop you."

Scales said her journey to nursing school may have taken longer than many people's might - and it was also an emotional journey, but she is very thankful for the support of not only her family but also the faculty and staff at UACCB.

"It took me seven years to get my nursing degree ... but I did eventually get here. It's not always four years for everybody, but that doesn't mean that person is any less worthy. Get your mind set and you can accomplish anything you want," she said.

Story by Andrea Bruner



Ali Scales at RN Pinning Ceremony



COMMUNITY COLLEGE MONStories by: Andrea Bruner



CLARA KEENER

Before graduating from high school in 2022, Clara Keener had hoped to attend college on a soccer scholarship, but when she saw how much money she would still have to come up with to cover expenses, her plans changed.

With three siblings, Keener said she did not want to put her family into debt, so she looked at a more affordable alternative, especially since she wasn't sure what she wanted to study. That's when she decided to come to UACCB. "I wanted a firmer idea of what I wanted to do, because I've changed my degree a few times," she said.

"I didn't have the highest GPA or the highest ACT score, so coming here and being able to bring my grades up higher than I even had in high school really helped me out and provided me with scholarships, and now I'm going to A-State in the fall."

A misconception she had before coming to UACCB is that she wouldn't have the opportunity to be involved in campus clubs or other activities. "But now I'm in the Digital Yearbook, and I write articles for our online newsletter. I take pictures at events and get to attend all these events we put on. There's a lot of honor societies and clubs that will help you get scholarships," she said.

She said the faculty are able to give students a lot of one-on-one help and guidance, even with those in her online classes. While at college, she was diagnosed with Attention Deficit Disorder, and she's learned strategies to focus and tackle assignments. For Keener, what could have been a stressful college experience instead has been made enjoyable, and she credits the academic support services for preparing for success down the road.

"All the teachers are very accommodating with it," she said. "In high school I would wait till the last minute to get my work done and hope for the best, but now that understanding that you can work on it throughout the week, it helps me get my homework done more efficiently and better."



WILL JONES

Will Jones wasn't sure what he wanted to study in college when he graduated from Cave City High School in 2023, but he knew exactly where he wanted to do it: UACCB.

Jones took advantage of the concurrent credit program at school so that by the time he arrived on the UACCB campus, he already had a year's worth of credits. With scholarships in hand, he said it only made sense to live at home and attend somewhere close by. And, he said, he knew he would get the one-on-one guidance from a smaller school, vs. being one student in a sea of thousands at a larger school.

"I had the opportunity to talk to the staff and some of the people I knew (through the concurrent program) before to help me figure out what I wanted to do," Jones said. "You can't really connect with staff at a big four-year school and get guidance."

He said the faculty and staff at UACCB helped him narrow his choices and facilitated meetings with people in different career fields.

Jones said he would encourage other students to not be afraid to communicate with faculty and staff about initiating those meetings, which he said were instrumental in his decision to go into civil engineering.

With plans to transfer to Arkansas State University in Jonesboro this fall, Jones has no regrets about starting his college career at UACCB. He said before coming to campus, he didn't realize how much the faculty and staff care about the students and want to see them succeed.

"I was kind of afraid about reaching out, but the people at UACCB are all there to help the students. They don't think of it as just a job – they enjoy what they do and they want to help you," he said.

COMMUNITY COLLEGE MO



A 2022 homeschool graduate, Sydney Blackman, said she only had a general idea of what she wanted to do - but where she wanted to study was an easier choice. "I chose UACCB because it was close to home and I wasn't ready to move yet, and it would be easy to transfer to Arkansas State," Blackman said.

Growing up in Newark, Blackman said she was active in 4-H and showed cattle and goats, and she would like to earn a degree in agriculture.

"I will graduate in December from UACCB with an associate of ag technology, and stay another semester to earn a degree in agriculture business. I just have three classes left to get an ag business degree, so it makes sense to stay an extra semester and have two associate's degrees," she said. "I'm not sure what I want to do, but it will be something in the agriculture field."

Blackman said she was already familiar with the UACCB campus, having attended various 4-H events here, but her first experience with the faculty and staff was when she was getting her GED. "I started talking to everybody and met my advisor here. It felt like a place where people saw me as a person and not just a number," she said.

Right now Blackman works as a tutor in the Student Success Center and said she loves her job. "I couldn't think of a better place to be a nerd," she said with a laugh. She said she would encourage other students to use their voice and be heard, especially when it comes to reaching out with questions. "Everybody's so nice and they all want to help; they're not there to intimidate people."



Shelby Coombe, 22, of Bald Knob attended beauty school after high school and became a cosmetologist. She even had her own salon for a couple of years, but never thought she could go to college.

"I was homeschooled and didn't take the ACT," so she thought that was where her education career would end. Her younger brother, Nathan Coombe, however, kept trying to convince her that college was a very real option, if that's what she wanted.

Coombe went online and looked at colleges that she might attend. When she saw footage taken from a drone over the UACCB campus, she said she fell in love with its beauty.

Still unsure of what her next steps would be, Coombe said she found the TRIO Student Support Services program at UACCB, where the staff not only explained how to enroll and how to pick a field of study but they also helped Coombe qualify for financial aid.

Coombe settled on elementary education, with hopes of becoming an art or music teacher, and works 20 hours a week in the College Store as a cashier through the work-study program, as well as works part-time (9 hours) in the Student Success Center as a writing tutor, through the work-study program.

Coombe graduated in May, with plans to take a semester off and work, hopefully continuing to tutor others, so she can save some money.

There are times students come in the bookstore looking as lost as she once felt, and Coombe is quick to tell them about the TRIO program, which offers free tutoring, academic advising, individualized financial aid assistance, transfer assistance, career exploration, and more. "It's such a good resource," she said.



SHANNA HUFFINE

Shanna Huffine is a self-described nontraditional student, having graduated from Southside in 2012. During her junior and senior years, she took pre-med courses thinking she'd go into the medical field.

"I went to Lyon first, but that didn't work out, then I came here (to UACCB) and that didn't work out, so I took a few years off from school," she said.

Huffine later re-enrolled but the timing still didn't feel right, so she went back to work. Then in 2020, she came back to try again and this time, she said she was ready.

Her plans this time were to earn a business degree, but when Huffine toured the Workforce Training Center at UACCB, "I fell in love with it," she said. "My grandpa is a mechanic and I've always like working on machinery and knowing how things work."

Huffine earned an Industrial Technology associate degree, and last fall she enrolled yet again, this time to obtain a pre-engineering degree with plans to eventually transfer to a four-year college and obtain a degree in electrical engineering.

"Joining TRIO was really the first step that kept me in school because then I found people and things to do, events on campus and clubs to join. I was very socially awkward and inept – most of my socialization was playing video games. My journey has brought me to where I'm president of the SGA (Student Government Association) and president of E-sports Club. Everybody knows me; everybody talks to me. I joined Debate Club and that really helped my speaking skills. I have irons in almost every fire on campus at this point," she said.

Huffine said she would encourage other students to not kept to themselves, but rather be willing to talk to their faculty and fellow students. "People are more willing to make connections than you might think they are."

Huffine said she found Dr. Zach Perrine, vice chancellor for student affairs, and Dr. Zach Harber, dean of workforce education, were always willing to lend an ear.

One thing she would encourage other students to do is take one step at a time. "I definitely had to learn how to manage the steps I'm taking. Just do the next thing and don't look too far ahead, but have a vague idea of what you want to do," she said.

April is Community College Month, and the University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville is dedicated to preparing students for success in a variety of fields. UACCB is an affordable, valuable destination for those looking to continue their education close to home, and this month is set aside to highlight the opportunities for all.



2024 ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

SYDNEY BLACKMAN

Sydney Blackman has completed 44 hours, earning certificates of proficiency in animal science, plant science, and soil science this past spring. She is a tutor for our Writing Lab, promotes the Writing Lab by speaking to several classes around campus, and is an advocate for UACCB students. She is on target to graduate with an AS Ag Tech degree in the fall, while also seeking an AS Ag Business degree as well.

Throughout high school, Sydney was always involved in 4-H and plans to continue her education journey and pursue a career within agriculture.





The Arkansas Community Colleges (ACC) Academic All-Star scholarship recognizes students who excel academically and in service at their college.



OUTSTANDING FACULTY

BECKY SAFFELL

Adult Education Faculty

Mrs. Becky Saffell has been a faculty member serving within Adult Education for 26 years. Mrs. Saffell is regarded as a leader within the department helping to mentor new employees, advocating for students through her roles as ADA coordinator, teaching classes, and serving as interim director in the previous year. It is not uncommon for Mrs. Saffell to teach the children and grandchildren of past students, and parents are always happy to learn that she is still teaching at UACCB. Mrs. Saffell's passion for education and unwavering commitment to her students continue to leave a lasting impact on UACCB.





OUTSTANDING STAFF

MARK CARTWRIGHT

Director of Events

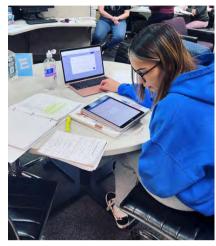
Mr. Mark Cartwright has been a vital part of UACCB since 2013. In his role as Director of Events, Mr. Cartwright consistently goes above and beyond, often staying late to prepare and work on community events and making sure UACCB makes a good impression. Mr. Cartwright has worked diligently to learn new skills to meet the needs of campus and the community by retrofitting the auditorium and adding support for the live streaming of events. Mr. Cartwright's commitment to innovation and dedication to service consistently creates a positive impact on UACCB.

The purpose of these awards is to publicly recognize and promote the professional achievements and service of Arkansas Community Colleges (ACC) member college faculty and staff.

TRIO

TRIO was my home away from home. I was taking classes and didn't have internet at home and they were online. TRIO gave me a place to complete my studies so I was able to graduate. When my binders broke, TRIO had my back so I didn't have to buy a new one. TRIO offers an encouraging, safe space for frist-generation college students to submerse themselves into their education and reach their goals. I don't know that I would have been able to do it without TRIO.

-Stephanie Holder





















STUDENT SUCCESS CENTER

Written by: Clara Keener

Hey UACCB Students! You may have heard of our Student Success Center, but have you taken advantage of this opportunity? The Student Success Center is a free tutoring program that UACCB started to help every student in every subject that UACCB offers to ensure every student has an opportunity to excel. The Student Success Center is in the Row-Johns Building in the Library, with our tutors, writing lab tutors, and individual tutors even for our online students. The Writing Lab is another tutoring service offered in the Student Success Center and available on our blackboard. This program has tutors who can help you write important papers or read and review your essays before submission with a 48-hour turnaround time. For more information, our UACCB website under Students/ Resources/ Tutoring-Student Success Center, displays phone numbers, emails, tutoring schedule, and hours for the Student Success Center and Writing Lab.





The Student Success Center tutoring program helped me get through Biology for Majors when I was struggling to keep up. The staff helped me raise my grade and get a better understanding of the class.











FIRST Robotics Competition

UACCB's robotics team participated in the FIRST Robotics Arkansas Regional competition in March. The robot was the best one UACCB's program has built to date! The team consisted of students Christopher Burns (Pilot), Skylar Inman (Systems Operator), Luke Phelps (Human Representative), and Joey Peterson (Pit Crew) along with UACCB mentors Andrew Muse and Randall Warn.

After a day and a half of qualification matches, UACCB's team 6055 "BOSS" was selected by 2 teams to alliance for the playoff matches and made it to the semi-finals. The students did a great job and pushed the robot to its absolute limit. Well done, team!



DEBATE TEAM

RED RIVER CLASSIC

The debate team at UACCB recently competed in the 47th Annual Red River Classic - one of the largest debate tournaments of the season! Six UACCB students traveled to LSU Shreveport where 162 students representing 19 different colleges competed. Shanna Huffine, Sean Peer, and Myca Marotti all competed in the Novice Division. Shayne Coffey competed in the Junior Varsity Division. Holden Hargrave and Bryson Hawkins participated as judges at the event. Thank you to our community sponsors: Dairy Queen and Liz Roa for helping make this trip possible.



DBU INVITATIONAL IPDA TOURNAMENT

UACCB's debate team competed at the 2nd Annual DBU Invitational IPDA Tournament on February 23-25. Shayne Coffey, Shanna Huffine, and Myca Marotti competed in the Novice Division. Holden Hargrave and Sean Peer served as judges for the tournament. The team did very well with Shayne Coffey becoming a Quarterfinalist in the Novice Division, and the team as a whole winning the Top Community College Award! Great work, team!





