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FALL 2016 REGISTRATION
Tuesday–Friday, August 16–19
Classes Start August 22

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Academic Calendar

Fall Semester 2016

ASU MH Family Meeting/Faculty In-service ......................................................... Monday, August 15
Secondary TC (High School) Center Classes Begin ......................................... Monday, August 15
Orientation for New & Adjunct Faculty .................................................................... Tuesday, August 16
Advising and Registration for All Students .......................................................... Thursday-Friday, August 16-17
Classes Begin (Including First Seven-Week Classes) ......................................... Monday, August 22
Late Registration .................................................................................................. Monday-Thursday, August 22-25
Last Day for Late Registration for Adding Course(s) or for Changing from Credit to Audit .......................................................................................... Thursday, August 25
Labor Day Holiday (Campus Closed) .................................................................. Monday, September 5
Last Day to Withdraw from First Seven-Week Classes ....................................... Monday, October 3
Last Day of First Seven-Week Classes .................................................................. Monday, October 10
Second Seven Week Classes Begin ....................................................................... Monday, October 17
Preregistration Advising for Spring 2017 Opens ................................................ Monday, November 7
Last Day to Submit Intent to Graduate for December 2016 Graduates ............ Friday, November 18
Fall Break/Thanksgiving Holiday (No Classes) ..................................................... Monday-Saturday, November 21-26
Last Day to Withdraw from Full Semester Classes ............................................. Monday, November 28
Last Day to Withdraw from Second Seven-Week Classes ..................................... Thursday, December 1
Last Day of Fall 2016 Classes, including:
Second Seven-Week Classes ................................................................................ Thursday, December 8
Common Algebra Final ......................................................................................... Friday, December 9
Study Day ........................................................................................................... Friday, December 9
Final Examinations............................................................................................. Monday-Friday, December 12-16

Spring Semester 2017

Secondary TC (High School) Center Classes Begin ......................................... Tuesday, January 3
ASU MH Family Meeting/Faculty In-service ......................................................... Monday, January 9
Advising and Registration for All Students ................................................................. Tuesday-Friday, January 10-13
Martin Luther King Jr.'s Birthday Observed (No Classes) ........................................ Monday, January 16
Classes Begin (Including First Seven-Week Classes) ......................................... Tuesday, January 17
Late Registration .................................................................................................... Tuesday – Thursday, January 17 - 20
Last Day for Late Registration, Adding Course(s) or for Changing from Credit to Audit .............................................................. Friday, January 20
Last Day to Withdraw from First Seven-Week Classes ....................................... Monday, February 27
Last Day of First Seven-Week Classes .................................................................. Monday, March 6
Last Day to Submit Intent to Graduate for May 2017 Graduates ......................... Friday, March 10
Second Seven-Week Classes Begin ....................................................................... Monday, March 13
Spring Break (No Classes) .................................................................................. Sunday-Saturday, March 19-25
Preregistration Advising for Summer 2017 and Fall 2017 Opens .................. Monday, March 27
Last Day to Withdraw from Full Semester Classes ............................................ Thursday, April 20
Last Day to Withdraw from Second Seven-Week Classes ................................... Thursday, April 27
Last Day of Spring 2017 Classes, including 2nd Seven-Week Classes ............... Thursday, May 4
Common Algebra Final ......................................................................................... Friday, May 5
Study Day ........................................................................................................... Friday, May 5
Final Examinations (Including 2nd Seven-Week Classes) ................................... Monday-Friday, May 8-12
Commencement .................................................................................................. 6:30 p.m., Monday, May 15

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noun \\kˈe-stən\
:a large stone at the top of an arch that locks the other stones in place
:something on which other things depend for support

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From the Chancellor

Greetings,

Welcome to the latest edition of The Keystone. The spring semester here at ASUMH has been filled with many exciting events and activities. This publication will provide you with an overview of these happenings in an effort to keep you informed about ASUMH.

You will find information about the many special events that take place on our campus each semester. You will also find articles and pictures depicting the many achievements of our students and faculty.

Most importantly, you will be informed about the opportunities that await you at ASUMH. I trust you will enjoy reading this edition of The Keystone and that you will have the opportunity to take part in all we have to offer as we begin the 2016 fall semester.

Sincerely,

Robin Myers, EdD
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Thank you to the 2015–2016 ASUMH Advisory and Development Councils for their service and support in improving the delivery of services and ensuring the future success of ASUMH.

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A special thank you to Susannah Alms, who previously served on the Advisory Council. Your service was greatly appreciated.

Photo by: Jerry Wilcoxen
20th Commencement Held at ASUMH on May 16

ASUMH held its 20th commencement on May 16 with 152 students participating. The Mountain Home Symphony Orchestra played a pre-commencement concert and began the festivities with a processional. Janelle House, ASUMH Advisory Council chair, delivered a welcome, and the invocation was given by graduating ASU-Jonesboro A-State student and ASUMH alumnus Stetson Painter. Dr. Robin Myers recognized Staff Member of the Year, Rickey Crawford, with a plaque. In addition, retiring staff member Karen Hopper was recognized.

The student address was given by Todd Linker, followed by the presentation of the ASUMH class by Dr. Martin Eggensperger, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at ASUMH. Degrees were conferred to 108 ASUMH graduates by ASUMH Chancellor Dr. Robin Myers and Rosalyn Blagg, vice chancellor for Student Affairs. Dr. Gina Hogue, associate vice chancellor for Academic Services at A-State, presented the A-State class, and Dr. Lynita Cooksey, provost and vice chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research, conferred A-State degrees on 44 graduates.

Serving as grand marshals for the event were Johnny Howard, ASUMH Faculty Senate president, and Matt Buel, ASUMH 2014-2015 Faculty Member of the Year. In all, the 2015–2016 academic year saw 256 two-year degrees awarded by ASUMH from Summer II 2015 to Spring 2016, 125 technical certificates and 172 certificates of proficiency during the same period.
Outstanding Faculty, Staff, Student and Alumni Chosen

ASUMH Academic All-Star: Gabriel Apple  
ASUMH Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year:  
   Dr. Robert Dyer  
ASUMH Outstanding Staff Member of the Year:  
   Rickey Crawford  
ASUMH Outstanding Alumna of the Year: Kattie Laney

ASUMH Academic All-Star Gabriel Apple is a member of the Fran Coulter Honors program and Phi Theta Kappa, where he serves as president. Apple is an ASUMH student ambassador and works in the biology department. In the past academic year Apple worked with other students to organize the annual science fair on campus, Insectival. Apple helped the ASUMH Stream Team and local nonprofit Friends of the North Fork and White Rivers conduct a creek cleanup and helped organize an Earth Day cleanup on campus.

ASUMH Faculty Member of the Year Dr. Robert G. Dyer has been with ASUMH since 2005 as assistant professor of chemistry and physics. At ASUMH, Dyer has served as division chair of natural and health sciences, faculty senate president and faculty association president. He holds a PhD in chemistry from the University of Arkansas and is a frequent presenter and author of journal articles.

ASUMH Staff Member of the Year After obtaining his associate of arts degree, Rickey Crawford joined the ASUMH student services staff in 2008. He is now the technical director of the Vada Sheid Community Development Center, a 1,600 seat auditorium and convention center at ASUMH. Under Crawford’s direction, The Sheid has grown rental events and revenue by more than 50 percent. Not only recognized by his peers, Crawford is known by artists and entertainers as one of the best hosts on their tours.

ASUMH Outstanding Alumna of the Year Kattie Laney is a first-generation college student who credits her family with pushing her toward being the first in their family to obtain a college degree. After completing high school in Mountain Home, Laney decided ASUMH was the right college for her, because of its affordability and location right in her own backyard. Laney got her ASUMH associate and A-State bachelor’s degree right on the campus of ASUMH. Laney has worked her way up from a file-room clerk in Health Information to the billing manager of Patient Financial Services for Baxter Regional Medical Center, responsible for a staff of 15 and all the many tasks that revolve around billing and insurance for patients. She sits on the ASUMH business department’s advisory council and is a member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association. In addition, she was the first member in the state of Arkansas to become a certified revenue cycle representative.
VW Award Winner–Jessica Sisco
Each year, the academic council selects a faculty member who has been nominated by his or her dean for outstanding service to the college and community by going the extra mile behind the scenes. The award is generally given to someone who is not in the limelight and is a “thank-you” for doing what is often considered a thankless job. The “VW” stands for something different each year. This year, the VW Award was presented to Jessica Sisco, a “Venturesome Writer,” at the ASUMH faculty appreciation banquet.

Robert Shurley Named to ACTM Board
Mathematics instructor Robert Shurley has been named to the Arkansas Council of Teachers of Mathematics (ACTM) Board, a professional association that supports and encourages good mathematics teaching. ACTM conducts annual regional and state mathematics contests that provide an opportunity for high school and junior high students to compete academically. In March, Shurley organized a regional contest for local junior and high school students.

Karen Heslep Completes Term as Chair of FBLA-PBL National Board of Directors
Karen Heslep, dean of the School of Business and Technology, completed her term as the 2015–2016 chair of the National Board of Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL), Inc. Her final duty as chair included installing the new national officer teams for the high school division of FBLA and the collegiate division, PBL. Heslep will serve one additional year as an ex-officio member of the National Board.

Heslep currently serves as the ASUMH PBL adviser. She has served as the co-adviser of Kensett High School FBLA chapter, as well as PBL Arkansas Executive Team Committee member and PBL State officer adviser. She has been a member of the FBLA-PBL Professional Division since 1988, served as Arkansas State president from 1991–93 and serves on the board of the Arkansas FBLA-PBL Foundation, Inc. Future Business Leaders of America-Phi Beta Lambda, Inc., is a student business organization with more than a quarter million members and advisers in 12,000 middle schools, high schools and college chapters worldwide.

17th Annual Phi Theta Kappa Induction
Thirty-eight students were inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa International Honors Society in the 2015–2016 academic year. The Beta Iota Epsilon Chapter of PTK at ASUMH is a top-100 chapter in the nation.

**Fall 2015 Phi Theta Kappa Inductees**
Jacob Beck, Carl Bramblett, Stephanie Davis-Osborne, Carolyn Featherstone, Alexandria Fowler, Monica Gregg, Sarah Hill, Sydney McFarland, Samantha Myler, Ariel Nichols, Elise Pennington, Easton Reese, Jamie Rogers, Elisha Sharp, Wendy Troxclair and Sydney Wendfeldt.

**Spring 2016 Phi Theta Kappa Inductees**
New ASUMH Apex Fellowship Lecture Series Recognizes and Encourages Scholarship beyond the Classroom

A new lecture series at ASUMH will give faculty, students, and community members an opportunity to experience scholastic collaborations between ASUMH students and faculty on special topics of interest. Titled “Apex - Fellowship: Beyond the Classroom,” the inaugural lecture was held March 10.

“The new Apex series encourages and promotes collaboration among our university faculty and our students beyond the classroom,” said Dr. Martin Eggensperger, vice chancellor for Academic Affairs. “The lecture series will further enhance the intellectual experience, cultural awareness, and social consciousness of the ASUMH community.” The theme of the March 10 lecture was “S Supposition Analysis-Genie” by Anthony Lee Sanderson and focused on the linguistic deficiencies of a feral child named Genie. Sheila Priest, instructor of sociology at ASUMH, joined Sanderson at the lecture to offer context and perspective on his research.

A contest was held for the development of an Apex Lecture Series logo. From designs submitted, faculty chose student Zackery Fox’s design for the new lecture series.

ASUMH.edu Earns Regional Website Award

The District 4 National Council for Marketing and Public Relations (NCMPR) recently recognized ASUMH as a 2015 Medallion Award recipient for outstanding achievement in communications. The college earned a Bronze award for the school’s redesigned website, ASUMH.edu, launched in the fall of 2015. District 4 of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations is composed of two-year colleges and technical schools within a six-state region that includes Arkansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas and Wyoming.

The website was developed as a collaborative effort between ASUMH’s in-house programming staff and the digital design team at Brooks Jeffrey Marketing, Inc., of Mountain Home, pictured at right.
The Office of Academic Affairs, Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society–Beta Iota Epsilon Chapter and the Fran Coulter Honors Program at ASUMH held the 2016 Academic Awards and Honors Luncheon on April 15. The event featured recognition of Phi Theta Kappa inductees and the medaling of Fran Coulter Honors Program members, as well as individual achievement awards selected by faculty members.

The Overall Academic Achiever Award for the 2015–2016 year was presented by Dr. Myers and Dr. Eggensperger to Sydney Wendfeldt.

Other academic awards presented at the luncheon included:
Accounting/Finance, Holly Strain by Johnny Howard; Art, April Daughtery by Debra Hargrove; Automotive, Christian Duffy by Paul Stepp; Biological Health Care Sciences, Robert Lee (not pictured); Biological Sciences, LuAnn Olson (not pictured); Business Development, Bailey Turner by Johnny Howard; Chemistry, Abe Kilgore by Dr. Robert Dyer; Composition, Elizabeth Cobb by Kellie Thomas; Criminal Justice, Brittany Green by Kurt Monroe; Elementary Education, Vicky Friend by Matt Franklin; Emergency Medical Sciences/Paramedic, Stephen Dunn by Julia Gist; Funeral Science, Jonathan Driver (not pictured); Graphic Design, Raschelle Sowell by Mindy Fulcher; Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning, Nathaniel A. Young by Eric Smith; History, James Brown by Dr. Clement Mulloy; Hospitality, Arlinda Barclay by Leda Thompson; Literature, Sydney Wendfeldt by Kellie and Michael Thomas; Mathematics, Saige Webster by Robert Shurley; Mechatronics, Tim Maynard by Paul Swanson; Networking, Alexandra Fowler by Shawn Dennis; Office Management, Julie Pool by Leda Thompson; Physical Education, Lori Tieberg by Matt Klinger; Physical Science, Sydney Wendfeldt by Jessica Clanton; Practical Nursing, Jennifer Moore by Lucy Haun; Psychology, Rorytristan Evans by Dr. Rebecca Baird; Registered Nursing, Brenda Lawrence by Maria Burchard; Sociology, Larissa Randall by Sheila Priest; Spanish, Anthony Sanderson by Maria Acree; Speech, Austin Jennings by Michael Thomas; Theatre, Caleb Lorenzino by Jessica Sisco; Web Development, Robby Lockeby by Mindy Fulcher and Welding, Carl Bramblett by Rick Hastings.
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**Fran Coulter Honors Program Inductees**
Matthew Thelen, Douglas Meurer, Sandy Trent and Adam Persenaire
and sponsor Dr. Rebecca Baird
Crystal Bridges Road Trip:
A Fantastic Experience for ASUMH Students

by Kellie Thomas

It is surprising how many students have never been to an art museum before. Arkansas boasts one of the premiere American art museums in the world, yet many ASUMH students have neither the means nor the opportunity to visit the grounds of Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art located in Bentonville. On January 29, funded by the Wilma Pattee Grant and sponsored by ASUMH faculty, 26 students were able to experience art personally. Robert Shurley, math instructor, and Kellie Thomas, English instructor, co-sponsored the trip and were accompanied by Michael Thomas, English instructor; Mason Campbell, director of Student Services; and Amanda Herd, PR & Marketing. The idea for the trip evolved because Shurley and Thomas, who had taken a group of students to the Hemingway-Pfeiffer House in Piggott the previous year, wanted to continue Wilma Pattee’s legacy of giving students phenomenal experiences that complement their education at ASUMH. Once the Pattee Grant was awarded, the plan began to take shape.

Many students strolled through the museum viewing the art and sculpture that filled the walls. Others made their way to a separate exhibit on the grounds and saw the Bachman-Wilson House, a Frank Lloyd Wright design that had been moved to Bentonville from New Jersey in 2014. Painstakingly reconstructed, the Bachman-Wilson House was open for tours. Additionally, students wandered the premises to view the art and sculpture outside the walls of Crystal Bridges. The day was unusually warm for January, so many were able to spend quality time both inside and outside.

Many students found their way to Eleven, the restaurant at Crystal Bridges, to have lunch or a snack. ASUMH Student Services wanted to help defray some of the cost for students and had pre-purchased $5 gift cards that students used. One student decided that her lunch was going to be the Mocha Cupcake because she said the trip was a treat so she should top it off with dessert! When the bus pulled away at 2 p.m., there was excited chatter among the riders. Students discussed what they liked best and talked about the wonderful time they had at the museum. Many called out thanks to ASUMH personnel, some were even making plans for a return trip to Crystal Bridges.

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New Federal Financial Aid Code at ASUMH
With the newly assigned federal code 042544, ASUMH gained its own identity for students to apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Starting this fall, officials expect the transition will allow students to access their money faster.

Ninety percent of ASUMH students receive some sort of financial aid assistance, Director of Financial Aid Clay Berry said, which includes scholarships, Pell Grants and student loans. The school awards $2 million in Pell Grants and $1.3 million in loans per semester. The average enrollment per term ranges from 1,300 to 1,500 students. Berry said, in the past, A-State was in charge of processing financial aid for students in Mountain Home. That process has been going on since ASUMH was established in July 1995.

Expansion at Baxter Lab Leads to Expansion at ASUMH Technical Center
Expansion at Baxter International Inc. over the next five years at its manufacturing facility in Mountain Home will also mean growth at ASUMH’s Technical Center. The company announced last fall that it will build a 55,000-square-foot addition to its Mountain Home plant and add approximately 125 full-time employees over the next five years. To support this growth, ASUMH has partnered with Baxter International, a diversified health care company, providing renal and medical productions worldwide, to increase classroom space and training equipment at ASUMH’s Technical Center. The construction and installation of mechatronics equipment will take place over the summer and early fall.

ASUMH Technical Center Hosted Young Manufacturers Academy
The first week of August, faculty and staff at the ASUMH Technical Center hosted Young Manufacturers Academy. The week-long event gave students grades 7–9 a chance to use computers and new technologies at the Technical Center to design and make things. Students also visited high-tech manufacturing facilities in the Twin Lakes area and learned about career opportunities.

ASUMH Sends Team to FEMA’s Training for Higher Education Leaders
In February, ASUMH sent a team of six faculty and staff members to the first Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) team training event for college and university campus personnel. The training event took place at A-State in Jonesboro. FEMA’s Multi-Hazard Emergency Management for Higher Education course is designed to provide the opportunity for groups of university emergency planners and administrators to exercise and review emergency operations plans for their institutions.
Student Activities

Student Leadership Academy

Criminal Justice Club–CSI Day

Funeral Science Club–CSI Day

FNBC Trivia Challenge

Career Expo

Dr. Arp Demonstration

GSA Candlelight Vigil for Orlando Shooting

Physics in the Martial Arts

Poetry Slam and Diversity Awareness

Student Fest

Wellness Club Hikes Lost Valley Trail

Women in STEM

Physics in the Martial Arts
Nursing Simulation Lab Continues Gotaas Legacy

Over the next three months, several classrooms and offices in Gotaas Hall will be redesigned and equipped with state-of-the-art equipment that will provide a setting that will appear to students just like a patient care unit at a hospital.

The classroom redesign and equipment purchase are part of a new focus on simulation for students in nursing and paramedic programs at ASUMH. The benefits of learning in a simulation lab include the ability for instructors to “force outcomes” so that students experience a wide range of issues before they enter the workforce. “Our students have an opportunity now to spend quality clinical time in hospitals and nursing homes, but on a daily basis, we can’t predict what experiences those patients will have,” said Dr. Julia Gist, dean of Health Sciences at ASUMH. “For example, when we are studying obstetrics and gynecology, a student might or might not experience a birth during their time at the hospital.”

The simulation labs will not take the place of the student’s time in an actual hospital or nursing home setting but will augment those experiences. “Students in health sciences classes have a certain number of hours they are required to spend in a clinical setting. This on-the-job training prepares them for real-world experiences once they graduate,” said Dr. Gist. Because the state Board of Nursing allows for up to 50 percent of the required clinical work to be done in a simulation lab, ASUMH has dedicated the better part of a year to designing and equipping a new lab in Gotaas Hall.

“We have been meeting with faculty, industry providers and consultants over the last 12 months to determine what kind of lab we would like to see at ASUMH. With Laerdal, one of the top providers in the nation of medical equipment, we will create a new teaching space with 3,200 square feet that will mimic hospital room settings with equipment and simulation manikins exactly like our students would see in a real-world situation.”

The total cost of the project is close to $500,000 and will be paid for with proceeds from the Gotaas Health Sciences trust at ASUMH. Dr. Bernice “Bea” Eileen Gotaas worked for years as a pioneering female physician in the Bull Shoals area. At her death in 2012, her estate left a gift of over $1,000,000 to be used for health sciences at ASUMH through a planned gift she had made to the college.

“The gift that Dr. Gotaas left through her will to ASUMH will put our Health Sciences School on the cutting edge of health education in the state,” said Dr. Martin Eggenperger, vice chancellor of Academics at ASUMH. “Laerdal has worked with our faculty to integrate simulation into the curriculum and to build a robust faculty and staff development program. This will allow us to conduct high-quality simulation grounded in educational theory, designed and delivered by qualified educators. Simulation will coordinate with our academic calendar and ensure that our students see every scenario that they should while they are enrolled at ASUMH.”
Registered Nursing Pinning—Dec. 8, 2015

Standing from left: Tonya Young of Mountain Home, AR; Patty Billiot of Flippin, AR; Kacey Page of Cotter, AR; Alison Lovelace of Bakersfield, MO; Shannon Coles of Cave City, AR; Sara Floyd of Flippin, AR; Kelly Bodimer-Bruce of Mountain Home, AR; Melissa Cleveland of Harrison, AR. Seated from left: Cindy Lindstrom of Horseshoe Bend, AR; Amber Stanley of West Plains, MO; Cheyenne Nash of Gainesville, MO; Jodi Brown of Mountain Home, AR; Angel Wyble of Mountain Home, AR; Donald Gillihan of Melbourne, AR; Derek Scott of Mountain Home, AR.

Practical Nursing Pinning—May 12, 2016

Standing from left: Denise Malloy, RN, BSN; Ryan Amy of Flippin, AR; Aaron McMeechan of Gamaliel, AR; Joseph Kowalsky Jr. of Mountain Home, AR. Seated from left: Caitlin Sinor of Mountain Home, AR; Ann Conyers of Mountain Home, AR; Laura Rouse of Mountain Home, AR; Ruth Davis of Mountain Home, AR.

Practical nursing graduates donated a $300 scholarship to be awarded to a future practical nursing student in honor of nursing instructors Denise Malloy, Lucy Haun, Maria Burchard and Lori Strider. The students also presented a commemorative paver to Malloy.

ALPNA Competition Winners

Three practical nursing students participated in the ALPNA (Arkansas Licensed Practical Nurse Association) Competition and Conference, which seeks to unite all licensed practical nurses in the State of Arkansas and promote contacts on national, state and local levels with groups interested in the improvement and extension of nursing service. Ann Conyers placed first in the Interviewing contest, Caitlin Sinor placed second in Nutrition, and Joseph Kowalsky Jr. prepared a speech on the importance of practical nursing.
Nursing Scholarships
Change Jodi Brown’s Life
Meet Jodi Brown, a wife, mother of seven children ages 11–26, licensed practical nurse (2014) and registered nurse (2015). Brown first came to ASUMH planning to enroll in a CNA course. The course was full, so on the spur of the moment she applied to the LPN program. The need for and opportunity for lifelong learning is one of the things that Brown loves the most about nursing. Brown began working at Good Samaritan Society of Mountain Home upon her completion of LPN school, and she has remained there since 2014. She recently received a promotion to RN charge nurse on the evening shift. Brown’s goal in her new position is to promote teamwork and, of course, always deliver quality care to her patients. Her attitude and excitement about learning and nursing have now been shared with the next generation. Brown’s daughter has completed a CNA course at ASUMH while in high school and has plans to attend RN school in the near future. Brown received financial support through Arkansas Partnership for Nursing’s Future (APNF) Grant during both her LPN education and her RN program in the form of a scholarship and funding for NCLEX RN testing fees. Additionally, there were APNF funds used to support faculty and to provide equipment for students.

Blood Pressure Checks Make a Difference
Nursing students participated in the Donald W. Reynolds Library’s “Eat Well, Play Well” exhibit by providing blood pressure checks in April. The exhibit was designed to inform families, children and school groups about the worlds of nutrition and fitness through hands-on activities that examine healthy living strategies. Phil Garner credits the nursing students with identifying a health concern that was previously unknown to him.

“Vicki, my wife, and I went to the library to have lunch at the Blackbird Cafe, and as we walked in I saw the ASUMH nursing students at tables offering to check blood pressure for free. I sat down at a table, and the nursing student went to work. My blood pressure was 177 over 92. I asked the student what was normal, and she said around 150 over 70. Whoops! I may have a problem. After lunch, I went straight to my doctor’s clinic, and a nurse practitioner checked my pressure, and confirmed it was high. She prescribed a low dose of blood pressure medication and made an appointment to see the doctor. The doctor confirmed the low dosage and set another appointment in a few weeks. Now my blood pressure runs between 140 over 60 to 155 over 75. I have heard high blood pressure is called the “silent killer.” Looks like the ASUMH nursing students helped me dodge a bullet. Thanks to the nursing students, I might get to be around my grandchildren a little longer,” said Garner.
ASUMH PBL Student Places in National Competition

Atlanta, Georgia, was the site for over 1,700 of America’s best and brightest college students to showcase their talents as future business leaders. Future Business Leaders of America—Phi Beta Lambda (FBLA-PBL), the largest and oldest student business organization, held its National Leadership Conference in Atlanta on June 24–27.

Rene Ford, a member of the ASUMH chapter of PBL, received national recognition at the PBL Awards of Excellence on June 27. Ford competed in Personal Finance and brought home sixth place. This award is part of a comprehensive national competitive events program that recognizes and rewards excellence in a broad range of business and career-related areas. To qualify for the national competition, Ford first competed against students from across Arkansas at the Arkansas State Leadership Conference held in Little Rock in April. Ford placed first in Personal Finance and Organizational Behavior at the state competition, qualifying her to advance to the national competition in Atlanta. Ford graduated from ASUMH with an Associate of Science in business and is currently pursuing a Bachelor of Science in business administration with a major in accounting through the A-State Degree Center located on the ASUMH campus.

Technical Center Students Compete in SkillsUSA

This past spring, ASUMH welding and automotive students competed in SkillsUSA, a national partnership of students, teachers and industry, working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA chapters help students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations excel. SkillsUSA has more than 300,000 students and instructors as members. Automotive student Hank Lawrence placed third.
Congratulations to all winners and participants of the 2016 ASUMH Design Show!

Raschelle Sowell, Best in Show
Photography—Nicole Reeves, 1st Place; Shelbie Thrasher, 2nd Place; Skyler Fox, 3rd Place; Skyler Fox, Honorable Mention; Robby Lockeby, Honorable Mention; Jerry Pusch, Honorable Mention

Illustration—Steven Holtz, 1st Place; Raschelle Sowell, 2nd Place; Brittany Honey, 3rd Place

Logo Illustration—Alyssa Killian, 1st Place; Alyssa Killian, 2nd Place; Alan Herrmann, 3rd Place

Design & Layout—Skyler Fox, 1st Place; Tristan Tablish, 2nd Place; April Bramblett, 3rd Place

Web/Video/Animation—Skyler Fox, 1st Place; Robby Lockeby, 2nd Place; Steven Holtz, 3rd Place; Alysha Bramblett, Honorable Mention

Welding/Metal Fabrication—Georgia Bixler, 1st Place; Austin Blount, 2nd Place; Carl Bramblett, 3rd Place
Students Earn Industry Recognized Certifications
The Computer Information Systems department at ASUMH prepares students for good jobs, advanced college degrees, and the 21st century. Earning an A+ industry certification confirms a technician's ability to demonstrate various computer hardware and software skills such as installation, configuration, diagnosing, repairing, preventive maintenance and security. The CompTIA A+ certification is an international, vendor-neutral certification recognized by major hardware and software vendors, distributors and resellers. ASUMH also offers the Cisco Networking Academy as a stand-alone program for individuals interested in learning networking skills and preparing for the Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA) industry certification exam.

16 Scholarships Awarded at Teen Girls Go to College
The annual Teen Girls Go to College Day was held at ASUMH in conjunction with the Schliemann Center for Women's Health Education of Baxter Regional Medical Center. More than 150 high school girls attended the event. The event helps girls throughout the community learn about college options, enrollment, testing, financial aid, careers and other topics related to higher education. Women speakers gave inspirational presentations, and dozens of area professionals set up booths to explain their careers to the girls.

Career Cluster Camp
Cotter and Flippin high schools attended a career cluster camp at ASUMH, designed by College and Career Coach Paulette Hill. Two career clusters were selected based on an interest survey completed by the students: Camp Sold and Camp Shield. Presenters in Camp Sold were from various jobs representing the Marketing, Sales & Service cluster. Camp Shield presenters represented jobs from the Law, Public Safety, and Corrections & Security cluster.
**Kids College Brings Camp Invention**

Camp Invention was held at ASUMH this summer in partnership with the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the United States Patent and Trademark Office. More than 40 campers, grades 1 through 6, participated in an exciting, weeklong summer adventure with lessons exploring the lives of giant insects, colorful animals and their environments; constructing and personalizing a DIY solar-powered cricket with a unique habitat; and discovering the science of slime, demolition, electronic sound, giant squid and coding.

**Gifts to ASUMH Top $7,500 on AR Gives Day**

On April 7, donors across the Twin Lakes Area gave to their favorite charities, and for the first time, ASUMH participated in the day of online giving. The event meant that gifts designated to go toward ASUMH on that day were matched with bonus dollars from the Arkansas Community Foundation and First Security Bank. ASUMH’s gifts totaled more than $7,500 on that day.

**Lota Faye Palmer Endowed Scholarship Established**

The Lota Faye Palmer Endowed Scholarship was established this year to support students in vocational and technical programs at ASUMH. Lota, a twin, was one of seven children born to Thelma and Jefferson Davis Minton (J.D.) of Bono, AR. The word that family says best describes Lota is “generous.” The students, faculty and staff of ASUMH are grateful for the generous testamentary gift of Mrs. Lota Faye Palmer. Her legacy will continue to impact students in vocational and technical programs at ASUMH for years to come.

**Patrick Michael McKenna Scholarship Endowed**

In 2008, Ed and Beverly Knickerbocker established a scholarship in memory of Bev’s son, Patrick Michael McKenna, to provide a jump start for students who need financial assistance to pursue their education. The Knickerbockers, who spent 15 years in the Twin Lakes area, did not have an opportunity to attend college but found success in the business world. At Ed’s death this year, Bev made a substantial gift to honor both her departed son and husband by endowing this scholarship.
Maycunich Family Donates  
J.D. Challenger Art Collection  
ASUMH is excited to be the recipient of 43 signed prints/giclées by J.D. Challenger from Jim and Linda Maycunich, including “Wounded Knee.” The collection is on permanent display on the third floor of Dryer Hall. Challenger's art tells stories of Native American people, intertwining their past with the present. Learn more about the art of J.D. Challenger at jdchallengergallery.com

Nichols Family Donates Classic GM Truck to Technical Center  
Automotive students now have an antique GMC truck on which to practice their skills, thanks to the generosity of Tim “Billy-Bob” and Margaret Nichols. Gifts such as this greatly help students put skills learned in the classroom into practical application.

See the enclosed envelope to send in your memorial or honorarium for your loved one.

Memorial and Honorarium Gifts  
ASUMH receives many gifts in memory or honor of family and friends each year. When a memorial/honorarium gift is made, ASUMH notifies the honoree’s family member. Unless the memorial/honorarium gift is designated for an endowed or capital fund, it is allocated to the general scholarship fund.

When making a gift in someone’s memory or in honor of someone, simply make the check payable to ASUMH and address the envelope:

ASUMH, Development Office  
1600 South College Street, Mountain Home, AR 72653

Please include a note with the following information for each gift:
1. Name of person being honored and occasion OR name of deceased.
2. Name and address of surviving spouse or family member to whom notice of this gift should be sent.
3. Your name, address and telephone number and amount of gift in order to provide you with a receipt for your taxes.

A memorial card will be sent to the surviving family member mentioning the name and address of the donor, not the amount of the gift, unless specified to include an amount. An honor card will be sent to the honoree mentioning the name and address of the donor, not the amount of the gift. The donor is mailed an acknowledgement letter and a receipt for tax purposes.

For further information, please contact the Office of Communications and Institutional Advancement at 870-508-6109.
GASTON LECTURE SERIES—Always Free

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My Holiday in North Korea: The Funniest/Worst Place on Earth
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"Mountain Home, you all have given us two of the most amazing shows we’ve ever played. Thank you for the experience, the energy and the LOVE. We will be back."

"We don’t know how to thank you for last week. Just somebody offering to take us to the lake and get a break for a minute from the hotels and sound checks means the world. Your crew and hospitality were fantastic—please consider having us back at some point. Next time we will come early and hang."

One lucky fan won an autographed guitar!
2016-2017 ASUMH Scholarship Recipients

Cassandra Denise Aguiar, Salem — Academic Distinction
Paige Allen, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Elizabeth Anderson, Norfork — Academic Distinction
Jenny Anglin, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction; Joe Dan & Carol Tyler Nursing Scholarship
Georgia Bixler, Salesville — Mike Lally Welding Scholarship
Hannah Braden, Viola — Academic Distinction
McKenzie Brannon, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Quinn Carson, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Megan Coatney, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Kelly Connelly, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Clifford Dale Curtis II, Flippin — Academic Distinction
Tasha Nichole Davis, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Kyle Flippin, Flippin — Academic Distinction
Kaitlin Graves, Lead Hill — Academic Distinction
Evan Hestley, Gamaliel — Academic Distinction
Tanner Horn, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Anna Huckaba, Calico Rock — Academic Distinction
Brittany Jackson, Henderson — Academic Distinction
Ashley Johnson, Flippin — Academic Distinction
Nicolas Jones, Flippin — Academic Distinction
Justin Liddle, Flippin — Academic Distinction
Jennifer Moore, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction; David & Ethel Powell Memorial Scholarship; Ruth E. Hamilton Nursing Scholarship
Joshua Nelson, Viola — Academic Distinction
Josh Newton, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Ariona Pennington, Henderson — Academic Distinction
Elise Pennington, Bentonville — Academic Distinction; Wilma Greeley Memorial Scholarship
Olivia Pogrzebski, Norfork — Academic Distinction
Ashley Priborsky, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Kami Roberts, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Alexander Ruegssegger, Norfork — Academic Distinction
Amber Runau, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Emily Rushing, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Racheal Sandoval, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Sabrina Sturtevant, Diamond City — Academic Distinction
Alison Leigh Swanson, Everton — Academic Distinction
Amanda Grace Vance, Gassville — Academic Distinction
Brookelynn Walker, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction
Zane Walker, Gassville — Academic Distinction
Justin Wells, Mountain Home — Academic Distinction

Please note: This listing may not reflect the full range of scholarships and awards that are available at ASUMH or that have been awarded thus far during 2016–2017.

Over $1,000,000 awarded to ASUMH in regional workforce grants

After receiving planning grants for two new projects last year, ASUMH has been awarded additional funding for a new computer programming/mobile app degree and a pipeline to advanced manufacturing program. The grants are regional workforce implementation grants through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education.

ASUMH received more than $350,000 to develop a new degree in Programming/Mobile Application Development. Arkansas Governor Asa Hutchinson has addressed the need for programmers by leading an effort to require every high school in the state to offer computer coding classes. The governor hopes to see that number rise to 6,000 over the next four years. The ASUMH Programming/Mobile Application Development program is a collaboration among local business and industry, area high schools, the ASUMH Secondary Center and the ASUMH School of Business and Technology.

A grant of more than $865,000 was awarded for the “Creating a Pipeline to Advanced Manufacturing” project. During planning, administrators worked extensively with area partners to create a truly integrated pathway for individuals to enter the advanced manufacturing workforce or advance from their current position in the workforce.
Charity Golf Classic Benefits ASUMH
The businesses and individuals pictured have donated in excess of $23,800 to the ASUMH Technical Center for equipment funding and program needs. “We are excited about the opportunities available at ASUMH for the people of this region to have access to higher education. One of the newest opportunities we have created is the ASUMH Technical Center offering a variety of occupational/technical programs that enable our graduates to gain skills and knowledge that will lead to successful employment opportunities,” said Dr. Myers.

The Mountain Home Charity Golf Classic tournament (formerly known as the Mountain Home Christian Clinic golf tournament) was held June 11 and 12 at Big Creek Golf and Country Club in Mountain Home. The tournament sponsors were YELCOT and First Security Bank.
Enroll today for fall classes.

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