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Arkansas Tech: A Source of Pride

March 21 was a great day to be a member of the Tech Family. Together, many of us enjoyed the sights and sounds of Oaklawn Park during the 2015 Arkansas Tech Alumni Association Day at the Races.

From the magnificence of the thoroughbred horses to the corned beef sandwiches and everything in between, Oaklawn is an institution in our state. It's the kind of place that distinguishes Arkansas and helps spread our name from coast to coast.

Arkansas Tech is rapidly enhancing its place as a similar source of pride for the Natural State.

With more than 12,000 students and the development of the first doctoral program in the history of the institution, the influence of Arkansas Tech has never been wider or deeper.

We are now producing more than 2,000 graduates a year. They are going forth to make a difference in their chosen fields and in their communities.

And every time one of those thousands of young alumni gains a promotion, takes leadership of a community board or reaches another life milestone, the reputation of Arkansas Tech is enhanced.

Every time the reputation of Arkansas Tech is enhanced, so is the value of each of our degrees.

We've always been proud to be Wonder Boys and Golden Suns, but it's time to take that pride to a new level. Wear your Arkansas Tech apparel with your head held high. Brag about the continued success of your Arkansas Tech affinity organizations, be it Greek life, our music programs, your academic discipline or our NCAA intercollegiate athletics program.

We are one of the 10 fastest-growing master's degree-granting institutions in the United States. We are the fastest growing university in the state. We rank among the three largest institutions of higher learning in Arkansas. We have one of the top three graduation rates among public universities in our state.

We are Arkansas Tech. Our time is now.

Sincerely,



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Three Selected for Hall of Distinction

COHOON, DODD, GROSS TO RECEIVE TOP HONOR AT ARKANSAS TECH

Three members of the Arkansas Tech family will receive the highest honor the institution may bestow upon an individual in 2015.

Dr. Richard Cohoon of Russellville, Shirley Drewry Dodd of Russellville and John Gross of El Dorado were chosen for induction into the Arkansas Tech Hall of Distinction by the Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees during its November 2014 meeting.

Cohoon will enter under the Distinguished Service category for non-alumni, Dodd will be inducted under the Distinguished Alumni Service category and Gross will be enshrined under the Distinction in Intercollegiate Athletics category.

The ceremony will take place during Arkansas Tech spring commencement at John E. Tucker Coliseum in Russellville on Saturday, May 9, 2015.

Established in 1964, the Arkansas Tech Hall of Distinction recognizes the accomplishments of Arkansas Tech alumni and friends in five categories: Distinguished Alumnus/Alumna, Distinguished Alumni Service, Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna, Distinction in Intercollegiate Athletics and Distinguished Service (non-alumnus).

For more information about nominating an individual for the Arkansas Tech Hall of Distinction, visit www.techties.atu.edu, call (479) 968-0242 or send e-mail to alumni@atu.edu.

Dr. Richard Cohoon

Cohoon, distinguished professor and professor emeritus of geology at Arkansas Tech, retired from the faculty on spring commencement day 2012 with 52 years of service, making him the longest-serving faculty member in Arkansas Tech history.

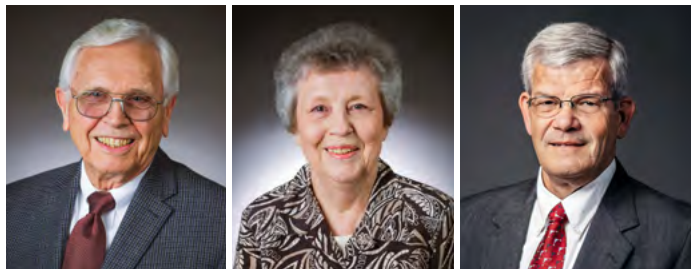
After earning his baccalaureate degree from Oklahoma City University in 1954, Cohoon added a Master of Science degree from the University of Oklahoma in 1959 and a Doctor of Education degree from Oklahoma State University in 1974.

He joined the Arkansas Tech faculty as an instructor in 1960 and was subsequently promoted to assistant professor (1963), associate professor (1966), professor (1976) and distinguished professor (2011).

Cohoon was named chair of the science division in 1970, head of the Department of Physical Sciences in 1971 and he served as dean of what is now known as the College of Natural and Health Sciences from 1987-2011. Arkansas Tech presented Cohoon with the Faculty Award of Excellence in the service category on the day of his retirement.

Shirley Drewry Dodd

Dodd graduated from Arkansas Tech in 1959 with a degree in elementary education. After 14 years as a classroom teacher in



Cohoon (left), Dodd (center), & Gross (right) elected to Hall of Distinction.

Little Rock and Russellville and 17 years as a guidance counselor at Russellville High School, Dodd has remained involved in education by serving her alma mater.

She was a member of the Arkansas Tech Alumni Association Board of Directors from 2008-10 before becoming president-elect of the organization in 2011 and president in 2012. She was a member of the committee that planned the Arkansas Tech centennial celebration and helps organize reunions and philanthropic efforts by the "Caraway Hall Girls," a group of alumni who lived together on the Caraway Hall third floor in the late 1950s.

Dodd has volunteered in every role available to an alumna of Arkansas Tech.

If a Wonder Boys or Golden Suns ballgame, band concert, choir concert, theatrical performance, art gallery exhibit, career fair or other special occasion such as Time Out for Tech, Homecoming or Family Day is taking place on campus, chances are she is there. If final exams are taking place, she can be found in the lobby of Witherspoon Hall serving breakfast to students, faculty and staff.

Dodd and her husband, David, are members of the Green and Gold Club and the Century Forward Circle at Arkansas Tech.

John Gross

A 1970 graduate of Arkansas Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education, Gross was a two-time All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference selection as a member of the Wonder Boys basketball program.

He was a member of the 1970 Tech basketball team that won the NAIA District 17 championship and reached the second round of the NAIA National Tournament under head coach Deward Dopson.

More than four decades after his final game at Arkansas Tech, Gross still holds the school records for career rebounds (1,330) and single-season rebounds (415 in 1969-70).

Gross went on to serve the Parkers Chapel School District as a coach, teacher and superintendent during a 41-year span. He is currently assistant superintendent for the Smackover-Norphlet School District. Gross has given of his time to benefit the Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado, Hope Landing therapy ranch for children with disabilities and the #TeamCorrie Cancer Foundation. |

Alumni Board President, President Elect Named

Truman Hill will serve as president and Kendall Tabor will be president elect for the Arkansas Tech University Alumni Association Board of Directors during the 2015 calendar year.

Hill resides in Russellville, where he is retired from a 35-year career with Firestone. He graduated from Arkansas Tech in 1970. Hill served a three-year term on the Arkansas Tech Alumni Board from 2012-14.

Tabor earned his degree from Arkansas Tech in 1988. He accepted a teaching position with the Wonderview School District the following year and has remained there ever since, filling the roles of band director, choir director and music teacher for more than a quarter-century. Tabor, who lives in Russellville, is completing a three-year term on the Arkansas Tech Alumni Board in 2015. |



Truman Hill, president

Kendall Tabor, president elect



Bohannan

Chiolino

Flower

Hampton

Jesse

Morris

Snellings

Thompson

Alumni Board Members Begin Three-Year Term

The Arkansas Tech University Alumni Association Board of Directors has eight new members who will serve a three-year term through the end of 2017.

The latest additions to the Arkansas Tech Alumni Board, with their date of graduation from Arkansas Tech and their current town of residence, are:

- Lacie Oels Bohannan, Class of 2010 & 2014, Berryville
- Sue Chiolino, Class of 1968 & 1986, Russellville
- Travis Flower, Class of 2011, Harrison
- Rick Hampton, Class of 1975, Brinkley
- Keith Jesse, Class of 2008, Greenwood
- Megan Morris, Class of 2009 & 2014, Russellville
- Betty Snellings, Class of 1962, Russellville
- Tony Thompson, Class of 1995, North Little Rock

Nominations for the Alumni Board may be made by any alumnus or alumna of Arkansas Tech University. The Arkansas Tech Office

of Alumni Services receives and processes the nominations for review. Deadline for nominations is Sept. 1 of each year.

Those nominations are forwarded to a five-person selection committee, which in turn presents no more than eight names for consideration to the vice president for development at Arkansas Tech.

The vice president for development reviews the recommendations and forwards them to the university president, who makes recommendations to the Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees.

At that point, it is the responsibility of the Tech Board of Trustees to appoint eight members representing the Russellville campus to the Arkansas Tech Alumni Association Board of Directors each year.

The Alumni Board has 25 members at any given time, including one representative from Arkansas Tech-Ozark Campus.

For more information about nominating an alumnus or alumna for service on the Arkansas Tech Alumni Board, call (479) 968-0242 or send an e-mail to alumni@atu.edu. |

Burnett Elected Chairman of the Board

Eric Burnett of Fort Smith was elected by his fellow trustees to serve as chairman of the Arkansas Tech University Board of Trustees for the 2015 calendar year during a meeting at the Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center on Thursday, Jan. 29.

Burnett is the head boys' basketball coach at Fort Smith Northside High School. He was named to that position in April 2010 after spending the previous five seasons in the same role at Springdale Har-Ber High School. Burnett also has four years of experience as the head boys' basketball coach at Fort Smith Southside High School.

A 1994 graduate of Arkansas Tech, Burnett earned four letters as a member of the Wonder Boys basketball team.

Burnett is Arkansas Tech's all-time leader in 3-point field goals made (354). He also ranks among the Wonder Boys' career leaders in scoring (6th, 1,981 points), rebounding (5th, 775), free throws made (7th, 397), assists (8th, 343), steals (T-8th, 150) and field goals made (10th, 615).

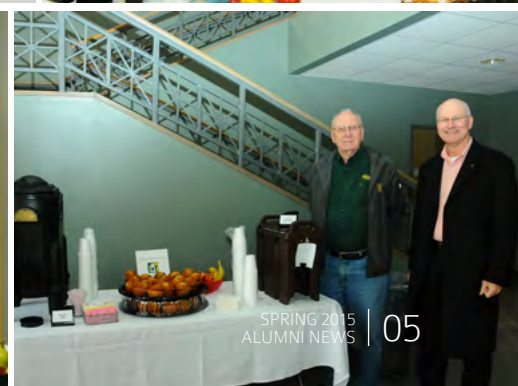
He was named an NAIA All-American in 1993 and he was a two-time All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference selection. The Wonder Boys won 83 games and the 1993 AIC title during Burnett's career.

Burnett and his wife, Michelle, have two daughters.

Other Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees officers for 2015 are John Ed Chambers III of Danville, who will serve as vice chairman; and Leigh Whiteside of Russellville, who will serve as secretary. Charles Blanchard and Fritz Kronberger, both of Russellville, complete the five-member board for 2015.



**BREAKFAST
DURING
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Former Wonder Boys Basketball Standout Makes a Difference With Special Olympics

There, in the 2006-07 Arkansas Tech University men's basketball team photo, stands Irvin Humphrey — a tall, lanky freshman from Boutte, La., who chose to join a Wonder Boys basketball program that hadn't appeared in the postseason in six years and hadn't won a postseason game in a decade.

He's there in the images from when Arkansas Tech ended that postseason drought with a victory in the 2008 Gulf South Conference Tournament.

And he's prominent in the photographs from the following year, at the same event, when the Wonder Boys held the championship trophy above their heads and clinched their first-ever NCAA Tournament berth.

Take a look at the photos from Jan. 23, 2010 — the night Arkansas Tech played a home men's basketball game as the No. 1 team in the country for the first time ever. The Wonder Boys defeated Delta State University 88-77 in front of 4,122 fans, the largest crowd in Arkansas Tech men's basketball history. There's Humphrey.

And there he is again, blocking a shot in the final second of the 2010 GSC Tournament championship game to preserve a 64-63 Wonder Boys' victory.

All of these images are preserved for posterity in the archives. It would be easy to believe they represent the most meaningful contributions that Humphrey ever made on a basketball floor.

But the truth is, in terms of where his life was going, there are no photographs from Humphrey's most important athletic moments.

There were no fans cheering. There are no mentions of them in the record books.

Those moments were invested playing one-on-one games with Robert, a young man with intellectual disabilities who took an interest in the Wonder Boys. Humphrey responded by taking an interest in him.

"I believe that individuals with intellectual disabilities aren't fully accepted yet," said Humphrey, who graduated from Arkansas Tech with a Bachelor of Science degree in physical education in 2011 and a Master of Education degree in physical education in 2013. "That's one of the reasons I pursued a role with Special Olympics. Robert and I would go to the gym, and just from him being in the gym at Arkansas Tech, that gave him the feeling that he was somebody. That he was special. It was good to see him smile, have fun and be accepted."

Those one-on-one games with Robert turned into volunteer opportunities with Special Olympics of Arkansas. Then he was asked to coach a Special Olympics basketball team.

Humphrey spent more than four years as a volunteer in the system. When Special Olympics of Arkansas was looking to hire a director of sports, training and competition in fall 2014, the organization selected him for that role.

"Here, the athletes feel like they are accepted," said Humphrey while helping coordinate the 2015 Special Olympics of Arkansas Winter Games in Springdale. "They have something that is for them. It also spreads awareness about those with intellectual



disabilities. Pretty much any sport that you can imagine, we offer. It gives our athletes a chance to try a lot of sports and make a lot of friends.”

As part of his duties with Special Olympics, Humphrey is working to promote “Project Unify,” an initiative that allows individuals with and without intellectual disabilities to participate in athletic competitions together.

Making others feel welcome and accepted is one way that Humphrey pays forward the treatment he received upon arriving at Arkansas Tech.

“(Tech) feels like a family as soon as you get there,” said Humphrey. “Everyone was so welcoming. It was a tough first year with basketball, but everyone kept motivating me to do better. Those years taught me to never give up. With me being from Louisiana and being so far from home, I learned to keep going for what I want. There’s always a bright side, even when you are losing. We always practiced hard and tried to get better every day. That carried over to off the court...the importance of staying focused.”

He sees those same values play out in Special Olympics.

“The athletes want to win so badly, just like any other team that you see,” said Humphrey. “The competition is amazing. Before they get on the court, they are friends. But when they get on the court, it totally changes. It’s me against you. I love to see that competition aspect.”

And while the athletic events are making the Special Olympians better and stronger, Humphrey knows that working in that environment is doing the same for him.

“When you first see someone with an intellectual disability, it’s easy to not understand it,” said Humphrey. “As I’ve started to work with these athletes, I’m starting to understand that there’s no difference. They are people just like anyone else. Working with people like the students from Arkansas School for the Deaf...that makes me want to learn sign language. I love every minute of it. I wouldn’t trade this opportunity for the world. I can’t wait to see where it takes me.” |

Kelley Snow Harmon Comes Full Circle as Chief Executive Officer of Zeta Tau Alpha

A journey that began as an Arkansas Tech University freshman has led Kelley Snow Harmon to become executive director for one of the largest National Panhellenic Conference organizations in the world.

Harmon, a 1990 graduate of Arkansas Tech, was selected in December as the chief executive officer for Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity.

In her new role, Harmon leads a 116-year old organization for women that includes more than 235,000 initiated members belonging to 166 active collegiate chapters and 238 active alumnae chapters.

"Twenty-five years ago, I would have never dreamed that I would receive this opportunity," said Harmon. "It's humbling. It's overwhelming. It's a huge honor. I'm excited about the challenge and blessed to work with an amazing staff at our international office. We have a phenomenal group that is amazing at what they do. They are passionate and excited about what they do. We also have three dedicated volunteer boards that we work with.

"Collectively, between the staff and our three boards, we have a great deal of support," continued Harmon. "They've given me a lot of trust, and with that I feel very blessed to have this opportunity. There are days when it can be a little crazy, but I know I'm not alone. I can go to any given person and we can figure it out. We all have the same goal in mind, and that's the betterment of the organization."

Harmon grew up in Russellville. She accumulated some college hours while a student at Russellville High School, and the scholarship opportunities at Arkansas Tech helped convince her to stay close to home.

"I got to Tech and realized that I loved it," said Harmon. "It was a good atmosphere for me to make friends and connections. I knew so many people from my own high school class and those before me. It was where I was meant to be."

Harmon started out majoring in history education while performing marketing, public relations and advertising duties for her family's consumer finance business. Arkansas Tech faculty member Herman Long persuaded her to change her major to business administration.

"Herman told me that I was gaining all these great skills in marketing and public relations, and he asked why I wouldn't want to carry that forward with my degree," said Harmon. "He taught advertising, which I loved. He became my mentor and advisor. Tom Tyler was another advisor of mine even though I was not a great economics student. Jack Hamm and Hilda Turner also helped me a lot. They all played a big role in helping me as I made the transition to the business department."

Another critical component in that transition was the personal

attention from faculty members that many Arkansas Tech students and alumni count as their favorite aspect of the institution.

"One of the things I still love about this school and the thing I always tell people who are considering Tech is that if I had a question, I didn't have to make an appointment," said Harmon. "I could walk down the hall in the business department and poke my head in any of their offices and get help. It wasn't a matter of can you come back later, tomorrow or next week? It was sure, what do you need? That was one of my favorite things about going to school here. It was such an open atmosphere and people were willing to help you at any time."

Harmon was active with the Arkansas Tech Cheerleaders and Student Activities Board during her time as a Tech student. It was her involvement in Zeta Tau Alpha that ultimately made the largest long-term impact on her life.

"So many of the women that I went to high school with were involved with Greek life here, and a lot of them were Zetas," said Harmon. "So I already knew them, and I had it in the back of my mind that was what I wanted to do. We had deferred recruitment then, so having a semester on campus to check out the Greek system and see how active they were solidified that decision.

"Zeta Tau Alpha developed my leadership skills," continued Harmon. "When I was in college, it became the fabric of who I am as a person. The things I learned in terms of working with people... you very quickly see that not every person is the same. Greek life is a microcosm of society. You learn how to get along with people. It helps you recognize and develop your gifts so that you can become your very best self. When you have people to support and boost you, it helps you become a strong woman."

After graduation from Arkansas Tech, Harmon spent three years working for Zeta Tau Alpha as a consultant. She traveled the nation helping chapters grow and improve. She assisted them with recruiting and retaining members, public relations, finances and leadership programs.

"You really learn a lot about organizational development, management, finances and assessment skills," said Harmon of serving as a consultant. "Typically in that role, you have 5-to-7 days to take a group of people, diagnose their opportunities, help them figure out a plan and leave them with a list of objectives. When you





Harmon visited with current Arkansas Tech students in Zeta Tau Alpha during a recent visit to campus.

do that for three years, you really get good at problem solving. It's just a matter of translating it from Greek life to the business world. By no means did it make me a guru at anything, but it allowed me to think really fast on my feet. You're going to gain experience no matter what you do, but those three years and the skills I developed...that was immeasurable for me."

Harmon went on to work in Northwest Arkansas as a liaison between Walmart and several of its vendors, including Hewlett-Packard and Olympus.

But she always maintained an active association with Zeta Tau Alpha. Harmon was vice president collegiate for a region that included 43 collegiate chapters in 16 states from 2006-2012. She joined the staff of the fraternity as assistant executive director in April 2014 and became the executive director eight months later.

"Now that I get a chance to relay a business perspective back into Zeta Tau Alpha, it helps us improve processes and procedures," said Harmon. "Are there things we can do to make us more cutting edge? How can we be more efficient? How can we provide better customer service to our members, both to our collegiates and our alumnae? All of that can only make us that much better."

Telling the story of how chapters and members are making a difference in the world around them is one priority for Harmon.

"Sometimes in Greek life we can be our own worst enemies in terms of what is portrayed in the media and popular culture," said Harmon. "I would challenge Greeks any day of the week to think about what they are doing to positively sell the experience. If the party culture is all that we are selling, we are selling ourselves short. Anybody that's a part of it knows that the academic benefits, the leadership, the service and the friendships are the real benefits of Greek life."

Harmon said the fraternity recently launched a new initiative entitled Behind Happy Faces. It is a mental health education program that

helps Zeta Tau Alpha members with stress management, coping skills and to help them identify others who are having problems with mental health. ZTA is also developing a sexual assault education program for its members.

All of it is aimed at producing women who are prepared for what they will encounter during and after college.

"There's not a cookie cutter Zeta, but I think to be a well-rounded woman is what we wish for each of our members," said Harmon. "We want them to be successful in their chosen field, to be able to contribute to their community, to represent our organization in a positive way and to have had a great collegiate experience. We want people to say they are proud to be a Zeta Tau Alpha. If the programming that we offer to our collegiate members provides them with skills that make them a strong, positive woman who feels good about herself and our organization, I feel like we've done our job."

As she looks to the future of Zeta Tau Alpha, Harmon recognizes the changing landscape of higher education while believing that the same foundation that has made her organization successful for more than a century will allow it to persevere.

"Technology and campuses are evolving," said Harmon. "There are a lot of unknowns. I think we have to stay five or 10 steps ahead so that we can keep up with our students and where things are going. By staying ahead, we avoid becoming extinct. People would like to tell you that Greek life will become extinct if we don't stay with the times.

"I think people still crave that human connection," continued Harmon. "That's what we have to offer...those personal connections. Zeta Tau Alpha was founded on friendship and sisterhood, and we're always going to be able to offer that. It's a unique bond that a Facebook message or a text just doesn't quite have like a hug, a handshake or a face-to-face smile." |



Grandfather, Grandson Graduate Together

A COMMENCEMENT 65 YEARS IN THE MAKING

Sixty-five years ago, Bobby Frederick Lancaster began his journey as an Arkansas Tech University student.

He completed that journey on Dec. 20, and he did so with his grandson and fellow member of the Arkansas Tech Class of 2014 — Brant Bauman — by his side.

“I finally finished at last,” said Lancaster. “It started out in high school when I came up here on a ball trip. I became infatuated with the place, and I stayed that way. I watched Tech go from a junior college to a senior college, and then I got to watch it go on the rest of the way.”

Lancaster first enrolled at Arkansas Tech in 1949. He attended through 1952, at which point he left school to serve his country in the Korean Conflict.

A review of his transcript by the Arkansas

Tech Office of the Registrar found that Lancaster had earned the proper credits for an associate degree, which he received during fall 2014 commencement ceremonies at Tucker Coliseum in Russellville.

“I wanted to be with Brant on his graduation day anyway, so to be here with him in this manner is very exciting,” said Lancaster. “I’m very proud of him.”

Bauman knew in advance that the event would provide a great deal of closure and satisfaction for his grandfather.

“He’s always been proudly from Tech, but there’s always been a touch of sadness because he never graduated,” said Bauman. “He did what so many men and women did, and he did it so proudly. I don’t think there was ever a regret of it, but there is part of it that he always wished he had graduated. When I found out we were going to get to graduate

together, I thought it was the best thing ever. It’s one of the most exciting things about graduation for me.

“I am a highly nostalgic individual,” continued Bauman. “I think that comes from my career. I take pictures, and I tell people all the time that I love my job because I capture memories. That’s what I do. It’s my passion. So for me, with graduation, to be able to make this memory and share this memory with my grandfather means the world to me. And I know it does for him, too. He’s always been a very loving grandfather who wants to connect with us. I couldn’t ask for a better way to go out.”

The path from enrollment to graduation was more direct for the grandson. Bauman completed a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science with a minor in criminal justice in three-and-a-half years.

“Arkansas Tech was the best choice for

me because I have a business here, and I felt like it could equip me both in education and business,” said Bauman, who co-owns BnBauman Photography of Russellville with his wife, Kara. “I grew up in Russellville and love Russellville. Coming from Russellville High School, which is a great school and feels like a family, Arkansas Tech seemed like another family. It didn’t let down on that at all.”



Bauman said the opportunity to build relationships with his teachers was his favorite aspect of being an Arkansas Tech student.

“After four years of having the same professors, it’s not that they just know your name and the caliber of student you are,” said Bauman. “They really know who I am. They know I have a job outside of school, they know I have a family...so in turn, I feel like that makes it so much easier to learn, to want to go to class and to want to succeed. I think that one-on-one is the strength of an Arkansas Tech education.”

The personal attention benefited Bauman as he balanced his education and his career.

“It’s been difficult,” said Bauman. “It’s my mentality. I always want to do everything the best, so it’s been difficult to give 110 percent to business and 110 percent to school. There have been times when there’s been a little give and take, but with a lot of prayer and a lot of time spent I’ve been able to dedicate enough time to school that I’ve been able to earn my degree in three-and-a-half

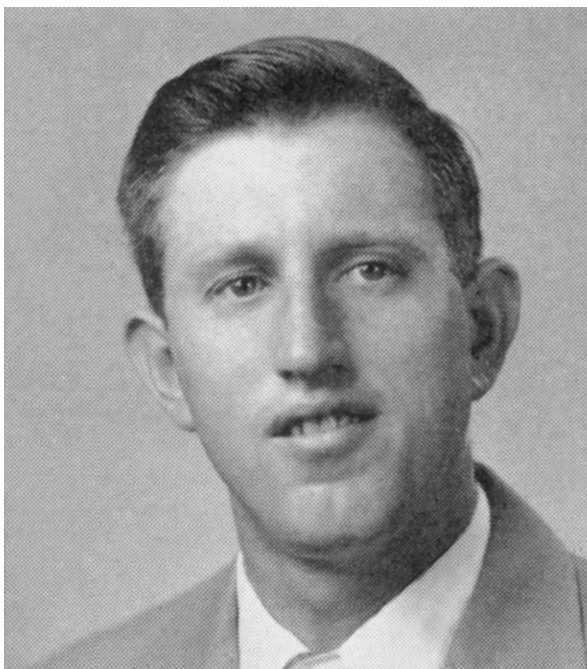
years. I didn’t sleep much.”

Now that graduation will provide him with a little more time to rest, Bauman can reflect upon the new connection that he will always share with his grandfather as members of the Arkansas Tech Class of 2014.

“For as long as I can remember, one of the reasons I had always liked Tech and felt connected to Tech was because he went there,” said Bauman. “When I

was in high school, I worked on a project with the Arkansas Tech Museum. I became really addicted to learning more about the history of Tech, and I shared with my grandfather that I was working on the project. He helped fill me in on how great Tech is, and when I decided to go there, he was super proud and wore his Tech shirt and his Tech hat. It was always fun to be connected to him in that way.

“He always talks about how different Tech looks than when he went there,” continued Bauman. “It is cool to hear him talk about some of the specific changes that took place on campus while he was a student, and it was always for the better. They were always trying to improve. I have to say it’s exactly the same for me as a student now. You look at how immaculate our campus is, and I feel like the transition of that during just the last four years speaks for itself. With our new president, with our staff continuing to improve...you can’t complain about Tech.” |



Watson Returns to Teaching Full-Time



Dr. John W. Watson, vice president for academic affairs at Arkansas Tech University since 2008, has announced his intention to return to full-time teaching at the institution.

Watson is taking a sabbatical during the spring 2015 semester in order to prepare for his return to the classroom. The Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees promoted Watson from professor of mathematics to distinguished professor of

mathematics.

"I have yet to meet anyone who has a deeper and more genuine concern for Arkansas Tech and its students than Dr. Watson," said Dr. Robin E. Bowen, president at Arkansas Tech. "He is an admired leader and an administrator of rare talent. Perhaps most importantly, he possesses the compassion and empathy necessary to be a great educator. I will miss working with him in an administrative capacity, but I am so pleased that his gifts will continue to benefit our students in the classroom."

Among the most significant academic advances that Arkansas Tech made under Watson's leadership were the development of the first doctoral program in institution history and attainment of Southern Regional Education Board Four-Year Level III status.

Following unanimous approval by the Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board in July 2014, Arkansas Tech plans to begin offering a Doctor of Education in school leadership degree in 2015.

The increase in status to SREB Four-Year Level III puts Arkansas Tech on the same level with Arkansas State University, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the University of Central Arkansas.

A native of Plainview, Watson earned his Bachelor of Arts degree in 1971 and his Master of Science degree in 1973, both in mathematics and both from the University of Arkansas. He added a Doctor of Education degree from Oklahoma State University in 1978 and a Bachelor of Arts degree with a major in Spanish from Arkansas Tech in 1997.

Watson joined the Arkansas Tech faculty in 1978. He was head of the Tech Department of Mathematics from 1982-2001 and dean of what is now known as the Arkansas Tech College of Engineering and Applied Sciences from 2001-08. |

Anglin Named Interim VP for Academic Affairs

Dr. A.J. Anglin has been selected to serve as interim vice president for academic affairs at Arkansas Tech University.

A native of Siloam Springs, Anglin brings 40 years of experience in higher education to his new role at Arkansas Tech. He began his duties on Jan. 5, 2015.

Dr. Robin E. Bowen, president of Arkansas Tech, said it is anticipated that Anglin will serve as interim vice president for academic affairs for a period of 18 months. She said the institution intends to have a permanent leader for its academic affairs division in office on or around July 1, 2016.

"Dr. Anglin has extensive experience in strategic planning, which will be a focus on our campus during his tenure at Arkansas Tech," said Bowen. "He shares our institutional ethic of serving a diverse community of learners and providing each student with access to resources that will help them persist to graduation. We are excited to welcome Dr. Anglin to the Tech family."

Anglin succeeds Dr. John W. Watson, who has served as vice president for academic affairs since 2008 and was granted a change in assignment by the Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees so that he could return to full-time teaching at the university.

Anglin earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in chemistry from John Brown University and a Doctor of Philosophy degree in physical chemistry from the University of Arkansas. He participated in a

National Science Foundation research grant at Brandeis University and the Institute for Educational Management at Harvard University.

After serving as a chemistry faculty member and administrator at Taylor University (Ind.) from 1970-82, Anglin went on to serve as vice president and academic dean at Aurora University (Ill.) from 1982-85,

vice president for academic affairs at John Brown University from 1985-91, provost at Azusa Pacific University (Calif.) from 1991-96, president at Trinity Christian College (Ill.) from 1996-2002, vice president for academic affairs at Waynesburg University (Pa.) from 2003-08 and vice president for academic affairs at Missouri Southern State University from 2010-12.

Founded in 1909, Arkansas Tech University serves 12,003 students on campuses in Russellville and Ozark. It is one of the three largest universities in Arkansas and was ranked by The Chronicle of Higher Education as one of the 10 fastest-growing public master's degree-granting institutions in the United States in 2013 and 2014. |





More Than 200 Walk in MLK Jr. Day Unity March at Arkansas Tech

Students, faculty, staff and members of the surrounding community made their way across the Arkansas Tech University campus on Jan. 19 in a show of unity for the rights of all people.

And as the more than 200 participants marched, the words of the man who inspired the event — Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. — echoed from the speakers atop the Ross Pendergraft Library and Technology Center.

“His legacy empowers me to keep fighting,” said Taleseia Ealy, a senior from Menifee and vice president of the Arkansas Tech African-American Student Association (AASA), when asked what King means to her. “It is the responsibility of each of us to even the playing field for all people, regardless of race, gender or any other difference we may have. Today helps me keep in mind that my life is not about me. It is about helping others improve their lives.”

The unity march ended at the W.O. Young Building, at which point participants were invited into the Young Ballroom for a reception. Speakers included RahK Lash, resident director at Brown Residence Hall and advisor for the Arkansas Tech AASA.

Lash told the crowd about the improvements he has witnessed in the areas of social justice, diversity, equality and inclusion since arriving at Arkansas Tech in 2013. He will graduate with his master’s degree this May.

“It’s bittersweet leaving,” said Lash. “This university is going in a great direction. This is a place that wants you to do well and get your grades. But it’s more than that. It’s about developing as people. It’s

about becoming a better global citizen. To have the power to help someone else and not do it is a crime. It is injustice.”

Katie Frazier, a senior from Danville and president of the Arkansas Tech Student Government Association (SGA), also spoke at the reception. She recollected visiting the place where King made his “I Have a Dream” speech in Washington, D.C., during a trip last summer.

Frazier also said that the increased conversation on campus about issues concerning race and diversity has inspired the SGA to create a new executive committee position that is charged specifically with equality and inclusion.

“I think events like today are an important opportunity to create dialogue about diversity on campus,” said Frazier just before she spoke to the assembly. “The commitment to work together, as one, is so important. I was surprised in a good way to see the level of interest today. When more people attend events like this, it gets more people talking about the issues and gets more students standing up for others.”

Activities celebrating the legacy of King continued at Arkansas Tech on Tuesday, Jan. 20, with an open mic night at Baswell Techionery and on Wednesday, Jan. 21, with a gallery walk at Young Ballroom.

“Social justice starts out with equality for all races and social groups,” said Lindsey McDaniel, a senior from Morrilton and president of the Arkansas Tech AASA. “Unity comes when we work with each other. We are powerful together.” |



Above Left, Miss Tech 2014 Logan Moore crowns her successor, Haven Brock. Above Right, the Top five in Miss Tech 2015 Pageant (from left-to-right): Tiffany Squires, Raigan Purtle, Haven Brock, McCartney Drouin and Kaylee Hefley.

Haven Brock Crowned 60th Miss Tech

The third time was the charm for Haven Brock.

An early childhood education major from Haskell, Brock was crowned the 60th Miss Tech on Feb. 20 during the 2015 Miss Arkansas Tech University Scholarship Pageant at Witherspoon Auditorium.

Daughter of Casson and Eric Brock, the Arkansas Tech junior captured the Lindsey Ahrens Vocal Award, the Nona Dirksmeyer Award for overall talent and a share of the CenturyLink Interview Award on her way to winning the Miss Tech crown.

Brock first entered the Miss Tech Pageant as a freshman in 2013. Last year, she finished as third runner-up. Now, she will spend 2015 representing her university as Miss Tech.

"I feel amazing," said Brock, who was sponsored by her sisters in Phi Mu Fraternity. "I feel so tingly. Hard work pays off. I feel like my previous experience really benefited me a lot. Having gone through the practice and having all these girls constantly support each other...you learn from all of them. I'm a small-town girl. Tech is a small-town campus, and it's going to be such a rewarding experience to represent the school that I love so much."

Among the prizes that Brock receives as Miss Tech are a two-semester tuition scholarship at Arkansas Tech and more than \$3,000 in gift certificates from area businesses.

In all, approximately \$25,000 in gifts and scholarships were awarded during the 2015 Miss Arkansas Tech Pageant.

Brock will represent Arkansas Tech University in the 2015 Miss Arkansas Pageant July 8-11 in Hot Springs. Her platform is Carson's Kids, a campaign that she started to benefit a younger cousin with Autism.

"He was diagnosed with Autism when he was 3 years old," said Brock. "He's doing so much better now. He's 10, and he's learning all kinds of new things. I started it as a scholarship fund, and I'm hoping that having the title of Miss Arkansas Tech will help that develop."

McCartney Drouin of Mountain View (first runner-up), Raigan Purtle of Russellville (second runner-up), Kaylee Hefley of Hot Springs (third runner-up) and Tiffany Squires of Sherwood (fourth runner-up) rounded out the top five among 19 contestants.

Purtle won the Sandi Hodges Memorial

Dance Award. Drouin captured the lifestyle and fitness swimsuit award. Haley Owen of Paris tied Brock for the CenturyLink Interview Award.

Jordyn Pulliam of Fort Smith earned the Virginia Bachman Memorial Scholastic Achievement Award as the contestant with the highest grade point average. She has a 4.0 GPA as an accounting student at Arkansas Tech.

Colleen Wooten of Omaha, Neb., was voted by her fellow contestants as Miss Congeniality.

Other contestants in the 60th Miss Tech Pageant were Brittany Collins of Mount Ida, Becca Corley of Charleston, Skylar Cox of West Fork, Morgan Halcomb of Delight, AnnToneya Hill of Carlisle, Shelby Holland of Fort Smith, Freedom Leatherman of Mountain Home, Danielle Lee of Hector, Ashley Pearson of Harrison, Emily Rains of Mountain View and Ashley Taylor of Fort Smith.

Dr. Jim Collins, professor of horticulture at Arkansas Tech, serves as executive director and master of ceremonies for the Miss Tech Pageant. Delta Zeta sponsors the event. |

Brown Endowment Nears \$600,000

A new endowment, established in tribute to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Brown upon their retirement in June 2014 as president and first lady of Arkansas Tech University, now totals just under \$600,000.

Led by a generous matching gift from Sandra and Robert Norman of Tulsa, Okla., the donors listed below have made gifts and pledges to this restricted fund, the principal of which will remain in perpetuity to help Arkansas Tech continue its student-focused mission and vision. Earnings from the endowment will be used to support critical functions of offices and academic classrooms to be housed in the Brown Building currently under construction, as well as other student support operations.

Construction on the new four-story, 66,900-square foot facility named in honor of the Browns began on May 5, 2014. As of early March 2015, the project was 48 percent complete. The estimated completion date for the facility is September 2015.



Tech's continued forward progress requires that our student recruitment, orientation and retention efforts be continually reviewed and enhanced. Funds from this endowment will help with those efforts. The Arkansas Tech family extends gratitude to these donors for honoring Dr. and Mrs. Brown through their giving.

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Robert and Susan Dunn

In Memory of Kay Dodson

Johnny and Julie Morgan

In Honor of Robert and Susan Dunn

Mauro and Valerie Gattini

In Memory of Eunice Ferguson

Jenifer Norman

In Memory of Rex Graves

Bob and Sandra Norman

In Memory of Nadean Harder

Vincent Harder

In Honor of Dr. Bill and Suzanne Harmon

Robert and Linda Griffin

In Honor of Jo Harper

Amanda Daniels

In Memory of Dr. Don Helms

David and Dana Moseley

In Memory of John Hopper

Bill Hooten Insurance Agency

In Memory of Wetzel LaGrone

Frank and Linda Russenberger

In Memory of Ted Lyons

Bob and Sandra Norman

In Memory of Larry Mabry

Johnny and Julie Morgan
Kenneth and Janice Sutton

In Memory of Dr. Jim Ed McGee

Johnnie and Carolee Hamilton

In Memory of Brenda Montgomery

Tonia Parris

In Honor of Dana Moseley

Jean Pruitt

In Honor of Martha Newton

Bliss and Jan Hicky
Clem and Jamie Barrere

In Honor of Susie Nicholson

Kelley Harmon

In Honor of Hanna Norton

Sarah Phillips

In Memory of E.C. O'Neal

Lynn Hardin
Bob and Sandra Norman
Dan and Sara Yowell

In Honor of Bill Parton

Joyce McCain

In Memory of Jim Porter

Bob Ewell

In Honor of Beverly Shively

Brittney Daubenheyer

In Memory of Elbert Sikes

Tom and Jayne Jones
Johnny and Julie Morgan

In Honor of Cleo Simmons

Rick and Linda Simmons

In Memory of Nadine Simmons

Rick and Linda Simmons

In Honor of John Watson

Jo Harper

In Memory of Dean Wilburn

David and Shirley Dodd
Lynn Hardin
Jo Harper
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Johnny and Julie Morgan
David and Dana Moseley
Kenneth and Janice Sutton

In Honor of Mike Wilkins

Hardy Winburn

In Honor of Marie Cathryn Williams

Amanda Herman

In Memory of Mike Womack

Marti Womack

In Memory of Claire Young

David and Dana Moseley

Gleason Matches Grant from Consulate of Mexico to Provide Scholarship Assistance

Dr. Mildred Diane Gleason, associate professor of history at Arkansas Tech University, has made a \$67,000 gift to the Arkansas Tech Foundation that will allow the institution to provide scholarship assistance for qualified individuals of Mexican descent.

The gift made by Gleason fulfills the final requirement of a \$33,000 grant that Arkansas Tech received from the Consulate of Mexico in Little Rock in November 2014. The university was required to obtain a matching gift of at least \$66,000 in order to receive the grant funding.

"I believe in the mission of public universities to educate all qualified students," said Gleason, an alumna of Arkansas Tech and member of the faculty there since 2009. "I am thrilled to assist in this effort at Arkansas Tech University."

Through the support of the Consulate of Mexico of Little Rock and the generosity of Gleason, Arkansas Tech was able to award seven IME Fellowship scholarships to its students for the spring 2015 semester.

The IME Fellowship recipients at Arkansas Tech for spring 2015 are Dulce A. Baeza, a hospitality administration student from Clarksville; David A. Cortes Moreno, a management and marketing student from Clarksville; Antonio Gomez Garcia, a management and marketing student from Danville; Mari C. Hayes, an educational leadership student from Rogers; Lisbeth Lopez,



an early childhood education student from Danville; Eduardo Rodriguez Martinez, a nursing student from Dardanelle; and Jovana L. Rosas, a political science student from Morrilton.

Applicants for the IME Fellowship must be Mexican or of Mexican origin to qualify. The scholarships are awarded competitively based on academic performance and financial need. Applicants must not be eligible for any other type of scholarship funds or financial aid.

For more information about the IME Fellowship, contact the Arkansas Tech Office of Admissions at (479) 968-0343, (800) 582-6953 or tech.enroll@atu.edu.

Geology Alumni Endow Scholarships in Honor of Professors

A group of Arkansas Tech University geology alumni has banded together to honor two of their mentors with endowed scholarships through the Arkansas Tech Foundation.

The Dr. Richard Cohoon Scholarship and the Dr. Victor Vere Scholarship will help future geology students at Arkansas Tech pursue their studies.

Geology alumni gathered at the home of Cathy Baker in Russellville to surprise Cohoon (photographed, seated right) and Vere (photographed, seated left) with the announcement in fall 2014.

Cohoon served on the Arkansas Tech geology faculty from 1960-2012, while Vere was a member of the Arkansas Tech geology faculty from 1976-98. Both Cohoon and Vere hold the rank professor emeritus of geology at Arkansas Tech.

As part of the fund-raising effort for the scholarships, Arkansas Tech alumni Tammy and David Doyel of Wichita, Kan., endowed an additional scholarship. Their gift has enabled



the Arkansas Tech Foundation to establish the Tracy B. Wright Geology Field Camp Scholarship in memory of one of their Tech classmates.

MARRIAGES

Laura Scheible (ECED/SPAN '03) and Benjamin Bandimere were married on July 5, 2014. Laura teaches at Fairview Elementary School in Fort Smith.

Tara A. Simpson (RPA '06) and Daniel W. Gonzalez were married on Oct. 4, 2014. Tara is a patient activity specialist at Arkansas Children's Hospital. They live in North Little Rock.

Mindy Patton (MGMT/MKTG '07 & M.S. CSP '09) and **Justin Hunthrop (IT '10)** were married on Oct. 4, 2014.

Sarah Alpe (HIM '09) and Eric Neihouse were married on Nov. 8, 2014. They live in Russellville.

Carmen Flurry (ENGL EDU '11) and Jonathan Halbert were married on Oct. 25, 2014. Carmen teaches seventh grade in the Pottsville School District.

Jordan Gomez (JOUR '11) and **Shanda Jameson (HA '11)** were married on Nov. 30, 2014. They live in Little Elm, Texas.

Charlotte Moore (ELEC ENGR '11) and **Daniel McCaulley (MECH ENGR '11)** were married on Aug. 9, 2014. They live in Plano, Texas.

Sara Youngblood (PSY '12) and Tommy Buster were married on Nov. 15, 2014. They live in Oklahoma.

Jessica Weatherford (PSY '13) and Seth McBride were married on Dec. 27, 2014. They live in Mount Ida.

Shayla Vercruyse (MUED '14) and Travis Scates were married on Dec. 7, 2014. Shayla is choir director at Rogers Heritage High School.

BIRTHS

Melody Stanton Armer (COM SCI '99) and **Joe Armer (ALUM)**, a son, Daxton Blaze, Jan. 14, 2015. Daxton has a sister, Faith Kendall.

Amber Brady Cook (MGMT/MKTG '99 & ACCT '04) and her husband, Scott, a daughter, Raylee Michelle, Sept. 9, 2014.

Dustin Hill (MECH ENGR '00) and **Natalie Laymon Hill (NURS '08)**, a son, Dylan, Jan. 20, 2015. Dylan has a brother, Brock; and a sister, Anna Grace.

B.J. Bayer (MECH ENGR '01) and **Kristy Bayer (STAFF)**, a daughter, Sloane, Feb. 25, 2015. Sloane has a brother, Brooks.

Kelly Thornton Bostick (JOUR '02 & M.S. CSP '09) and **Tim Bostick (SOC '06)**, a son, Thomas Fox, Feb. 22, 2015.

Stephanie Ann Parker Duffield (INTL STUDIES '05) and **Luke B. Duffield (ALUM)**, a daughter, Julia Parker, Sept. 29, 2014. Julia has three sisters: Eleanor, Stella and Audrey.

Johnathan Rose (INTL STUDIES '05) and **Kathryn Elizabeth Young Rose (MGMT/MKTG '05)**, a son, Jacob Clark, Nov. 6, 2014. Jacob has two sisters, Chloe and Sophie; and a brother, Eli.

Jennifer Goodman Siebenmorgen (ECED '05) and **Drew Siebenmorgen (HPE '10)**, a son, Isaiah Ethanael, Nov. 6, 2014. Isaiah has a sister, Bella.

Sara McCalman Wessman (ENGL/SPAN '05) and her husband, Chet, a son, Calvin Garrett, Dec. 14, 2014. Calvin has a brother, Sawyer.

Jacob Gould (ENGL '06) and **Rachel Shaw Gould (ECED '11)**, a daughter, Ellen "Ellie" Kaye, July 30, 2014. Ellie has a sister, Emarie.

Kelsey Childress Lawlis ('06) and **Cody Lawlis (ALUM)**, a son, Sutton Samuel, Feb. 23, 2015. Sutton has two sisters, Paxtin Grace and Rowan Greer.

Matt Miller (MECH ENGR '06) and **Amanda Grappe Miller (ECED '09)**, a son, Drake David, Feb. 13, 2015. Drake has a sister, Hallie Grace.

Ryan Burris (EAM '07) and **Brittney Sayer Burris (ACCT '09)**, a daughter, Atley Elise, Nov. 21, 2014. Atley has a sister, Azlyn Mae.

Randi Rudder Lowe (ENGL '07) and her husband, Justin, a daughter, Carter Caroline, Dec. 17, 2014.

Keith Moore (AGBU '07) and **Vandy Sorrells Moore (ECED '07 & M.Ed. '13)**, a daughter, Lindy June, Jan. 1, 2015. Lindy has a sister, Nellie Beth.

Jessica Garner Noblett (ECED '07) and her husband, Jason, a daughter, Sophia Grace, Dec. 8, 2014. Sophia has a sister, Carleigh, and a brother, Jayden.

Robby Tillman (ECON '07) and his wife, Amber, a daughter, Meredith Leigh, Dec. 4, 2014.

Boone Gilbreath (MECH ENGR '08) and his wife, Jessica, a son, Samuel Bridger, Feb. 6, 2015. Samuel has a brother, Thomas.

Shane Hendrix (PHYS SCI '08) and his wife, Marissa, a daughter, Emma Grace, Feb. 22, 2015.

Erin Hall Glover (GS '09 & ECED '11) and **Quinton Glover (NR '11)**, a daughter, Zoey Michelle, Oct. 21, 2014.

Robert Hill IV (MECH ENGR '09) and his wife, Erin, a son, Robert Arthur, June 3, 2014.

Tiffany Terrell Nance (PSY/SOC '09, M.S. PSY '11 & M.Ed. TLL '13) and **Andrew Nance (ELEC ENGR '11)**, a son, Jameson Finn, Feb. 1, 2015. Jameson has a brother, Jackson.

Derek Williams (MGMT/MKTG '09) and **Leah Wiley Williams (ECON '10)**, a son, Maverick Josiah, Feb. 3, 2015. Maverick has a sister, Jenna.

J.D. Henderson (MGMT/MKTG '10) and **Kristen Osborne Henderson (ECED '12)**, a son, Breck Taylor, Feb. 23, 2015.

Kayla Caldwell Johnson ('10) and her husband, Doug, a son, Tripp, Feb. 24, 2015.

Tayler Melton Lynch (MGMT/MKTG '10 & M.S. CSP '13) and her husband, Isaac, a son, Jaxon Blaine, Jan. 24, 2015.

Robert Pruitt (HPE '10) and **Hannah Steffy Pruitt (ECED '10)**, a daughter, Fallyn Ruth, Sept. 15, 2014.

Ryan Racop (WF '10) and his wife, Rachel, a son, Cooper Mack, Feb. 2, 2015.

Ben Smith (MECH ENGR '10) and **Nicole Schumacher Smith (PSY '12)**, a daughter, April Marie, Dec. 29, 2014.

Trevor Burris (WF '11) and his wife, Ashley, a daughter, Elsy Everly, Oct. 1, 2014.

Brittany Edrington (BT '11) and Christopher Jones, a son, Chance Austin, Jan. 27, 2015. Chance has three brothers: Nate, Braden and Tanner; and a sister, Maddison.

Ben Freeman (BPS-EC '11) and his wife, Cassie, a son, Garrison Benton Lee, Dec. 30, 2014.

Danielle Severson McDonald (WF '11) and her husband, Bobby, a daughter, Isabella Rose, Nov. 20, 2014.

Megan Wright Chronister ('12) and her husband, Clay, a son, Reece Alan, Feb. 19, 2015.

Levi Corkern (MECH ENGR '12) and **Chantell Caldwell Corkern (ALUM)**, a daughter, Amelia Shane, Nov. 10, 2014.

Jessica Merrill Crouch (JOUR '12) and **Landen Crouch (MUED '13)**, a son, Jasen Daniel, Feb. 3, 2015.

Lauren Harrison (JOUR '12) and Justin Ramsey, a son, Jett Zachery, Dec. 29, 2014.

Hannah Flowers (ALH '13) and Avery Shepard, a son, Braxton Rane, Feb. 20, 2015.

Andrea G. Harshaw (MUED '14) and her husband, Billy, a son, Elijah Lyrik, Feb. 24, 2015. Elijah has two sisters, Charity and Danielle.

Aaron Smith (BPS '14) and **Frane League (ALUM)**, a daughter, Abigail Ke'ala, Feb. 16, 2015.

1950s

Robert "Rip" Phillips (CHEM '55) was posthumously awarded the Hall of Fame Medallion on Nov. 1, 2014, during the Arkansas Military Veterans Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Little Rock. Rip served the United States in Korea and Vietnam. His decorations from a 24-year active duty career include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal and National Defense Service Medal. His widow, Toni, accepted the Hall of Fame Medallion on his behalf.

Harlon Sory (EDU '56) lives in Bryant with his wife, Jean. Their family includes two children, four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

John Bartlett (BUAD '59) and his wife, Ann, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Nov. 26, 2014. John retired from ConAgra as plant manager in 1993.

1960s

Jo Wentz Wilson (ELEM '64) and **Steve Wilson (BIOL '67)** celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on May 30, 2014.

Carl Barger (HPE '66) and his wife, Lena, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Dec. 19, 2014.

James W. Sick (RPA '68) retired from the Little Rock Parks and Recreation department after 41 years. He was parks maintenance manager and spent 30 years on the Riverfest Board of Directors and Festival Committee.

Aaron DuVall (RPA '69) retired as Pope County sheriff after more than 30 years in law enforcement.

1970s

Johnny Morgan (CHEM '71) retired as president of First State Bank in Russellville in December 2014.

Dr. Gerry Dean Ezell (CHEM '76) and **Carol Bailey Ezell (MUED '81)** have performed extensive mission work in recent years. Dean has visited Zambia and Nicaragua to offer medical services, while Carol has traveled to Haiti to offer dental services. Dean teaches at Harding University and serves as volunteer medical director with the North Little Rock Arkansas Veterans Medical Clinic. Carol works at Charity Dental, which provides dentistry to low-income, no-income and uninsured patients.

Steve Womack (COMM '79) was elected to a third consecutive term in the U.S. House of Representatives. He represents the third district of Arkansas.

1980s

Robert "Steve" Balloun (AGBU '82) was appointed by Gov. Asa Hutchinson to the Arkansas Agriculture Board. His term will expire on Aug. 15, 2017. Steve lives in Dardanelle.

Dr. Keith Fudge (ENGL '82) is the new director of marketing for Arkansas Colleges of Health Education in Fort Smith.

Mark Martin (BUAD '83) and **Kelly Davis (BUAD '81)** officiated their final high school football game on Dec. 6, 2014, when they were part of the crew for the Class 7A state championship game between Bentonville and Fayetteville. Mark, who works for Entergy, is stepping aside following a 32-year career as an official in Arkansas. Kelly, who serves as director of alumni relations at Arkansas Tech, is hanging up his whistle after 30 years in officiating. Their crew for the 7A state championship game also included **Matt Rodden (RPA '05)**, Brad Morris and Matt Martin.

Mike Vaught (HPE '83) was named vice president of athletics at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, Ariz.

Sarah Martin-Bankhead (ELED '85) was promoted to principal of Clearview Elementary School in Waukegan, Ill.

Lloyd T. Jones (ECON '86) joined Parkway Bank in Rogers as vice president for lending.

Shellie Moore Wallace (HIST/POL SCI '89) was named a shareholder in the real estate default services law firm of Wilson and Associates, which has two offices in Arkansas and three in Tennessee. Shellie serves as managing partner/shareholder of the foreclosure legal department.

1990s

Dale Douthit (BUAD '90) was named to the Workers Compensation Commission by Gov. Asa Hutchinson. His appointment expires on Dec. 5, 2020.

Marc Tucker (HPE '90) was hired as head football coach at Paris High School.

Samuel L. Belcher (ENGR '92) was named president and chief nuclear officer for FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company.

Gary Judd (ENGR '92) was invited by Electric Power Research Institute to present two papers concerning the restarting of nuclear reactors in Japan that have been dormant since the earthquake and ensuing tsunami of 2011. He made the presentations Nov. 3-7, 2014, during a conference attended by engineers and managers from companies with nuclear plants in Japan. Gary is lead engineer for Duke Energy in Charlotte, N.C.

Dr. Jason Patton (GEOL '96) was appointed by Gov. Asa Hutchinson to serve on the Arkansas Board of Registration for Professional Geologists. Jason is associate professor of geology at Arkansas Tech.

Michelle Canada (MATH '97) received her Certified Public Accountant certification in August 2014. She was promoted to supervisor of accounting at Arkansas Valley Electric Cooperative in January 2015.

Michael Lamoureux (HIST/POL SCI '97) was named chief of staff for Gov. Asa Hutchinson.

2000s

Josh Masters (ACCT '00) has been named a member of Beall Barclay and Company. He has been with the organization since his graduation from Arkansas Tech, performing public accounting duties as well as audit, tax and consulting services.

J.W. Stratton (ECON '01) will serve a third consecutive one-year term as chair of the Russellville Recreation and Parks Commission in 2015.

Ryan Meyers (MATH '02 & M.S. '05) and **Brett Hobbs (HPE '05)** were assistant coaches for the 2014 3A state championship football team at Charleston High School. It was the Tigers' second consecutive state title.

Josh Price (HPE '03) was voted tri-county high school football coach of the year by The Courier newspaper. Josh led the Dardanelle Sand Lizards to a 13-1 overall record and a berth in the Class 4A state semifinals in 2014.

Ross Baldwin (ACCT '04) was named director of finance for the Arkansas Alumni Association Inc. at the University of Arkansas.

Andrea Lea (EAM '04) was elected auditor for the State of Arkansas.

Bryan Stobaugh (BIOL '06) is a regulatory scientist with Gowan Company in Yuma, Ariz. He is also serving as adjunct faculty and lecturer in genetics at the University of Arizona-Yuma.

Alyson Brooks (EAM '08 & M.S. EMHS '10) is assistant emergency management coordinator for the City of Irving, Texas.

J.R. Davis (JOUR '08) was named communications director for Gov. Asa Hutchinson.

Jess Jordan (NURS '08) joined Clarksville Medical Group as a nurse practitioner. He completed his Master of Science degree in nursing at Cox College in Springfield, Mo., in May 2014. Jess and his wife, Tiffany, live in Clarksville.

Tray Scott (SOC '08 & M.S. CSP '10) was hired as defensive line coach at the University of North Carolina.

2010s

Larry Brown (BPS-EC '10) was elected to the Russellville City Council.

Kori Kimes (AGBU '10 & AG EDU '13) received the 2014 educator of the year award from the Morrilton Area Chamber of Commerce. He teaches agriculture and is the sponsor of Future Farmers of America at Nemo Vista High School.

Blake Rexroat (M.S. CSP '10) was named public relations manager for the City of Weatherford, Texas.

Lydia Grate (JOUR/COMM '11) was hired as public relations coordinator for Club Med at its Peisey Vallandry location in France.

Stevin Williams (HIST/POL SCI '11) passed the Arkansas Bar Exam on Sept. 5, 2014, and joined the Carroll County law firm of Thurman and Flanagin as an associate.

Allyson Johnson (JOUR '12) was hired by the Sells Agency, a full-service marketing firm with offices in Little Rock and Fayetteville. She is serving as a public relations account executive.

Jordan Garcia (POL SCI '14) is working in the Hot Springs office of Congressman Bruce Westerman, who represents the fourth district of Arkansas in the U.S. House of Representatives. Jordan is a field representative and constituent service representative.

Christopher Quillin (EAM '14) was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army during a ceremony on Dec. 20, 2014.

FRIENDS WE'LL MISS

Era Lee Pierce Hillis ('36) died Dec. 30, 2014. She taught school in Conway before assisting her husband, James Ralph Hillis, in his ministry for 30 years. Era Lee lived in Texarkana, Texas. She was 98.

James Herbert Fiser ('41) died Jan. 29, 2015. Jamie served as a pilot in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He remained a member of the Naval Reserves and retired at the rank of captain in 1964. He went on to a career in education, manufacturing plant management and sales. Jamie lived in Memphis, Tenn. He was 92.

Troy Burris (BUAD '46) died March 18, 2015. Troy served his country in World War II and the Korean War. He opened Burris Office Machines, known today as Burris Inc., in 1953 and was president of the Russellville Area Chamber of Commerce in 1967. A boxing letterman during his days as a student, Troy rendered service to Arkansas Tech as president of the Arkansas Tech Alumni Association in 1981-82, chairman of the Arkansas Tech Fund Drive in 1989 and as a member of the Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees from 1986-91. Troy lived in Russellville. He was 93.

Wilbert E. Rownd (ENGR '47) died on Dec. 14, 2014. Bert served in the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Navy during World War II. He went on to a 34-year career with the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department, retiring at the rank of state maintenance engineer. Bert lived in Little Rock. He was 92.

Hanserd Zellon House ('48) died Sept. 5, 2014. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and went on to a career with the Federal Housing Administration. Hanserd lived in Olathe, Kan. He was 92.

John W. Peterson ('48) died Feb. 2, 2015. John served in the U.S. Army in 1945-46, was honorably discharged and then returned to the service during the Korean Conflict. He began his career in radio before transitioning to the ministry and eventually insurance sales. John was president and founder of The Peterson Co., a financial planning firm that has assisted clients for more than 50 years. He was selected to "Who's Who in Finance and Industry" in 1983. John lived in Tulsa, Okla. He was 88.

Rex Eugene London ('49) died Oct. 24, 2014. He worked as an engineer in the electronics industry in California. Rex lived in Palo Alto, Calif. He was 86.

Klara Gayle Carter Elliott ('50) died Feb. 14, 2015. Klara lived in Conway. She was 83.

James Kendrick Andrews (BUAD '51) died Jan. 27, 2015. James served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was retired from Wilson Supply Company in Houston, Texas, where he was controller. James lived in San Antonio, Texas. He was 87.

William David Gonce (BUAD '51) died Nov. 21, 2014. William served in the U.S. Navy and was a real estate broker for more than 50

years. He had offices in Wyoming, Colorado, Arkansas and Nevada. William lived in Las Vegas, Nev. He was 87.

Mary Mae Nowotny Williams (EDU '53) died Jan. 6, 2015. She was a retired teacher. Mary lived in Knoxville. She was 85.

Mildred Dianne Sanders Laird (MUED '57) died Dec. 20, 2014. She taught in the Waldron School District for 38 years and retired in 1995. Mildred lived in Cedar Creek. She was 79.

Charles Eugene Taylor (BUAD '58) died Jan. 20, 2015. Charles served in the U.S. Navy in Korea. He retired from THB Intermediary Inc. in Los Angeles, Calif., as an insurance claims specialist. He was a past member of the Arkansas Tech Alumni Association Board of Directors. Charles lived in Fort Smith. He was 83.

Ivan "Dean" Wilburn (HPE '59) died Nov. 21, 2014. Dean was a four-year letterman and a two-time All-Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference guard for the Wonder Boys basketball program. He was a member of the 1958 AIC champions and two NAIA National Tournament teams. Dean coached high school basketball from 1960-73 before transitioning to the insurance business. He retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield of Arkansas in 1997. From 2001-11, he served on the Arkansas Tech Board of Trustees. Dean lived in Harrison. He was 77.

Robert Bruce Wright (EDU '61) died Feb. 13, 2015. Bob served in the U.S. Navy prior to his enrollment at Arkansas Tech. He was retired from a career as an educator in the Little Rock School District. His community service included work with the East End Volunteer Fire Department and Commission, the Southwest Little Rock Kiwanis Club and the Little Rock South Lions Club. Bob lived in East End. He was 80.

Mary Katherine Olive ('62) died Nov. 23, 2014. Mary lived in Russellville. She was 71.

William Charles Corrotto Jr. (SOC '63) died March 8, 2015. Bill was retired from a career with Riverside Furniture, where he served as vice president of human resources. He was active with the Kiwanis Club, the United Way of Fort Smith, Boy and Girl Scouts of America, Abilities Unlimited, Little League and the American Cancer Society. Bill lived in Fort Smith. He was 75.

Glenna Lemon Cosgrove Avriett (POL SCI '66) died Dec. 3, 2014. Glenna worked at the Naval Air Technical Training Center in Norman, Okla., during World War II. She later served as an administrative assistant at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., before settling in Arkansas. Glenna taught distributive education at Jacksonville High School and was named that discipline's Arkansas teacher of the year. She later served as director of distributive education for the Arkansas Department of Education. Glenna lived in Conway. She was 92.

Terry L. Patton (ACCT '67) died Jan. 19, 2015. He was retired from a 27-year career with AT&T, where he served as a data systems manager. Terry lived in Alpharetta, Ga. He was 70.

Leanne Denton Alexander ('70) died Dec. 15, 2014. Leanne was a cheerleader at Arkansas Tech and a former Miss Rodeo Fort Smith. She taught physical education in the Fort Smith School District, was co-owner of Yesteryears Holiday Shoppe and served as a certified drug and alcohol counselor. Leanne lived in Fort Smith. She was 67.

Joyce Lynn Millwood Pevey (SOC SCI '70) died Nov. 6, 2014. She worked as a bank teller and traveled throughout the southeastern United States to play piano at gospel music conventions. Joyce lived in Monticello. She was 64.

Bertha Jean "Bert" Taylor (ELED '70) died Jan. 13, 2015. Bert lived in Russellville. She was 65.

Wetzel C. LaGrone (BUAD '72) died Nov. 7, 2014. Wetzel retired as chief fiscal officer for the Arkansas Department of Human Services Division of Aging and Adult Services. His community involvement included the West Central Arkansas Area Agency on Aging Foundation, Pope County Senior Center Advisory Council, Arkansas Silver Haired Legislature, Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, Pope County 4-H, Dover City Council, the Arkansas River Valley Arts Center, Kiwanis, Jaycees, Toastmasters and the Arkansas Tech Alumni Association Board of Directors. He was inducted into the Arkansas DHS Senior Hall of Fame and was Dover Area Chamber of Commerce citizen of the year in 2013. Wetzel lived in Dover. He was 80.

William "Rick" Frederick Helmich Jr. (GEOL '75) died Dec. 23, 2014. Rick worked as a geophysicist, computer systems analyst and programmer and geology teacher. He was also a published and award-winning author of science fiction short stories. Rick lived in Avilla. He was 61.

David J. Wilkie (BUAD '78) died Nov. 23, 2014. He was a park ranger for more than 20 years. David lived in Hot Springs. He was 57.

Kay Dodson (BUED '79 & M.Ed. COUN '04) died Nov. 25, 2014. Her career in education included stints at Capital City Business College as an instructor and the Russellville School District as both a language arts teacher and a guidance counselor. Her community service included serving as president of the Junior Auxiliary of Russellville. Kay lived in Russellville. She was 65.

Barry Adrian Mobley (AGBU '80) died Dec. 14, 2014. Barry was the 1979 Arkansas Rodeo Association state bareback champion. He was self-employed as a real estate appraiser. Barry lived in Sheridan. He was 57.

Linda Bryan Yount McGehee (M.Ed. ELED '82) died Nov. 28, 2014. She taught elementary school in Ozark and Paris for 37 years. Linda lived in Paris. She was 75.

Curt Carpenter (MGMT/MKTG '87) died Nov. 19, 2014. He was the former owner of Village on the Creeks Athletic Club in Rogers. Curt lived in Rogers. He was 56.

John Joseph Lane (FW '89) died Nov. 12, 2014. His career provided him with opportunities to work for the USACE Waterways Experiment Station, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Delta Waterfowl

Research Station, the Nature Conservancy, Arkansas Game and Fish Commission and the U.S. Forest Service. John lived in Subiaco. He was 48.

Richard Glenn "Rick" Miller (MATH '89) died Dec. 2, 2014. Rick was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. He went on to graduate from the University of Arkansas Law School. He was public defender in Washington and Benton counties, operated a private law practice in Searcy and worked with Continental Land Company. Rick lived in Searcy. He was 48.

Billy Don Hayes (SOC/MUED '90) died Nov. 6, 2014. Bill worked as a high school teacher and band director. He was later employed by the Conway Human Development Center before retiring in 1998. Bill lived in Conway. He was 79.

Tommie A. Chism (BUAD '92) died Jan. 3, 2015. Tommie served in the U.S. Army for 20 years, including during the Vietnam War. He went on to serve as a supplier quality technician in automotive manufacturing. Tommie lived in Hixson, Tenn. He was 65.

Tamara Billingsley Morgan ('92) died Nov. 6, 2014. Tamara lived in Benton. She was 44.

Juan G. Martinez (M.Ed. '94) died Jan. 24, 2015. He was retired from the U.S. Army and taught Spanish at Fort Smith Northside High School. Juan lived in Fort Smith. He was 54.

Ernestine Elizabeth Stewart (HIST '97, EAM '00 & M.L.A. '04) died Feb. 2, 2015. Ernestine enrolled at Arkansas Tech as a 70-year old freshman and went on to earn three degrees from the institution. She lived in the Arkansas River Valley for 43 years and accumulated 24,500 volunteer service hours at St. Mary's Regional Medical Center. Ernestine lived in Russellville. She was 90.

Elizabeth Sarah Duncan (AGBU '06) died July 29, 2014. She was a teacher at Berryville Elementary School and 4-H leader. Beth lived in Berryville. She was 32.

James Carlton Miller Davis (STUDENT) died Feb. 11, 2015. He was a member of the Arkansas Tech marching band and was employed at KXIO Coffee House in Clarksville. James lived in Russellville. He was 21.

Dr. Don J. Helms (FMR FACULTY) died Nov. 6, 2014. Don joined the full-time faculty at Arkansas Tech at the age of 22. He taught accounting and management at Tech for 30 years before retiring in 1991. He was also a Certified Public Accountant in Russellville for 40 years. Don lived in Russellville. He was 76.

Hildegard Theresa Clara Ann Walter Hoyt (FMR STAFF) died Feb. 19, 2015. She was retired in 1993 after serving on the support staff in the Hull Physical Education Building at Arkansas Tech. Hilda lived in Russellville. She was 90.

Geraldine Spradlin (FMR STAFF) died Nov. 7, 2014. She served as assistant to the president at Arkansas Tech during the administration of Dr. Kenneth Kersh. Gerry lived in Muskogee, Okla. She was 92. |

Tech Represents GAC as Finalist for Award

Arkansas Tech University was selected to represent the Great American Conference as a finalist for the 2015 NCAA Division II Award of Excellence.

According to a news release from the NCAA, the award “recognizes events and activities that exemplify the type of campus and community engagement that the division emphasizes.”

Among the approximately 300 institutions that hold membership in NCAA Division II, only 25 were selected as finalists for the award.

Arkansas Tech earned the recognition based upon its “Green, Gold

and Growing” campaign, a volunteer initiative centered on service projects, interactions, events, fundraisers and engagement of local youth.

This marks the second consecutive year that Arkansas Tech has been selected as the finalist from the Great American Conference for the NCAA Division II Award of Excellence.

The finalists are selected by the NCAA Division II Student-Athlete Advisory Committee. Each finalist institution receives \$500.

All financial awards from the program are earmarked for use toward future community engagement initiatives. |

Golden Suns Win Conference Title, Adams Honored

It's time to make room in the rafters of Tucker Coliseum for yet another women's basketball championship banner.

Arkansas Tech University clinched a share of the 24th regular season conference title in the 38-year history of its intercollegiate women's basketball program with a 77-60 Great American Conference road victory over the University of Arkansas-Monticello Cotton Blossoms on Feb. 28.



“It feels awesome,” said Tech head coach Dave Wilbers. “This is a very, very difficult conference with some tough road trips. It’s almost a survival thing. I couldn’t be more proud of this team to win a conference championship.”

The Golden Suns went on to finish as runner-up in the GAC Tournament. They received an at-large berth in the NCAA Division II Tournament. It was the 12th NCAA Tournament berth since 1998 for Arkansas Tech’s women. Emporia State defeated the Golden Suns 68-51 in the NCAA Tournament Central Regional first round.

Arkansas Tech was led during the 2014-15 season by Fatima Adams. She was voted GAC newcomer of the year, All-GAC first team and All-America.

A junior forward from Bryan, Texas, Adams became the first Golden Sun since Jennifer Richardson in 1997-98 to average more than 20 points per game for an entire season. Adams, Richardson, Donna Brunson, Lanell Dawson and Sherry Raney are the only Arkansas Tech women’s basketball players to ever achieve that feat. |

T-Club Offers Former Student-Athletes Way To Give Back

Former student-athletes and coaches at Arkansas Tech University are invited to join the Alumni T-Club for the 2015-16 academic year. The Alumni T-Club is open to any individual who was awarded an athletic letter, was listed on a team roster or coached in the athletic program at Arkansas Tech. Dues are \$30 per year. Revenues are used to purchase small awards for each letter winner at Arkansas Tech.

According to the mission statement for the organization, the Alumni T-Club “shall support Arkansas Tech University; maintain contact with all athletes who have previously attended Arkansas Tech University and participated in Arkansas Tech athletics; encourage the continued involvement and participation of all

Arkansas Tech University T-Club members in Arkansas Tech University alumni activities; and promote Arkansas Tech by adherence to, and concurrence in, its academic policies, Great American Conference rules, and NCAA rules. The focus of the Alumni T-Club is “to provide for a means to recognize current student-athletes in a consistent and uniform way.” Membership applications are going out in the mail this spring.

The application is also available online at www.techties.atu.edu/Tclub. For more information about the Alumni T-Club, contact Arkansas Tech Director of Alumni Relations Kelly Davis at (479) 968-0242 or kdavis@atu.edu. |



Wonder Boys Rally, Earn Seventh Straight NCAA Division II Tournament Berth

Cinderella wore a green and gold slipper to the 2015 Great American Conference Tournament, and the clock never struck midnight.

Fifth-seeded Arkansas Tech University completed its run through the men's bracket on March 8 with an 80-77 championship game victory over East Central University at Bruin Fieldhouse in Bartlesville, Okla.

The win sent Arkansas Tech to the NCAA Division II Tournament with the automatic bid from the GAC.

It was the seventh consecutive NCAA Tournament berth for the Wonder Boys, matching the longest streak of national tournament berths in Arkansas Tech men's basketball history. Sam Hindsman coached the Wonder Boys to seven straight NAIA National Tournament berths from 1950-56.

Arkansas Tech is one of just seven men's basketball programs with an active streak of seven or more consecutive NCAA Division II Tournament appearances.

The 2015 NCAA Division II Tournament berth might be the most unlikely among Tech's current string of consecutive national tournament bids.

The Wonder Boys were preseason favorites to win the 2014-15 GAC regular season title, but after going 1-6 during a seven-game span in late January they were far from a lock to even earn a berth in the GAC Tournament.

Head coach Chad Kline galvanized his team and Arkansas Tech reversed that trend, going 6-1 in its final seven games to make the league tournament.

"We had high expectations coming into the season," said Kline. "The league is so balanced. With about three weeks left in the season we were on the outside looking in. We just needed to get in the tournament. All the credit goes to the players. I couldn't be happier for them, especially these seniors. It wasn't anything I drew up or anything strategic that I did. It was just a group of guys who didn't want to go home yet."

Wins over Southeastern Oklahoma State University in the first round and Southwestern Oklahoma State University in the semifinals propelled the Wonder Boys to their third championship game appearance in the four-year history of the GAC Tournament.

Tech's Mike Balogun scored a season-high 33 points in the GAC Tournament title contest and was named tournament most valuable player. Jay Murphy finished with 16 points in the GAC Tournament championship game, while Clarence Willard added 15 points and D.J. Jethroe scored 11 points. Murphy and Jethroe were voted to the all-tournament team.

Augustana College defeated the Wonder Boys 104-77 in the first round of the NCAA Tournament. |

Wofford Retires as Adjutant General

Arkansas Tech University alumnus Major General William Wofford was recognized for his eight years as adjutant general for the Arkansas National Guard during a change of command ceremony at Camp Robinson in North Little Rock on Saturday, Feb. 7.

The event marked the conclusion of Wofford's 43-year military career in service to the United States of America.

"General Wofford, you are an exceptional leader and this is reflected in the quality and professionalism of the men and women, soldiers and airmen, that serve this state and its people in the Arkansas National Guard," said Arkansas Gov. Asa Hutchinson during the ceremony. "Whether deployed in far away lands or helping with natural disaster response here at home, the Arkansas National Guard has served the people of Arkansas well during your leadership. We thank you."

Major General Mark H. Berry assumed command of the Arkansas National Guard as adjutant general during the ceremony.

Wofford's journey to the top of the Arkansas National Guard began on May 15, 1971, when he graduated from the ROTC program at Arkansas Tech. Wofford also received a bachelor's degree in mathematics from Tech that day.

By May 1992, he was a colonel. Nine years later, he attained the rank of brigadier general, and on April 28, 2005, Wofford was promoted to major general.

Arkansas Tech honored Wofford in 2008 when he joined the Hall of Distinction.

Among Wofford's final official duties as adjutant general was speaking at the commissioning ceremony for Arkansas Tech graduate Christopher Franklin Quillin on Dec. 20, 2014.

"If you are an officer of character, soldiers will follow you," said Wofford during the commissioning ceremony for Quillin. "They will follow you anywhere and do anything." |



Bibler Inducted into Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame

Arkansas Tech University alumnus James Bibler of Russellville was inducted into the Arkansas Agriculture Hall of Fame on Friday, March 6, at Embassy Suites Hotel in Little Rock.

Bibler was recognized for a lifetime of service to the timber industry,

including his long-time leadership of Bibler Brothers Inc. and his service to numerous professional organizations and government entities, including the Arkansas Forestry Commission. Bibler is a 2011 inductee into the Arkansas Tech Hall of Distinction. |

Holeyfield Wins First-Ever ArkAHPERD Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Annette Holeyfield, professor of health and physical education and head of the Department of Health and Physical Education at Arkansas Tech, is the first recipient of the Arkansas Association for Health, Physical Education, Recreation and Dance (ArkAHPERD) Lifetime Achievement Award.

Holeyfield was surprised with the honor during the annual ArkAHPERD Conference in Little Rock in November.

"No one does this alone," said Holeyfield. "I share this award with my family, my colleagues and my students. They have been incredibly supportive. This is a

reflection of all our efforts as a team."

After earning her Bachelor of Science and Master of Education degrees at Arkansas Tech, Holeyfield served as an elementary physical education specialist in the Russellville School District for six years.

She joined the physical education faculty at Arkansas Tech in 1985, and she earned her Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville in 1997. One year later, she became head of the Arkansas Tech Department of Health and Physical Education, a post she has maintained ever since. |



Jerry's Journal

It was good to be me on Thursday, Feb. 5, 2015. In addition to all of the current students who give me attention on a regular basis, that day provided me with a chance to make many new friends during Time Out for Tech.



There were 1,683 high school seniors on hand for the opening session at Tucker Coliseum. Including parents and families, approximately 3,200 individuals attended Time Out for Tech 2015. The opening session was followed by academic break-out sessions, campus tours, lunch at the various dining options on campus and a photo opportunity with me.

Hosted by the Arkansas Tech Office of Admissions, Time Out for Tech provides high school seniors and their families with a chance to learn more about the academic programs, student housing options and campus life opportunities available on the Russellville campus.

If you know a prospective student who needs more information about Arkansas Tech, have them give us a call at (479) 968-0343 or (800) 582-6953. He or she can also learn more at www.atu.edu/discover.

I hope to see you at an Arkansas Tech event in the near future. In the meantime, check out my photo gallery and videos at www.atu.edu/jerry.

Sincerely,
Jerry the Bulldog
Campus Ambassador



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