

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER



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ACADEMIC AFFAIRS WELCOMES NEW STAFF

We are happy to be back on campus full-time and look forward to seeing everyone. As you already know, Karen Riddell and Pat Chronister are enjoying retirement so the faces in our office have changed. Tanya Martin, previously held positions in HR and on the Ozark campus, is the Academic Budget Coordinator for Academic Affairs. Jill Hays, formerly of Graduate Admissions, will serve as the Administrative Assistant to the Associate Vice President (search in progress). Andrea Eubanks is on maternity leave but will return to her position as the Academic Services Coordinator in August. Michelle Price, the Institutional Assistant for Academic Affairs, is helping everyone adjust to their new positions. Last but certainly not least, Dr. Barbara Johnson, VP, the glue that holds us together is ensuring we continue to serve faculty, staff, and students in the spirit of excellence.

Announcements



Summer Bridge students completed 7 hours toward their degree. This program offers freshmen a jump on earning college credits during the summer while receiving guidance and support from peer mentors. The program provides opportunities to build connections and engage in academic development activities.

Thank you Dr. Jeanine Myers, Dr. Arwen Taylor, Dr. Jason Warnick, Leslie Bain, and Kristi Brown for your leadership with this program.

Online Teaching Academy

A grant from Arkansas Division of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) was granted to Arkansas Tech to offer an Online Teaching Academy for 2021-2022. The summer boot camp (July 12 - 23) will enable teachers to develop the fundamental skills necessary to be effective online teachers. This academy will increase the Arkansas Public Schools ability to offer effective online instruction for current and future students. Appreciation to Dr. Rebecca Calloway for leading this academy.

Computer Science and Computing Educator Academy

Arkansas Tech received a grant from the Arkansas Department of Education for students to learn basic computer science, receive preparation for passing the Computer Science Content Knowledge Praxis exam, gain approval to teach high school computer science courses, earn postsecondary credits for academy completion, and expand skills in specialized areas aligned to state-adopted programs of study. Participants who successfully complete all ADE and ATU requirements during the academy will receive credit for two ATU graduate-level courses in Information Technology. Kudos to Sarah Burnett for her leadership with this grant.

Coming back to ATU... *Arkansas Governor's School!*



The 42nd annual Arkansas Governor's School (AGS) begins July 5, 2021. In case you had not heard the great news, Arkansas Tech was chosen again to host AGS for a new three year cycle starting 2022. This four-week program is funded by the Arkansas State Legislature and provides upcoming Arkansas high school seniors an intellectual atmosphere that cannot be found in a regular classroom setting. A hearty thank you to all the AGS Faculty and Staff who ensure we provide a great experience. Kudos to Dr. Robin Lasey and Dr. Jeffrey Woods for their leadership in preparing the winning grant proposal.

ESOL Institute

Arkansas Tech received a grant from the Arkansas Department of Education offering the ESOL Institute in 2021-2022 that will feature nationally recognized TESOL scholars and teachers. Those completing the workshops and online assignments will earn twelve graduate hours of credit that will partially fulfill requirements for an ESL endorsement. Dr. Chih-Hsin Hsu is leading the institute.

Dates to Remember

Summer

Non-Classified Performance Review deadline

June 30

June/July session ends

July 1



Fourth of July holiday

July 5

Classes begin

July 6

July/August session ends

August 4

Commencement

August 7

Fall Term 2021

College/Department Meetings

August 11

CETL Professional Development

August 11

Welcome Back Address

August 12

Classes begin

August 18

Labor Day holiday

September 6

For more details go to: <https://www.atu.edu/catalog/undergraduate/calendar.php>