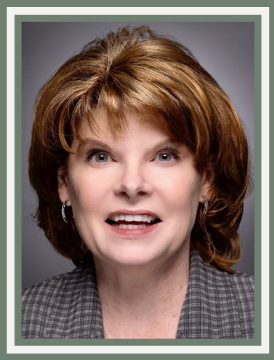


A Word from Dr. Julie Furst-Bowe



It's been a month since I arrived at ATU, and I have been extremely impressed with our faculty, staff and students. I have had the opportunity to attend student research presentations for students in Nursing, Agriculture, and the University Honors Program. I have attended outstanding band and choir concerts, a screening of a student film, and a ceremony where students signed pledges to become future educators. And there have been numerous banquets, receptions, and other events commemorating student accomplishments, faculty awards and staff recognitions. It's been exciting to see faculty, staff, students, administrators and community members come together to launch a fundraising campaign, walk together in support of a worthy cause, or work together to update the University's Strategic Plan. ATU is an institution that lives its mission each day as I see faculty and staff who are dedicated to student success and excellence. Your efforts and engagement are to be commended, and I am looking forward to celebrating with on at spring commencement on May 6 and May 7.

Upcoming Events

Academic Affairs Spring Farewell

Dr. Furst-Bowe will hold the Spring Farewell via WebEx for all the end-of-semester announcements, years of service awards, and to recognize those retiring. Please join us on Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 1:00pm. The link will be posted to the Academic Affairs webpage the morning of the 5th: <https://www.atu.edu/academics/>

Spring 2022 Commencement

Thursday, May 5, 2022	
6:00pm	Ozark Campus
Friday, May 6, 2022	
7:00pm	Graduate College
	College of Business
	College of Education
Saturday, May 7, 2022	
10:00am	College of Arts & Humanities
	University College
2:00pm	College of Engineering & Applied Sciences
	College of Natural & Health Sciences

2021 *Academic Accomplishments*

The Academic Accomplishments for 2021 have been published. If you missed it, go to <https://www.atu.edu/academics/facultyaccomplishments.php> for the publication.

College Highlights

Arts & Humanities



Dr. Penny Willmering, pictured above, accepted the award for ATU.

ATU Rehab Science Honored at 22nd Annual National Rehabilitation Educators Conference

ATU was recognized as the first institution in the United States to receive accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) for an in-person rehabilitation science undergraduate degree program.

Business



Wall Street Experience - Dr. Ahmed Elkassabgi took 10 students to New York City for a week to tour Wall Street, visit the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, and experience many other historic and cultural sites. Notably, a significant portion of the funds used to pay for the trip were profits generated by the Student Managed Investment Fund (SMIF).

The ATU College of Business sponsored the interview competition for the Arkansas EAST State Conference.

College of Business faculty collectively published 15 journal articles this academic year.

The ATU College of Business Phi Beta Lambda (PBL) chapter sent 13 students to state competition for first time; 8 of these students won competitions and will advance to national competition in Chicago.

Accounting - Three ATU accounting students were selected by the Arkansas Society of CPAs for merit scholarships totaling \$5,000.

College Highlights

ATU College of Business High School Business Challenge - Students from 34 high schools across Arkansas competed in our annual business plan competition. The top students won a total of \$1500 in prize money and \$10,000 in ATU scholarships.

SBDTC:

Business

- 279 unique clients served through 980 hours of consulting
- 78 client sessions were held on campus – 70 at Russellville and 8 at Ozark
- 31 businesses were started with the assistance of our center
- \$9,228,739 in capital was raised
- 59 new full-time jobs were added and 45 new part-time jobs were added
- 25 educational events were held with 325 people attending. Of those, 160 attended events on campus (151 Russellville and 9 Ozark)
- 46 Marketing Strategies students worked directly with 10 ASBTDC clients to deliver marketing plans – 671 student hours were invested
- One of my clients was named SBA's Arkansas 2022 Business Person of the Year

Education



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DEPARTMENT
OF EDUCATION

Grant Award Agreement Arkansas Department of Education

Innovation in Licensure Assessment Preparation Grant
February 14, 2022 – May 31, 2022

The College of Education (COE) has received renewal for the Online Teaching Academy

- Renewal approximately \$230,000
- Increased size to thirty (30) students
- Eight (8) of the twenty (20) completers from last years academy are coming to complete their Masters degree at ATU

Innovations in Licensure Assessment Innovation Grants were awarded to Dr. Theresa Cullen and Krystal Shipp

- \$8,000 total
- To be used to purchase materials to study for Praxis exams and pay students to do Praxis Prep workshops

College Highlights

Education



The College of Education (COE) has received a \$100,000 Grant from Forward Arkansas to assist with the Transformation of our Teacher Education Program (Phase One).

COE is working on the proposal (Phase Two) for additional monies to complete the Transformation to a residency internship with students being paid for their work at the school.

Engineering & Applied Sciences

ATU received \$566,646 from the Arkansas Department of Education to continue the Computer Science and Computing Educator Academy for a second year. The Academy will provide funding for up to 60 teachers to complete up to 18 hours of graduate study in the MS in Information Technology program.

Natural & Health Sciences

- Nursing Federal Funds for Nursing Programs (\$675,000)
- Windgate Grant for Nursing simulation equipment (\$274,000)
- Windgate Grant for Biological Sciences Pathways to Medical Professions (\$105,000)
- McEver Hall Laboratory Renovations (1.75 Million) This first phase will take place starting this summer through the spring semester.

Graduate College

The inaugural semester of the Accelerated Bachelors to Master's Program is wrapping up.

- History and English
- More programs to come in 2022-2023

The first issue of the ATU Journal of Graduate Student Research will be published at the end of May 2022 and will be accessible through the ATU Online Research Commons
<https://orc.library.atu.edu/>

College Highlights

Congratulations to Faculty and Staff awarded grants this past year:

ABB Motors and Mechanical Inc.
Carl Greco

Arkansas Space Grant Consortium
Seyed Ehsan Hosseini

Arkansas Department of Education
Sarah Burnett
Theresa Cullen
Rebecca Callaway
Chih-Hsin Hsu
Robin Lasey
Krystal Shipp

Department of Defense
Tom Nupp

Division of Children & Family Services
Beth Branton
Jennifer Blassingame

Arkansas Department of Health
Sue Colvin

Forward Arkansas
Linda Bean and Tim Carter

Arkansas Department of Higher Ed
Jonathan Aguirre-Lopez
Nicolas Jones

GBMc & Associates
Sue Colvin

Arkansas Economic Development Commission
Jia Weijia

Lakewood Property Owners Assoc
John Jackson and Sue Colvin

Arkansas Game & Fish Commission
Jorista Garrie
Sue Colvin

National Endowment for the Humanities
Scott O'Neil

Arkansas Idea Network of Biomedical Research Excellence
Surya Jyoti Banerjee
Ty Yamashita
Rajib Choudhury

National Science Teaching Assoc
Jessica Young

Small Business Assoc
Ronda Hawkins

College Highlights

Continuation of the Faculty and Staff awarded grants this past year:

Graduate College

United States Department of
Agriculture
Jorista Garrie

Universities Space Research Assoc
Matthew Hankins

GBMc & Associates
Sue Colvin

Lakewood Property Owners Assoc
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Have a great summer!

