

# ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

## Presidential Inauguration

Arkansas Tech University will host an inauguration for its 12th president, Dr. Robin E. Bowen, on Friday, April 17 at 2 p.m. Faculty members are invited to march in academic regalia as part of the ceremony. The processional will convene at BazTech at 1:15 p.m. Every member of the university community is invited and strongly encouraged to attend the inauguration. If you plan to participate in the processional, which is also strongly encouraged, please inform Academic Affairs at 968-0319 or [academicaffairs@atu.edu](mailto:academicaffairs@atu.edu) by Friday, April 10.

## Faculty Recognition Reception

The Office of Academic Affairs will host a recognition reception on Wednesday, April 22 in the Chambers Cafeteria West Dining Room. The reception will take place from 3:00-5:00 p.m. Faculty, staff and administrators as well as the family of the honorees are invited. The event is intended to show appreciation to Tech faculty members who have reached milestones in their service to the university, to honor retirees and to spotlight faculty members who have performed exceptional work in their respective fields. Please see the second page for a list of honorees.

## FERPA Reminder

Please remember to maintain student privacy. Information about a student's grades, Student Account or Financial Aid details cannot be discussed with parents, spouses, etc. unless the student has provided written permission through a FERPA form. A general FERPA form can be found on the University Counsel website: <http://www.atu.edu/ucounsel/>. A Student Account FERPA form can be found on Student Account's website: [http://www.atu.edu/stuaccts/docs/FERPA\\_Form.pdf](http://www.atu.edu/stuaccts/docs/FERPA_Form.pdf). A Student Account FERPA form will also release Financial Aid information. The student is also releasing Financial Aid information when completing the Financial Aid Supplement found on Financial Aid's website: [http://www.atu.edu/finaid/docs/2015-2016\\_Supplement\\_Form.pdf](http://www.atu.edu/finaid/docs/2015-2016_Supplement_Form.pdf).

## Student Recruitment

Every special event a department hosts involving potential students (e.g. camp or a special visiting day) is a good opportunity to collect contact information. The Admissions Office can provide Recruitment Cards to be distributed during these events. The cards are returned to the Admissions Office and the data is entered into Banner for later enrollment information distribution. Please contact the Admissions Office to request Recruitment Cards at 968-0343 or [sdonnell@atu.edu](mailto:sdonnell@atu.edu).

## Workshop Preview

On May 7, 2015, Dr. Mark Taylor, a training consultant, will present an all day workshop for the full-time faculty. As a teaser, Dr. Taylor will be visiting the campus on Wednesday, April 22, and will present a preview of his workshop in Pendergraft 300 South. The session will last approximately one hour and will begin at 1:00p.m. For more information on Dr. Taylor, visit his website at: [www.taylorprograms.com](http://www.taylorprograms.com).

The 2015-16 catalogs are now online at <http://www.atu.edu/academics/catalogs.php>.

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## Dates to Remember:

- **Early registration for summer and fall semesters, April 6—22.**
- **Deadline to inform Academic Affairs of participation in Inauguration, Friday, April 10.**
- **Applications for Assistant Director of University Honors and Director of CETL due by Wednesday, April 15.**
- **Deadline for Professional Development Grant applications, Wednesday, April 15.**
- **Dr. Bowen's Presidential Inauguration, Friday, April 17.**
- **The last day to drop a class, Friday, April 17.**
- **Dr. Mark Taylor's Workshop Preview, Wednesday, April 22 at 1:00P in RPL 300 South.**
- **Faculty Recognition Reception, Wednesday, April 22 from 3:00-5:00P in the West Dining Room.**
- **TECH 1001 Informational Meetings, Thursday, April 23 at 2:00P and Friday, April 24 at 1:30P. Contact Dr. Susan Underwood, [sunderwood@atu.edu](mailto:sunderwood@atu.edu).**
- **Final grades due by noon on Wednesday, May 6.**
- **Deadline to send Curriculum to the Dean, Wednesday, July 1.**

## **Recognition Reception Honorees**

The following faculty members, among others, will be honored during the Recognition Reception in the West Dining Room on Wednesday, April 22 at 3:00 p.m.

### **Emeritus**

David W. Krueger, Professor Emeritus of History

### **Retiring**

Dr. Charles Busch, Professor of Philosophy

Dr. Michael Ritchie, Professor of English

Dr. Mary Ann Rollans, Dean, College of Professional Studies and  
Community Outreach and Professor of Secondary Education

Ms. Margaret Wilkerson, Associate Professor of Rehabilitation Science

Dr. Sid Womack, Professor of Curriculum and Instruction

### **50 Years of Service**

Dr. Michael Link, Associate Professor of History

### **40 Years of Service**

Dr. Michael Keisler, Professor of Mathematics

### **35 Years of Service**

Mr. Kenneth Futterer, Associate Professor of Music

Ms. Karen Futterer, Associate Professor of Music

Dr. Mary Ann Rollans, Professor of Secondary Education

### **30 Years of Service**

Mr. Kenneth Shores, Associate Professor of Mathematics

Dr. Theresa Herrick, Professor of Recreation and Park Administration

Dr. Annette Holeyfield, Professor of Physical Education

### **25 Years of Service**

Dr. Charles Gagen, Professor of Fisheries Science

Dr. George Johnson, Associate Professor of Biology

### **20 Years of Service**

Dr. Michael Benefield, Associate Professor of Finance

Dr. Thomas DeBlack, Professor of History

Mr. Thomas Pennington, Professor of Legal Studies