2015 Faculty Conference
August 19, 2015
In the past three years . . .
More than $150 million in facilities work
- Childhood Services Expansion
- Opening of Student Activity Center
- Centennial Stadium Expansion
- Student housing improvements
  - Sorority Row & Honors Living-Learning Community
- Completion of Humanities and Social Sciences

“The campus looks brand new” – Democrat-Gazette editorial
Student Activity Center

Indoor activity space for all students

- Supports campus intramurals
- Practice facility for student groups
- Enhances varsity student-athletes
- Elevates our club sport groups
Humanities and Social Sciences

- Original concept in early 2000s
- Steel work topped out in 2012
- Final cost: $37 million
Humanities and Social Sciences

- 124,000 square feet
- Completes decades-long promise
- Model for Mexico campus design
- State-of-art teaching facility with 37 learning areas
- Common spaces for student-faculty interaction

“The design fundamentally changes campus.”

– Mike Beebe
NYITCOM at A-State

This changes everything

New York Institute of Technology’s second instructional site

- Brings Osteopathic Medical curriculum to our region
- Vital asset to addressing medical needs of the Delta
- Opportunity to renovate historic Wilson Hall
A-State Achievement

- Apple Distinguished Program
  - First-Year Experience faculty collaboration
The Backbone of Campus

Faculty highlights in 2014-15

- Argelia Lorence named Arkansas Research Alliance Fellow
- Blair Dean one of 47 in U.S. on the President’s Council on Fitness
- Numerous article and book awards
  - Letitia Woods Brown Award to Cherisse Jones-Branch
  - Bernard J. LaLonde Award to John Mello and Shane Hunt
The Backbone of Campus

Faculty scholarship and creative activity in 2014-15

- Hosting the first Delta Research Consortium
- John Salvest’s art displayed at Crystal Bridges
- Amy Pearce, Karen Yanowitz and Anne Grippo initiating the Arkansas Science Festival
- Hans Hacker selected as editor for Administrative Law & Praxis
- Michael Bowman establishing Delta Flix Film & Media Festival
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Faculty leadership in funded research for 2014-15

- Shiguang Yu, $1.7m from NIH
- Argelia Lorence, $1.36m from NSF
- Malathi Srivatsan, $750k from NSF
- Thomas Ratliff, $769k from NIJ
Building a Global Outlook

- Marika Kyriakos joining OperaMaya faculty
- Jacob Ausderan travel to North Korea
- Global Initiatives hosting Mexican government “Proyecta 100,000”
- Agreement with Sri Lankan Horizon University
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Study-Abroad Projects

- Rebecca Oliver leading Honors WWII course to Europe
- Gabe Tait guiding Red Wolves Leadership to London
- Irina Khramtsova & Melissa Wilkinson with students to Lanjaron, Spain
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Study-Abroad Projects

- A-State Global Student Leaders in Belize
- Kim Vickery with art students in Italy
- Nikesha Nesbitt group in Japan
Get to Know . . .

Faculty feature series

- Highlighting the personalities of our faculty
- Recognized more than 30 in the last year
- Did you know that . . .
  - Hans Hacker raced bicycles in college
  - Coffee puts Peter Larbi to sleep
  - Ryan Kelly enjoys eggs laid by his backyard chickens
  - Brandon Kemp and Gill Strait both play guitar
  - Ali Khalil was born in Syria and is a big Michael Jackson fan
  - Holly Hall was a radio DJ in high school
  - Paul Sikkel’s favorite movie is Anchorman
  - The city Po-Lin Pan wants to visit is Paris
  - Stephen Guffey might be obsessed with golf
  - Julie Isaacon’s must TiVo series is Madame Secretary
The Chancellor’s Exemplary A-State Colleague Award

Inaugural recipient: Julie Isaacson

- Faculty Senate Chair, 2012-2015
Events hosted at the Chancellor’s Residence
- Goal of bringing every student to visit during their career
- Hosted more than 3,000 guests this past year
Investing in the Future of A-State

Record-setting year in fundraising
- Best giving year in A-State history
- Three endowed professorships
  - Accounting, engineering & nursing
- Highest alumni giving rate ever
- Endowed scholarships secured

TOTAL GIVING TO A-STATE

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(*all-time record)
Building the A-State Community

Spanning Generations & Locations
- Reconnecting with alumni
- Red Wolf Boulevard
- Fostering a social community
  - The largest university Facebook in Arkansas
- Showing Pack Pride with WOLVES UP
Student Achievement

During 2014-15

- Third consecutive best prepared first-year class
  - And we anticipate a fourth this fall
- Record numbers of student participation in research projects
- Three Governor’s Cup wins for business plans
- Engineering Bridge Team’s regional three-peat
- Three perfect scores on physical therapy exam
- 2015 Miss Arkansas pageant 1st & 3rd runners-up
- Students participating in OperaMaya
During 2014-15

- Conference champions and all-Americans
  - Fourth consecutive bowl game
  - Women’s basketball regular season title
  - Track teams dominate SBC
  - Roelf Pienaar’s World Univ. Games bronze
- Sun Belt Academic Champions
- National ranking for intermural rugby & softball teams
- Greatest of all: another 3,000+ graduates last year
A Destination Campus

The students are leading the way

- One out of two students that take an official visit enroll here
- Third consecutive year of on-campus housing at maximum capacity
- An 82% growth in Honors College students in last five years
- More than 60% growth in Greek life activity
- Record numbers of student life group membership