



2015 Faculty Conference

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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



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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



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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



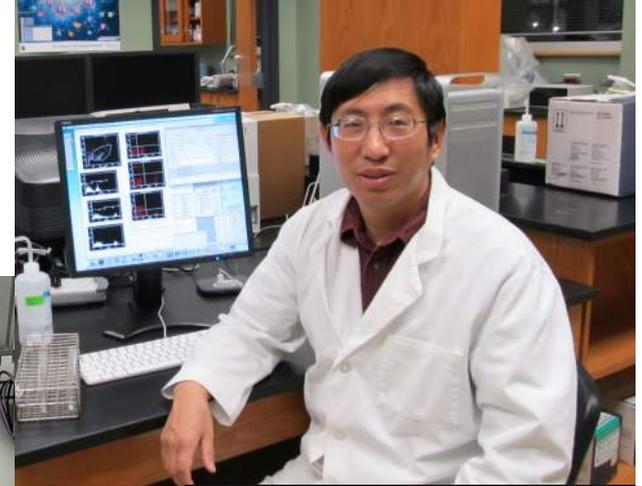


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Faculty leadership in funded research for 2014-15

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



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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



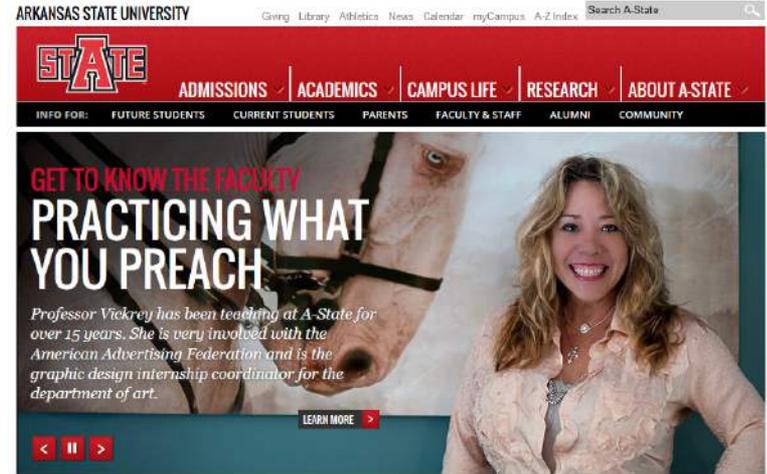


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Get to Know . . .

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 Isaacson's must TiVo series is Madame Secretary



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The Chancellor's Exemplary A-State Colleague Award

Inaugural recipient: Julie Isaacson

- Faculty Senate Chair, 2012-2015



The Campus' Home

Events hosted at the Chancellor's Residence

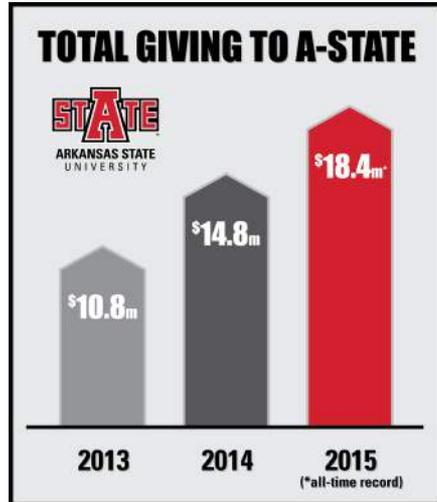
- Goal of bringing every student to visit during their career
- Hosted more than 3,000 guests this past year



Investing in the Future of A-State

Record-setting year in fundraising

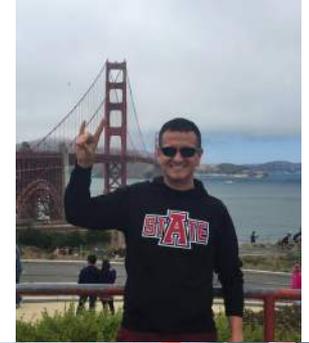
- Best giving year in A-State history
- Three endowed professorships
 - Accounting, engineering & nursing
- Highest alumni giving rate ever
- Endowed scholarships secured



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





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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

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Student Achievement



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



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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



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