I have had the distinct pleasure to serve as Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science which became official on July 1, 2016.

The College has had a busy, but productive, summer and fall 2016 semester. I am excited to be working with such excellent faculty and staff. With pleasure I announce the addition of one interim associate dean, four assistant professors, and two instructors. The names of these individuals are featured in the newsletter, and I would like to welcome them. These new faculty members bring with them extensive preparation and expertise in a variety of fields, such as cognition study, enhancing perception of stimuli to promote learning, research expertise, public school leadership, and a grant. I also want to welcome a new fiscal support specialist, a new college advisor, a new department advisor, and two new administrative specialists. We feel fortunate to have been able to attract such highly qualified individuals who will contribute to the work of the college.

Recruitment of students has been a major area for the College of Education and Behavioral Science. We have been a part of each Senior Preview Day, Transfer Student Visits, high school visits, and college fairs. The Fall 2016 full-time enrollment for the college is 1,984 with 1,065 undergraduates and 924 graduates. The student semester credit hour (SSCH) total is 27,069 with 15,980 undergraduate and 11,089 graduate. As we work with our students we provide many opportunities for them, such as membership in professional associations, presenting at national, regional, and state conferences, research activities, and furthering their academic knowledge and expertise. Our graduates, whether they become teachers, counselors, health educators, or school leaders, are the ambassadors for our college in the state and nationwide.

Faculty have been working diligently on self-studies for accreditation. The Commission on Sport Management Accreditation (COSMA) team was on campus October 27-28. Through the leadership and diligent work of Dr. David LaVetter, Dr. Lance Bryant, Dr. Paul Fincicum, Dr. Claudia Espinoza, and Dr. Joyce Olushola the program was reviewed to determine how well the sport management program educates and prepares students for a career in the sport management industry. Also, we have been working on the self-study for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) visit November 5-7, 2017. A team of faculty have been writing to the five standards expected for accrediting teacher education. Mental health counseling faculty have been writing for the Council for Accreditation of Counseling & Related Educational Programs (CACREP).

We are proud to be the largest teacher education and educational leadership producing program; however, we have many programs in the college that exemplifies the high standards we bring to our students. We continue to have many programs and degrees to serve today’s students. I encourage you to visit our web site http://www.astate.edu/college/education/ to view our programs and happenings of the college. Thank you in advance for taking the time to visit our website and learn about us.

**Interesting to note:** In October 2016, Jose Montoya Gutierrez a sixth grade student from Palomino Intermediate School in Phoenix, Arizona contacted the Dean’s Office explaining that he was writing a letter to Arkansas State University in order to practice his business letter writing skills. Jose explained quite eloquently that his school worked hard to promote the importance of going to college and that each class at his school represented a different university from around the United States. While his class as a whole represented Arizona State University (the other ASU), he would one day like to attend A-State and asked if he could represent our university. So, in November, an official letter was mailed to Jose thanking him for his interest in A-State and included an A-State pennant for his school, a lapel pin, and an autographed 2016 Red Wolf football poster. As one might expect, a hand written thank you note (with photo) was received from Jose within the week! Who knows, maybe Jose will join the A-State class of 2023?

Howl yes!
Homecoming Celebration  
Friday, October 14, 2016

The Homecoming Celebration held on Friday, October 14 was an exciting time for the college and its alumni. The college proudly recognized the following alumni: Dr. Sharon Taylor, Educational Leadership, Curriculum, and Special Education; Mr. Chris T. Stone, Health, Physical Education & Sport Sciences; Mr. Phil L. Taylor, Psychology & Counseling; Mrs. Jackie Dedman Govan, Teacher Education. Dr. Doug Whitlock and his wife, Dr. Lynita Cooksey, and Dr. Gina Hogue joined us in celebrating our alumni’s accomplishments.

Outstanding Alumni

Guests: Sidney Moncrief & Jill Clogston

Guest & Honoree: Beverly Boals Gilbert & Jackie Dedman Govan

Dean Mary Jane Bradley welcomes honorees & guests

College News

Dr. Lance G. Bryant joined the Dean’s Office as Interim Associate Dean on August 11, 2016. Dr. Bryant is a Professor of Physical Education Teacher Education (PETE) in the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences (HPRESS). He joined A-State in August 2007. Dr. Bryant earned his undergraduate degree in Health and Physical Education and his master’s degree in Sport Administration from Mississippi State University. He holds a Ph.D. in Sport Pedagogy from The University of Alabama.

Dr. Bryant has served in several capacities while at A-State including Interim Department Chair, undergraduate PETE Program Director, and Graduate Program Director for HPRESS. He has published numerous papers on the social and cultural contexts that shape education and maintains research interests in student perceptions of various aspects of pre-professional programs and the applications of social media to teacher preparation. Lance is married to Sara who works at International Studies Magnet School in Jonesboro and they have two sons, Noah and Andrew.

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We are beginning this year with a warm welcome to new members of the A-State faculty for the 2016-2017 academic year. Four new assistant professors joined the College. They are: Heloisa Campos, Psychology; Alicia Shaw, Education; Robert Williams, Education; and Tan Zhang, Physical Education. Two instructors also joined the faculty this semester. They are: Brittany Johnson, Physical Education and Mary (Kate) Titzworth, Exercise Science.

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Million Women Mentors Launch—Advancing Women and Girls in STEM Careers Through Mentoring, was held on the A-State campus November 15, 2016. Girls in junior high and high school as well as college were invited to attend. Also in attendance were business and industry professionals, educators, parents, legislators, etc.

Walmart and Arkansas Lt. Governor Tim Griffin, are proactively responding with the Million Women Mentors (MWM) program. This is a STEM mentoring program that connects professional STEM mentors to young women with a goal to increase the STEM workforce through mentoring starting in Arkansas and then expanding nationwide.

The agenda included speakers from across the state, including Lt. Governor Tim Griffin.

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The College of Education and Behavioral Science is excited to announce the new “Student Ambassadors” for the 2016-2017 academic year. Stephen Berry, Samantha Nelson, Lindsey Boelzner, Hanna Dailey, Caroline Chalupka, Melanie Griffey, Madison Cate, Brooklyn Hinson, Allison Birkhead, Madison Brooks, Brittany Dubose, Hannah Stewart, Brandon Higdon, Lauren Dubar, Helen Jennings-Hood, Christyal Holloway, Jordan Shelton, Karon O’Donald Hill, Daria Lurchenko, and Alicia Parker. Congratulations and welcome on board!

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The College has been very busy this fall. Dr. Jeannie Oliver, Academic Advisor for the College, has shared valuable information at local college fairs where several students from various high schools such as West Memphis, Blytheville, Central High, Kennett High School just to name a few. The students expressed an interest in Teacher Education, Psychology, Special Education, Physical Education, Exercise Science, and Sports Management. A-State Recruitment Department sponsored several Senior Preview Days over the past few weeks. One Preview Day hosted 336 high school students in October. These high school students and parents from various states met with faculty and staff in different departments/programs. Staff and faculty in the College were also very busy with both high school and transfer visits from local high school students and transfer students from several community colleges. These students had an opportunity to meet with an advisor, program chair or coordinator in the various departments. Transfer visits are relatively new in recruiting. Dr. Oliver can be reached at: joliver@astate.edu or (870) 972-3057. Recruitment activities will begin again in January.

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The educational specialist (Ed.S.) school psychology track/program achieved a major milestone in the program’s development. The National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) Program Approval Board (PAB) granted the A-State school psychology graduate program of study “full approval,” stated Dr. John Hall, Professor of Psychology and Counseling and coordinator of the program. The A-State program was first approved by NASP in 2009.

NASP serves as the Specialized Program Association (SPA) for the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).

“This decision means the National Association of School Psychologists (NASP) program review process, which is tied to our college CAEP accreditation, found that our graduate school psychology program demonstrated consistency with the NASP’s “Standards for Training and Field Placement Program in School Psychology,” Dr. Hall explained. “This approval and recognition is a key indicator of Arkansas State’s quality graduate education in school psychology, comprehensive content, and extensive and properly supervised field experiences and internships.”

“We are proud that our school psychology program continues to meet the rigorous national standards for the preparation of our students,” said Dr. Mary Jane Bradley, Dean of the College of Education and Behavioral Science. “With graduation from our NASP accredited program, our students demonstrate professional excellence, a high standard for practice to families and administrators, and credibility for employers. With the guidance of Dr. John Hall, School Psychology Program Coordinator, our program provides area schools with well-qualified psychologists to work with students and families.”

Individuals who may be interested in pursuing the educational specialist program in school psychology may contact Dr. John Hall at jhall@astate.edu or (870) 972-3064.
The 2016 Arkansas Science Festival was a week of science-filled fun in October. Festival events were launched with the Mad Scientist Glo Run & Science Fun Night on the A-State campus followed by Science at the Market at the A-State Regional Farmers' Market. Weekday events included the Mindfulness, Biofeedback and Coloring workshop, Maker Space at the Craighead County Jonesboro Public Library, MatheMagic! starring Bradley Fields at Fowler Center, and Science is Electric at the A-State Museum. The annual festival attracted over 2,000 attendees and was a collaboration of faculty, administrators, staff and students in the College of Education and Behavioral Science (COEBS), the College of Sciences and Mathematics (CSM), the College of Nursing and Health Professions (CNHP) and the Office of Research and Technology Transfer, along with the Northeast Arkansas community. Directors are Drs. Amy R. Pearce and Karen Yanowitz in the Department of Psychology and Counseling and Dr. Anne Grippo, Associate Dean of the College of Sciences and Mathematics. The festival has been supported internally by COEBS, CSM, and CNHP and externally by awards from the Kays Foundation and the Science Festival Alliance.

Pictured: Arkansas Science Festival’s Science Fun Night in the Lab Sciences Building on the campus of Arkansas State University 2016.

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The Department of Psychology and Counseling participated in development of the first A-State Impact Team this fall. As a way to support the Science Festival, Drs. Yanowitz and Pearce met with the new Creative Commons University Committee to request student support for this year’s event. The Creative Commons faculty board assists faculty with campus projects ranging from research to community involvement by designing interdisciplinary student impact teams that best fit the nature of the proposed project. In this case, student group was designed to assess the impact of the Science Festival. Students represented the Colleges of Business, Liberal Arts and Communications, Education and Behavioral Science as well as Undergraduate Studies. The Impact Team is still in the process of compiling the final report which will be shared at Creat@A-State Spring 2017. Students who participate in an A-State Impact Team and successfully complete the mission receive notification of involvement on their transcript and are awarded a graduation medallion. Students in this team will receive recognition for community involvement.

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Congrats to team COEBS Red Wolves for winning the Health for The Holidays Team Challenge! COEBS Teammates Ryan Kelly, Caroline Kelly, Claudia Benevides, Jonathan Ambes, Lacy Overley, and Jeannie Oliver all won a Garmin Vivofit 3 Activity Tracker.

Great job to everyone that participated this year! Enjoy your holiday break and always strive to improve your health and wellness...you won’t regret it.

Department News

Educational Leadership, Curriculum and Special Education


Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences

Dr. Claudia Benavides, Associate Professor of Sports Management, was leader for the second edition of the Red Wolves Leadership Academy Study Abroad Program. A-State’s all-Athletics Department study abroad program involves student participants from multiple sports programs.

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Ms. Lyric Hupp, an AT student, contributed the winning entry to the Deloss Brubaker Undergraduate Student Writing Contest (USWC). The USWC is part of the National Athletic Trainers’ Association (NATA) Research and Education Foundation and was initiated to recognize early research-related projects from emerging investigators at the undergraduate level. The annual competition includes three categories, with an award being given to the top submission in each*:

*Best Original Research Paper ($500)
*Case Study ($250)
*Best Literature Review ($250)
As the winner of this prestigious contest, Ms. Lyric was invited and attended the Pinky Newell Student Leadership & Scholarship Breakfast during the NATA national conference in June 2016.

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Ms. Meredith Cook, a 2006 graduate with a degree in Health Promotion, recently received the 2016 Ed Way—Outstanding Young Professional Award from the Jonesboro Chamber of Commerce. Congratulations, Ms. Cook!

**Psychology and Counseling**

Dr. Karen L. Yanowitz, Professor of Psychology, submitted an invited post to “EvaluATE” on using innovative methods for assessing STEM program impact on participants. Dr. Yanowitz discussed using possible selves theory to examine STEM identity, which she used in her National Science Foundation-supported program, “CSI: Classroom Student Investigators.” Co-Pis included Dr. Tanja McKay, Professor of Biological Sciences, and Dr. Ann Ross, Emeritus Associate Professor of Teacher Education.

**Teacher Education**

Dr. Dixie Keyes, Professor of Middle-level Education and Dr. Rob Lamm, Professor of English, are co-editors of Arkansas Anthology, sponsored by the Arkansas Council of Teachers of English (ACTELA), a National Council of Teachers of English affiliate. An NCTE blog entry featured Keyes and creative work by Arkansas students. Dr. Keyes also is director of the Arkansas Delta Writing Project and an ACTELA board member.

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The A-State Middle Level Association is a registered student organization on campus—with Dr. Dixie Keyes as faculty sponsor.

Co-presidents this year are: Hanna Dailey and Brooklyn Hinson. Brooklyn arranged for the student group to wave the A-State Red Wolf flag at the 2016 Homecoming Game. Middle level students Katie Haynes, Bri Brown, Brianna Orr, along with an alumni from the middle level program, Hannah Belew, helped wave the flag.

Even Dr. Keyes and Dr. LaToshia Woods got on the field to help with the flag!

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Ms. Hanna Dailey, a senior middle level major, was recognized as one of the 2016 Astate Homecoming Court. She was escorted onto the field by her mother and brother and represented the college beautifully as part of the court.

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Seven A-State middle level education majors, along with Drs. LaToshia Woods and Dixie Keyes, drove to Austin, TX together to participate in the 2016 Association of Middle Level Educators Conference, October 8-12th. Middle level seniors, Ms. Danielle Black, Ms. Brooklyn Hinson, Mr. Marc Barrett, and Ms. Brooke Sheppard presented a Roundtable session with Dr. Keyes titled, “A Digital Remix of the Discussion Cooperative Learning Model.” Seniors Hanna Dailey and Brooklyn Hinson presented a Speed Learning Session on “The Effects of Divorce on Learning,” which was a research project Ms. Dailey completed in her junior year in the middle level program. Ms. Daily even arranged to take over the A-State Snapchat to spotlight news about her presentation. The students also volunteered during the conference in gathering donations for local students in need and staffing several booths. They met and interacted with thought leaders in their field like Rick Wormeli, a longtime middle level educator, advocate and thought leader. The group of seven attended a collegiate middle level association summit with sponsors Drs. Woods and Keyes the day prior to the conference. Seniors Ms. Lizabeth Robinson and Mr. Justin Taylor also attended the conference.

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Summer Camp Academy 2016

The College of Education and Behavioral Science and the Department of Teacher Education offered a number of stimulating and enriching opportunities to children and youth in the form of summer camps. Grandparents took advantage of these programs
as well as many parents in the community and surrounding area. Camps were planned for PK – 12th grade and included topics such as: Animal Safari, Kids Cook Café, Ten Apples Up on Top, Legos and Lots More, Princess and Knight in Training, Young Chef Academy I and II, Mrs. Frizzle and the Magic School Bus, Under the Sea, Super Hero in Training, Adventureland, Mid-Day at the MoMA, Computer Coding Camp, Technology Exploration and 8 weeks of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics, STEM, camps. Some camps were led by area teachers such as Tabatha Ballard of Brookland and Trenty Fritz of Trumann. Camps were held on the A-State campus as well as in local schools. Mr. Rickey Greer and the Jonesboro Math and Science School shared the Science Lab complete with a kitchen for the Young Chef Academy. TV Star of Chopped Junior, Riley Jane Mitchell, and granddaughter of Jonesboro residents, made a guest appearance at our Young Chef’s Camp. As a result, of a story KAIT ran about the Summer Camp Academy and the Young Chef’s Academy, the story was picked up by the following news outlets just to name a few:

WMC (Memphis) http://www.wmcactionnews5.com/story/32557896/sizzling-summer-camp-fun-at-a-state
KFVS (Cape Girardeau) http://www.kfvs12.com/story/32557896/sizzling-summer-camp-fun-at-a-state
KLTV (Tyler, Texas) http://www.kltv.com/story/32557896/sizzling-summer-camp-fun-at-a-state
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WDAM (Moselle, Miss.) http://www.wdam.com/story/32557896/sizzling-summer-camp-fun-at-a-state
WALA (Mobile, Ala.) http://www.fox10tv.com/story/32557896/sizzling-summer-camp-fun-at-a-state
WSFA (Montgomery, Ala.) http://www.wsfa.com/story/32557896/sizzling-summer-camp-fun-at-a-state

Watch for our 2017 Summer Camp Schedule to be posted at www.astate.edu/youth in March or email Dr. Beverly Boals Gilbert at bboals@astate.edu for additional information.

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A-State College of Education and Behavioral Science (CoEBS) and Department of Teacher Education faculty received $50,000 to provide fifty students, 3rd-9th grades, and scholarships to attend a Summer at A-State STEM camp program. The camp, led by Dr. Beverly Boals Gilbert, provided stimulating and enriching summer experiences and opportunities for children who would otherwise be unable to participate in summer camps.

Research describes the loss of learning which occurs during the summer months and also identifies challenges related to excess free time during this out-of-school time. We know that an unstimulating summer environment can lead to many issues of concern – poor nutrition, physical inactivity, anti-social behaviors, as well as few opportunities for cognitive growth. Many children have amazing summers with “sleep-away” camps, church camps, athletic camps, family vacations, and visits to grandparents. Other children never leave their neighborhoods. These are the children and youth whose families are not afforded the luxury of “taking a vacation,” paying for a camp, traveling out of state, or even out of town. Arkansas currently has a poverty-rate of 18.8% (Rural Profile of Arkansas, 2011), making it the second most poverty-stricken state in the nation. Jonesboro and Craighead County are in the heart of the Delta, one of the most impoverished areas of the state and region.

The U.S. Department of Education states that “All young people should be prepared to think deeply and to think well so that they have the chance to become the innovators, educators, researchers, and leaders who can solve the most pressing challenges facing our nation and our world, both today and tomorrow. But, right now, not enough of our youth have access to quality STEM learning opportunities and too few students see these disciplines as springboards for their careers.” This chart shows the future of SETM and the significance of a quality workforce in the STEM fields.

We also know that only 16 percent of American high school seniors are proficient in math and interested in a STEM career. Even among those who do go on to pursue a college major in the STEM fields, only about half choose to work in a related career. The United States is falling behind internationally, ranking 29th in math and 22nd in science among industrialized nations. What’s more, a recent survey revealed that only 29 percent of Americans rated this country’s K-12 education in STEM subjects as above average or the best in the world. In our competitive global economy, For example, we know that only 81 percent of Asian-American high school students and 71 percent of white high school students attend high schools where the full range of math and science courses are offered (Algebra I, geometry,
Algebra II, calculus, biology, chemistry, and physics). The access to these courses for American Indian, Native-Alaskan, black, and Hispanic high school students are significantly worse. Children’s race, zip code, or socioeconomic status should never determine their STEM fluency. We must give all children the opportunity to be college-ready and to thrive in a modern STEM economy.

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Also according to the U.S. Dept. of Education, “we know that only 81 percent of Asian-American high school students and 71 percent of white high school students attend high schools where the full range of math and science courses are offered..... the access to these courses for American Indian, Native-Alaskan, black, and Hispanic high school students are significantly worse. Children’s race, zip code or socioeconomic status should never determine their STEM fluency. We must give all children the opportunity to be college-ready and to thrive in a modern STEM economy......The United States is falling behind internationally ranking 29th in math and 22nd in science among industrialized nations.” Using the outstanding faculty here at Arkansas State University, we wanted to target these children and youth who often lack opportunities for both strong STEM programs and quality summer opportunities to enhance their knowledge, understanding, and interest in STEM.” Our challenge is to engage, build skills and prepare our children and youth to create solutions in a world dominated by STEM. Participating faculty included Dr. Edward T. Hammerand and Dr. Minghui Gao. Please contact the Project PI, Dr. Gilbert, for additional information at bboals@astate.edu and if you are interested in partnering in a future project such as this.

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The Department of Teacher Education received a $50,000 grant to provide 50 students, 3rd - 9th grades, with scholarships to attend a Summer-at-A-State STEM camp program. The camp, led by Dr. Beverly Boals Gilbert, provided stimulating and enriching summer experiences and opportunities for children who would otherwise be unable to participate in summer camps. Funding was provided by The Arkansas Economic Development Commission. An emphasis was placed on serving children from diverse backgrounds. Camps were held on the A-State campus with instruction and coordination led by ASU faculty and alums – Robotics – Dr. Ed Hammerand and Candace Bates; Engineering – Erica Sockwell; MakerSpace and Genius Hour – Kelli Cochran; Science – Chris Lynch. Assistants were Adam Young a graduate of Nettleton and Madison Spear from Jonesboro High School. Graduate Assistants from the Information and Technology Department assisted as well.

Attending camps on the A-State campus is a great recruitment tool for youth and teens during an impressionable time of their lives. Our hope and intent is to continue the STEM program for diverse children and youth by offering scholarships and transportation as we have been able to do for the last two summers. The STEM program continued in an after-school format beginning in September and concluding December 15, 2016. After school Robotics and STEM activities were provided on-site at City Youth and at the Jonesboro Public School, Microsociety. The partnerships we form with the community, with various school districts, state agencies and local programs serving children allows us to maximize opportunities for all. We are grateful to the Arkansas Economic Development Commission for this opportunity.
The ASUMH campus and A-State Teacher Education teamed up to form a new Future Teacher’s Club partnership on the Mountain Home campus. We are pleased and excited about forming this special bond with future teachers.

The slate of officers include: Maggie Crider, President; Jacob Barnett, Vice President; Taylor Walden, Secretary; Vicky Friend, Treasurer and Courtney Tone, Historian.

The organization voted to gather food for the ASUMH food bank as a service activity. The club also voted to assist with the ASUMH Jingle on the Green, Insectival, and other school-wide projects. Anyone enrolled in ASUMH with plans to enter the A-State Teaching Program is welcome to join!

The A-State Teacher Education Department faculty on the ASUMH campus, are enthusiastic that the newly-formed dual-campus (ASUMH/A-State) organization will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, professional growth and community involvement.

**Childhood Services**

_Mrs. Jo Ann Nalley_, Director of Childhood Services, led an Arkansas tradition, the 48th annual Early Childhood Education Conference, August 8-10, 2016, themed “Why We Do the Things We Do.” The conference was sponsored by Childhood Services and the Division of Child Care and Early Childhood Education. The conference offered informative, relevant and timely interest sessions as well as heard nationally known keynote speakers.

Arkansas State University Childhood Services is a community service outreach of the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences. Childhood Services is charged with meeting the specialized professional development needs of early educators and staff of youth development programs that cannot always be met by the typical university curriculum. For more than 40 years, Childhood Services has provided in-service staff development; workshops for teachers, administrators, and families; and technical assistance and coaching. Our current projects serve licensed early education facilities and youth development programs statewide. Presently, Childhood Services houses offices in Cabot, Dumas, Jonesboro, Little Rock, and Wynne. Childhood Services also encompasses Programs for Children and Families in the Delta, which provides preschool and after-care services at 11 sites, including the Child Development and Research Center on A-State campus. The following grants were awarded to Childhood Services in 2016:

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**Education Renewal Zone**

Recently the A-State College of Education and Behavioral Science Dean’s Office, along with the A-State Education Renewal Zone (ERZ) purchased backpacks for the Health and Human Services (HHS) Academy at Jonesboro High School. The HHS Academy collects backpacks for students to pick up and take home over the weekend. The backpacks, filled with nutritious and easy to prepare food, are helping the students get the nutrition and food they need on the weekends. Dr. Shannon Lewis is the principal for the HHS Academy.
A total of five backpacks were donated to Jonesboro High School. Two were donated by Education Renewal Zone (ERZ) office; one by Dr. Mary Jane Bradley; one by Ms. Karen Hancock; and the last one was donated by Textbook Brokers. Accepting the backpacks was Leigh Anne Rainey, Executive Principle of Jonesboro High School.

If you or your organization would like to contribute to the Backpack Program, please get in touch with Dr. Shannon Lewis at Jonesboro High School.

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Education Renewal Zone (ERZ), along with the Northeast Arkansas Education Cooperative, Crowley’s Ridge Education Cooperative, Rural STEM Education Center, and the Delta STEM Education Center served as hosts for the recently held Arkansas Department of Education (ADE) Community Listening Forum at the Cooper Alumni Center. This forum, led by ADE Commissioner Johnny Key, was one of many statewide forums being conducted by the ADE to listen to stakeholders from across public and private education, parents, business leaders, and all student advocacy groups to lend a voice to ensure all students have equitable access to a high-quality education. The forums have provided stakeholders with general information about the Every Child Succeeds Act (ESSA) law and continues to encourage stakeholders to share their ideas on how communities can support quality schools.

There were close to 100 people in attendance at the forum. Light refreshments were served compliments of ERZ.

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The Education Renewal Zone (ERZ), along with the Professional Education Program (PEP) office, held a Teacher Cadet Summit in the Student Union on November 16. Approximately 70 teacher cadets, along with their instructors, spent the day on campus listening to various guest speakers including the current Arkansas Teacher of the Year, Meghan Ables. Meghan is a graduate of A-State and a teacher in the Stuttgart School District. Students from Jonesboro, Marion, West Memphis, Batesville Southside, Barton-Lexa and White County Central were in attendance. Jeff Dyer, with the Arkansas Department of Education’s Office of Teacher Recruitment and Coordinator of the state-wide Teacher Cadet Program, brought opening remarks and presented a breakout session for the cadet teachers.

The students were treated to a buffet luncheon, provided by ERZ and goodies from the A-State Recruiting Office. Dr. Audrey Bowser, with the PEP office, facilitated a panel discussion at the end of the day that focused on “How to Become an Effective Teacher.” The event concluded with a visit from Howl.

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The Education Renewal Zone (ERZ) sponsored A-State alumni and national speaker, John Antonetti as a recent guest speaker. John spoke to approximately 100 teachers on November 15 in the Convocation Center. John’s presentation discussed strategies that engage students, promote active learning and boost achievement. His presentation, “17,000 Classroom Visits Can’t Be Wrong” was a humorous, enlightening and very engaging talk that included actual stories of his time visiting classrooms all across the country and abroad. John is a highly sought after keynote speaker, whose humor and parables are recognized by teachers, administrators and parents as relevant examples of the power of teachers. As a classroom teacher, John developed strategies and protocols that work across all school types. He has had the great fortune to visit classrooms throughout North America in an effort to answer the question “What truly engages learners?” From thousands of students in pre-K through Graduate School. John has learned the three facets of powerful learning tasks—intellectual, academic and emotional engagement.

**Farewell to Faculty**

*Mrs. Harriette Adams* began her teaching career as an Instructor at A-State in 1996 and has taught concepts, personal health and first aid and served as advisement coordinator. Mrs. Adams earned her M.S. degree in Physical Education with an emphasis in Exercise Science and her B.S.E. degree in Elementary Education from A-State.

Harriette has been an avid runner, now walker, and devoted to her family of two children, Rush and Kim, and her grand-children, Jordan, Cade and Makenzie. And, let’s not forget the animal family, two dogs—Pebbles and Bandit and one cat, Nugget.

Best wishes on your new adventure.

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*Dr. Tom Adams* began his career at A-State in 1981. Dr. Adams earned both his B.S. and M.A. from East Carolina University in Health/Physical Education and Physical Education respectively. He earned his Ed.D in Physical Education/Exercise Science from West Virginia University in 1981. Tom has authored many articles, as well as textbooks, and presented to many learned forums. However, he does not work in isolation as he has collaborated with most of the faculty and with many students over the years.

Both Tom and Harriette have been extremely charitable to the Department of Health, Physical Education and Sport Sciences and the students in our programs as evidenced by the many scholarships they have established but more importantly by the way they have generously given of their time to students and faculty as they helped them navigate the university system and Jonesboro community.

He has been an avid runner, swimmer, biker—triathlete. Many don’t know that he was/is a musician—a Beach Boy kinda guy.

Keep on playing and we wish you the very best!

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*Dr. Jimmie Stillwell* joined A-State from Pittsburg State University and the University of Alabama—ROLL TIDE—in 1994. Dr. Stillwell earned his P.E.D. from Indiana University in 1978 and both his M.S.E. and B.S.E. from Western Illinois University.

Jim is an avid sports fan, with baseball being his greatest love and the St. Louis Cardinals his favorite team. He is father to five girls, Mandy, Mollie, Megan, Cary, and Kathleen and grandfather to six boys and two girls—Tyler, Austin, Emma, Ryan, Ashley, Dillon, Jack, and Quinn.

Dr. Stillwell served as Department Chair during his tenure at A-State. He is a consummate story teller and joke teller and his warm, welcoming personality has given our department a sense of family as he has guided and mentored many faculty and students during his time here.

He too will be remembered for his generosity as he established the Chair Scholarship and would frequently give faculty unexpected gifts in the form of books, cards and mementos.

In retirement he will continue to serve. He is now pastor of a local church—our own Reverend Jim.
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