



## College of Sciences & Mathematics Newsletter August/September 2019



## Ambassadors Participate in Cardboard Canoe Race

College of Sciences and Mathematics Ambassadors and First-Year Experience students participated in a cardboard canoe race during a campus-wide Tutor and FYE TA training. Seventy-five students from the College of Sciences and Mathematics, Learning Commons North and the Writing Center participated in a three-day training to assist our university student population during the 2019-20 academic year. This training was hosted by the College of Sciences and Mathematics and University College. Photo from left to right: Taren Thind (Senior Biology major), Nick Stillwell (Junior Biology major), Madison Decker (Junior

Biology major), Almetia Cole (Senior Biology major), Emma Cherry (Junior Biology major), Makenzie Rone (Junior Biology major), Kinley Davenport (Senior Environmental Sciences and Wildlife, Fisheries and Conservation major), Sarah Hall (Biology and Psychology major).



## CoSM Faculty Spotlight

# New Species Name Gives Nod to Sikkel

Former Ph.D. student Rachel Welicky, who studied with Dr. Paul Sikkel, associate professor of aquatic biology, names six new Isopod species, including *Anilocra paulsikkeli*, in a [Parasites & Vectors](#) article.

## CoSM Faculty Spotlight

# NSF Grant Awarded to Merten

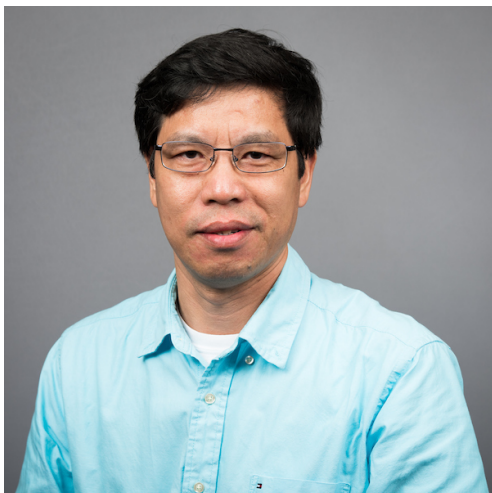
Dr. Jonathan Merten, associate professor of chemistry, received [funding from the National Science Foundation](#) to begin a three-year project to determine how to measure chemical elements easier, faster, cheaper and “greener.”



## CoSM Faculty Spotlight

# Zhou Published

Congratulations to Dr. Guolei Zhou, associate professor of cell and cancer biology, on his [journal publication](#) *Phosphorylation Regulates CAP1 (Cyclase-Associated Protein 1) Functions in the Motility and Invasion of Pancreatic Cancer Cells*



## Campus News

# Rice For Our Future

Arkansas State researchers and students are part of a [major grant project](#) to determine what strains of rice flourish under higher growing temperatures. There is global impact in the test beds just south of Jonesboro.



College of Sciences and  
Mathematics  
**SCIENCE TAILGATE**

**FREE and FUN Science Activities**  
**At the A-State Homecoming**  
**Tailgate**  
**ALL Ages Welcome!**

**October 26, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**MIKE WATSON PARK**

## CoSm to Host Tailgate

The College of Sciences and Mathematics will host a tailgate at Mike Watson Park (formerly Tailgate City), prior to the Oct. 26 Homecoming football game. The tailgate will begin at 3 p.m., and all are welcome.



## Thirteen A-State Graduates in NYITCOM White Coat Ceremony

Thirteen Arkansas State University alumni were among 120 students who recently participated in the white coat ceremony at NYITCOM on the A-State campus. The white coat ceremony is a rite of passage signifying the official start of medical school, and the NYITCOM-Arkansas Class of 2023 celebrated its ceremony Aug. 9 at Fowler Center. A-State graduates receiving their white coats were (from left): Joshua Gray, Cody Anderson, Hannah Kling, Tiffany Vaughn, Logan Meurer, Jill Taylor, Olivia Loiacano, Maxwell Bacot, Jessica Saito, Caroline Kelley, Natalie Turner, Zachary Preston and Katie McCoy.

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