



# 2024 ANNUAL REPORT

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ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY – NEWPORT



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# MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR

Greetings!

At Arkansas State University-Newport, we believe education is more than just earning a credential or degree. It's about equipping students with the knowledge, skills and support they may need to overcome obstacles and achieve their academic and career goals. That's what truly makes ASUN a special place to be.

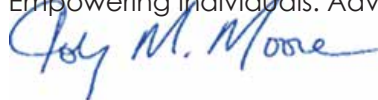
I'm proud of the work we've done to implement various strategies that further enhance student experience in innovative ways. One method we are using to advance student success is merging the Academic and Student Affairs Divisions into the newly formed Division of Academic and Student Affairs. By integrating these two essential areas, we are adopting a holistic approach to the student experience, ensuring that every touchpoint—from academics to support services—works together seamlessly. This bold initiative creates a more integrated and supportive environment for our students, ensuring they receive comprehensive assistance and guidance throughout their entire academic journey.

Furthermore, we have prioritized our students' well-being and success by establishing a new Division for Enrollment Management. In Fall 2024, we introduced a new CRM to facilitate admissions, marketing, and enrollment processes more effectively. We have also implemented student retention software to provide structure for the college journey and proactive guidance at critical moments for students. Additionally, we have rolled out the Aviators One-Stop Student Services Model to centralize various student support services, improve efficiency and accessibility, and enhance the overall student experience, ultimately leading to better student outcomes.

Over the past four years, the college has experienced significant growth, garnered tremendous support, and is recognized as a workforce leader in Northeast Arkansas. This is an exciting time at Arkansas State University-Newport, and our commitment to advancing student success will reach new heights with being selected as a new member of the Achieving the Dream (ATD) Network, comprising over 300 community colleges nationwide. We have recently launched several new programs, all designed to promote student success and achievement. We have expanded our allied health offerings to include Radiologic Technology. Additionally, we have partnered with another institution to enhance one of our region's fastest-growing fields: data science. We have received a multi-institution \$10.75 million state grant for our collaborative efforts focusing on stacked credentials in the areas of advanced manufacturing, food processing, and steel production.

As you flip through this Annual Report, I hope you feel the same excitement and momentum that we've experienced firsthand. This institution operates and plans based on four key priorities: Student Success, Employee Success, Institutional Excellence, and Community Engagement—these are central to everything we do. Looking to the future, the possibilities are truly endless as we continue to champion student success and create a brighter future for our community.

Empowering Individuals. Advancing Communities.



Dr. Johnny M. Moore, Ph.D.



# ACADEMICS

# 12:1

STUDENT  
FACULTY  
RATIO

# 75

DEGREE &  
CERTIFICATE  
PROGRAMS

# 285

ASSOCIATE  
DEGREES  
AWARDED

# 1,106

CERTIFICATES  
AWARDED

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

### MISSION, VISION, AND VALUES

At ASU-Newport, academics are a gateway to empower individuals and advance communities. We provide accessible, affordable, and innovative learning opportunities that transform lives and strengthen the regional economy. Rooted in our values of belonging, compassion, diversity, innovation, and integrity, ASUN is committed to student success, institutional excellence, employee success, and community engagement—shaping the future, one student at a time.

## NEW PROGRAMS

### DATA SCIENCE – DATA ANALYTICS

ASUN's Data Science Transfer Pathway, supported by a \$20 million NSF grant, prepares students for high-demand careers in analytics by providing seamless access to advanced education and strengthening Arkansas' data workforce.

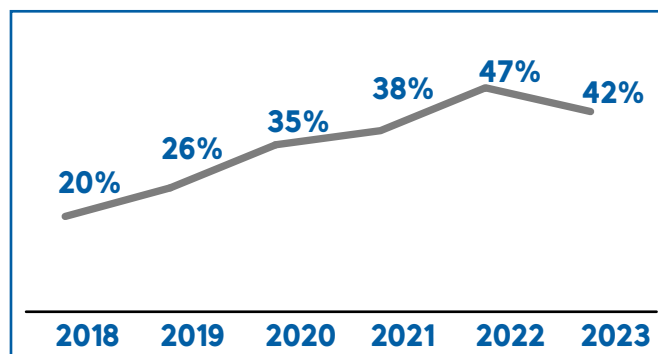
### RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGY

ASUN's Radiologic Technology Program offers hands-on training and clinical experience. Graduates earn an Associate of Applied Science and qualify for national certification, meeting growing healthcare workforce demands.

### REGISTERED APPRENTICESHIPS

ASUN's HVAC apprenticeship, developed with industry leaders, provides job-ready skills and certifications. Apprentices earn a Technical Certificate and a Department of Labor Journeyman Certificate, opening doors to careers in skilled trades.

## GRADUATION RATES



ASUN Graduation rates have increased approximately 20 percentage points in the last five years to an all time high of 47% in 2022.

FOR CREDIT  
**4,141**  
STUDENTS

NON-CREDIT  
**733**  
STUDENTS

ADULT EDUCATION  
**478**  
STUDENTS

PRISON EDUCATION  
**112**  
STUDENTS

TOTAL SERVED  
**5,464**  
STUDENTS

📷 Ace the Aviator entertains  
the community at the  
Annual Fall Festival.

**42%**

GRADUATION  
RATE

**\$115**

PER CREDIT HOUR  
IN-STATE TUITION

**\$450,815**

IN SCHOLARSHIPS  
AWARDED

**83%**

OF ASUN STUDENTS  
RECEIVED FINANCIAL AID

## CAMPUS LOCATIONS

**NEWPORT**

7648 VICTORY BLVD

**JONESBORO**

5504 KRUEGER DR

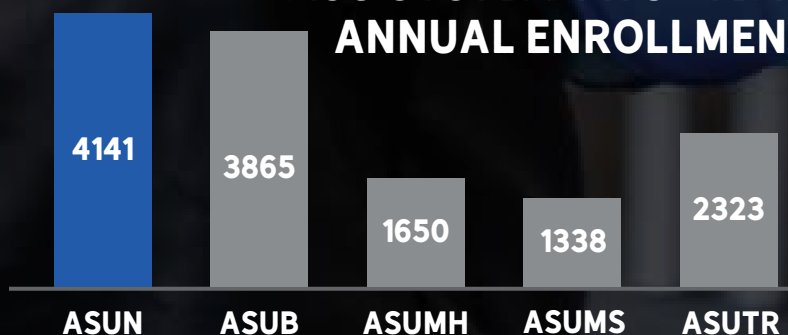
**MARKED TREE**

33500 US-63

**ONLINE**

AT ASUN.EDU

## ASU SYSTEM TWO-YEAR ANNUAL ENROLLMENT



# ENROLLMENT



**June Lee '24**  
Natural Sciences  
Jonesboro, AR



**Cheyenne Sheppard**  
Natural Sciences  
Jonesboro, AR

# STUDENT SUCCESS

## PHI THETA KAPPA – 5 STAR STATUS

ASUN's Beta Nu Gamma Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) has earned 5-Star Chapter Status for the second consecutive year, the highest level of recognition for excellence in scholarship, leadership, service, and fellowship. This achievement reflects the chapter's commitment to academic success and community impact.

In 2024, PTK secured a \$6,000 grant - \$5,000 to support opioid awareness and Narcan training, partnering with ASUN Student Affairs to educate students, faculty, and staff. Additionally, a \$1,000 research grant funded student-led studies on underrepresented women in STEM.

ASUN PTK members showcased their leadership by presenting initiatives at state and national conferences, including the PTK Catalyst Convention in Orlando. Their dedication to service and academic excellence continues to strengthen ASUN's reputation on a larger stage.



**Bethany Spencer**  
Business  
Tyronza, AR



Dr. Moore poses with PTK  
members on the Jonesboro  
Campus

## STUDENTS EXCEL AT STATE SKILLS USA COMPETITION

ASU-Newport's Applied Science Division earned top honors at the 2024 SkillsUSA State Conference, with students excelling in Advanced Manufacturing, Energy Control Technology, Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, and more.

Gold medalists Caitlyn Bradley (Esthetics), Madilyn Woods (Cosmetology), Cyijai Reed (Culinary Arts), and Will Cronin (Energy Control Technology) qualified for nationals in Atlanta. Silver winners included Reagan Smith (Esthetics), Christopher Constant (Computer and Networking Technology), and Sam Jones (Culinary Arts), while bronze went to John Whitehead (Computer and Networking Technology), Raif Crum (Advanced Manufacturing), Rylee Bailey (Cosmetology), and Matthew Miles (Energy Control Technology).

With first-place winners advancing, ASUN continues its mission to prepare students for high-demand careers through hands-on training and industry partnerships.





# HIGH VOLTAGE LINEMAN RODEO

ASUN's High Voltage Lineman Technology Rodeo on Monday, November 4, 2024, drawing a crowd of students, faculty, industry professionals, and spectators eager to witness the best and bravest compete in a thrilling day of skill, speed, and teamwork. The event, held on the Newport Campus, showcased the talent and grit of the future linemen currently in ASUN's HVLT program as they tackled essential challenges designed to test their readiness for real-world conditions.



Competitors engaged in a series of high-stakes events, including Pole Speed Race, Cross-Arm Changeout, Hanging a Switch Barrel, Hurt Man Rescue

Following an intense morning of competition, lunch was served at 12:30 p.m., providing participants and attendees with a well-deserved break before the eagerly awaited awards ceremony.

And the 2024 Rodeo Winners Are:

## Cross-Arm Changeout

Team 7 - Ty Myers, Brock Oktay, Jesse Ozbun, and Clayton Raeburn; Team 2 - Spencer Blanchard, Brayden Bomar, Max Brooks, and Parker Brown (not pictured); Team 3 - Rayce Bruce, Bennet Butler, Cade Crumley, and Colton Rusco



## Hurt Man Rescue

Brock Oktay, Briar Allred, Maxwell Brooks, Hunter Smith, Dylan Jennings

## Open and Close Switch Barrel

Jackson Rega, Josh Kirkland, Jack Rogers, Briar Allred, Cash Forrester



## Pole Speed Race

Briar Allred, Max Brooks, Brock Oktay, Brayden Bomar, Colton Rusco



# GENE SWEAT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

ASU-Newport proudly awarded the inaugural Gene Sweat Memorial High Voltage Lineman Scholarship to Brantley Gholson in October 2024. This scholarship recognizes students who embody hard work, dedication, and a passion for lineman technology—qualities that defined Gene Sweat's career.

Sweat spent 47 years at Farmers Electric Cooperative, rising from lineman to General Manager, and played a key role in shaping ASUN's High Voltage Lineman Technology Program. He was also a dedicated community leader, serving on the Northeast Arkansas Higher Education Charitable Foundation and other organizations.

By awarding this scholarship, ASUN continues Mr. Gene's legacy of leadership and service. Brantley Gholson now represents the next generation of linemen who will keep communities powered for years to come.

Brantley Gholson poses with Dr. Moore and Cindy Sweat.





## COCA-COLA BRONZE SCHOLAR

Catherine Frans was named a Coca-Cola Academic Team Bronze Scholar, earning a \$1,000 scholarship for her academic excellence and leadership.



## WELCH SCHOLAR AWARD

Cassidy Powers received the 2024 Welch Scholar Award, recognized for academic excellence and community engagement. The Welch Scholar Award is given annually to honor the first president of the ASU System, Dr. Charles L. Welch.



## INMATES AWARDED AWS CERTIFICATION

Two inmates in ASUN's Prison Education Welding Program became the first incarcerated women in Arkansas to earn American Welding Society (AWS) Certifications.



TRN student, Madison Duvall, one of the 16 contributing to the 100% Pass Rate, is pinned by Instructor Regena White.

## TRADITIONAL NURSING ACHIEVES 100% PASS RATE

Arkansas State University-Newport (ASUN) is thrilled to announce an outstanding achievement in its Traditional Registered Nursing program—its latest graduating cohort achieved a 100% first-attempt pass rate, highlighting ASUN's commitment to excellence in nursing education.

Dr. Stacie Hay, Dean for Nursing and Health Professions, praised the program, faculty, and students. "I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Traditional Registered Nursing program for this achievement. The dedication of Tracy Porter and Regena White has been instrumental in this success," said Dr. Hay.

This 16-student cohort set a high standard, reflecting the rigorous training, innovative teaching, and supportive learning environment at ASUN. This milestone reinforces ASUN's role as a regional leader in nursing education, dedicated to preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals.



Justin Gill  
Branson, MO

# BASKETBALL

# ATHLETICS

## AVIATORS TAKE FLIGHT

The 2023-2024 academic year marked an exciting milestone for ASU-Newport, as the Aviator Athletics program took flight with its inaugural seasons of Men's Basketball and Women's Softball. These student-athletes demonstrated exceptional talent, teamwork, and perseverance, laying the foundation for a strong athletic tradition at ASUN.

In their first season, the Aviator Men's Basketball team finished with 13 wins, scoring an impressive 2,002 total points while averaging 77 points per game with a 42.8% field goal percentage. Meanwhile, the Women's Softball team had a competitive debut, securing 6 wins, scoring 95 runs, hitting 9 home runs, and earning 1 shutout victory.

Beyond their athletic achievements, Aviator student-athletes have embraced a strong commitment to community engagement. Throughout the year, players from both teams have visited local elementary schools, meeting with students, answering questions, and inspiring young learners to work hard in both academics and athletics. These visits have strengthened ASUN's relationship with the community, reinforcing the college's mission to support and uplift future generations.

ASUN is also deeply grateful for the incredible support from our Aviator fans. Whether at home games or on the road, our supporters have brought unmatched enthusiasm and energy, helping to create an electric atmosphere that drives our teams forward. Their dedication has played a crucial role in establishing a culture of school spirit and pride that will continue to grow as Aviator Athletics expands.

With a strong first year behind us and an exciting future ahead, ASUN looks forward to building on this momentum and achieving even greater success in the future.





## WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

2023-24 SEASON RESULTS

**6**

WINS

**9**

HOMERUNS

**95**

TOTAL  
RUNS

**.277**

TEAM BATTING  
AVERAGE

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

2023-24 SEASON RESULTS

**13**

WINS

**77**

POINTS  
PER GAME

**2002**

TOTAL  
POINTS

**42.8**

FIELD GOAL  
%

SOFTBALL



Lyrick Stapleton  
Calico Rock, AR



# INSTITUTIONAL EXCELLENCE

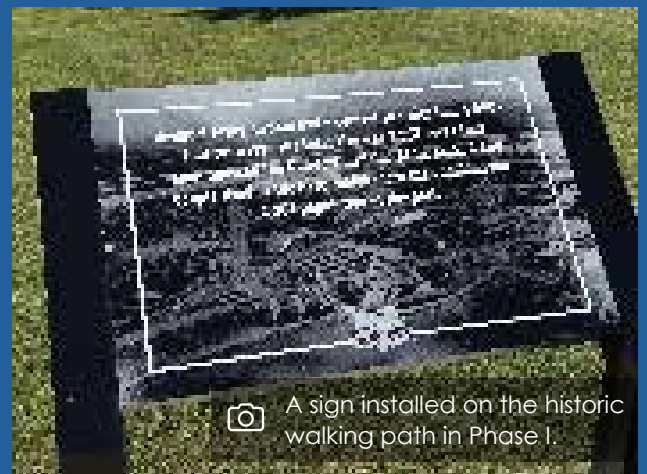
## EXPANSION

### HISTORIC WALKING TRAIL PHASE 1

ASU-Newport is preserving its rich history with the Historic Walking Trail, a new addition to the Newport campus. Phase 1 features a scenic pathway with informational signs detailing the institution's milestones. This project offers students, faculty, and visitors a unique opportunity to connect with ASUN's legacy while enjoying the outdoors.

### CENTER FOR THE ARTS UPGRADES

The Center for the Arts (CFA) received major upgrades, enhancing performance experiences. New lighting and sound equipment bring productions to life, while a new scrim, generously donated by the Jackson County Community Theater, adds a professional touch. These improvements ensure CFA remains a premier venue for students, artists, and the community.



A sign installed on the historic walking path in Phase 1.



ASUN Faculty and Staff learn about the Achieving the Dream Initiative at Fall Convocation.



ASU-Newport is proud to join Achieving the Dream (ATD) as part of the Accelerating Equitable Outcomes Initiative, a nationwide effort to improve student success at rural-serving institutions. ASUN is one of seven colleges selected for the 2024 cohort, joining more than 300 colleges nationwide dedicated to enhancing student experiences through innovative, evidence-based strategies.

As a member of the ATD Network, ASUN is focused on transforming student outcomes through data-driven decision-making, equity-centered practices, and institutional capacity-building. The initiative supports the college in strengthening its approach to student retention, completion rates, and workforce readiness.

The journey began at the ATD Kickoff Institute in New Orleans, where ASUN leaders collaborated with peer institutions and ATD experts to assess current challenges and opportunities. In October, ATD coaches visited ASUN campuses, engaging with faculty, staff, and students to guide the institution in implementing high-impact student success strategies.

Through Achieving the Dream, ASUN is reinforcing its commitment to accessible, affordable, and transformative education. This initiative aligns with ASUN's mission to empower individuals, advance communities, and foster a culture of belonging, diversity, and innovation.

## SCALING LEARNER OPPORTUNITY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH INITIATIVE

ASUN is proud to be one of eight Arkansas community colleges selected for the Scaling Learner Opportunity and Economic Growth initiative, powered by Education Design Lab's Community College Growth Engine. This program focuses on creating agile, skills-based education-to-career pathways that align with workforce needs.

Launched in November 2024, this initiative brings together colleges, employers, and local stakeholders to design and implement micro-pathways—short, stackable credentials that lead to high-wage careers. Using a human-centered design framework, ASUN is working to develop innovative learning opportunities that help students transition seamlessly from education to employment.

## HIRED GRANTS

ASUN secured \$3 million to develop stackable credentials in manufacturing, food processing, and steel production, plus \$1.675 million for workforce training in the Arkansas Delta, expanding career opportunities and industry partnerships.



Dr. Moore appears with Gov. Sanders and other officials at the HIRED Grant announcement



# FIRST NSF GRANT

ASUN's first National Science Foundation grant is transforming workforce training, creating pathways for high-demand careers in manufacturing, automation, and industrial maintenance.

## SUMMER CAMPP

ASUN's Summer CAMPP (Creating Advanced Manufacturing Pathways Program) introduces high school students to hands-on learning in industrial maintenance and automation. Participants explore careers in manufacturing, welding, and technology through workshops, industry tours, and skill-building activities. This initiative, funded by ASUN's first National Science Foundation grant, aims to inspire the next generation of skilled workers.

## STRUCTURED APPRENTICESHIPS

ASUN's NSF-funded Structured Apprenticeships provide students with real-world training in manufacturing and automation. Participants earn industry-recognized credentials through a Technical Certificate or Department of Labor Certificate of Completion, ensuring workforce readiness. This program, designed for high school graduates and incumbent workers, connects students directly with high-paying career pathways.

## CAREER EXPLORATION

ASUN is expanding career exploration opportunities through its NSF-funded initiatives. Programs like Manufacturing Day and interactive industry tours introduce students to in-demand careers in advanced manufacturing, controls technology, and industrial maintenance. By fostering early exposure to technical fields, ASUN is shaping a workforce that meets the region's growing needs.



Students participate in CAMPP, where they got to learn hands on about Advanced Manufacturing.





Students from ASUN's IGNITE Health Professions program pose on the Jonesboro Campus

## ALIGN NURSING GRANT

ASU-Newport was awarded \$428,000 from the Office of Skills Development through the ALIGN grant to expand nursing education and workforce training. This funding supports a new high school Practical Nursing (PN) program launching at ASUN-Jonesboro in Spring 2025. Partnering high school juniors will begin coursework and, upon completion, will finish the program the summer after their senior year—qualifying to take the NCLEX-PN exam by September 2026. This initiative strengthens Arkansas' healthcare workforce pipeline, providing early access to nursing education and ensuring students are workforce-ready upon graduation.

# \$17 MILLION IN NEW GRANTS

**\$10.75M**

HIRED GRANT

**\$5M**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
ADMINISTRATION GRANT

**\$221K**

DELTA REGIONAL  
AUTHORITY GRANT

**\$200K**

ENERGWERX

**\$348K**

NATIONAL SCIENCE  
FOUNDATION GRANT

**\$50K**

SCALABLE OPPORTUNITIES  
FOR LEARNERS

**\$428K**

ALIGN GRANT  
HS PN PROGRAM

## ITAC DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY GRANT

ASUN has been awarded a \$200,000 grant from the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) to develop Industrial Controls and Maintenance Apprenticeships. This funding, part of the Industrial Training and Assessment Centers (ITAC) program, will enhance technical education and workforce training in Northeast Arkansas.

The grant supports the creation of a Registered Industrial Controls Technician Apprenticeship and an Industrial Maintenance Apprenticeship Readiness program, helping students gain hands-on experience and industry-recognized credentials. ASUN's commitment to skilled workforce development ensures that graduates are prepared for high-demand careers in industrial maintenance and automation.






# EMPLOYEE SUCCESS



## EMPLOYEE RETIRES AFTER 55 YEARS OF SERVICE

Few employees dedicate nearly six decades to an institution, but Geraldine Overbey has done just that. After 55 years of service, Geraldine retired in 2024, leaving behind a lasting legacy at ASUN's Marked Tree campus.

Throughout her career, she has been a trusted mentor to students, faculty, and staff, providing unwavering support in countless roles. Her commitment to ASUN's mission will be remembered for years to come.

 Vicki Frans, Geraldine Overbey, Judy Jernigan and Mary Houchin – "The Golden Girls" of the Marked Tree Campus.





ASUN Faculty and Staff volunteers get together for a photo at the Aviator Classic Golf Tournament

## MOBLEY JOINS STATEWIDE DATA SCIENCE ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Monica Mobley has been selected to serve on the Arkansas Data Science Advisory Council, expanding the Data Science for Arkansas (DASA) ecosystem to include more two-year colleges. Her work will focus on 2+2 transfer pathways, stackable certificates, and workforce upskilling/reskilling in data science and analytics. This initiative strengthens Arkansas' data workforce pipeline, ensuring students have access to cutting-edge education and career opportunities. Dr. Mobley's leadership will help shape statewide strategies for advancing data science education and industry partnerships.







## ACC OUTSTANDING FACULTY STEPHANIE WILSON

Stephanie Wilson, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, was honored as ASUN's 2024 Outstanding Faculty Member at the Arkansas Community Colleges (ACC) Conference. Recognized for her exceptional dedication to student success and innovative teaching, Wilson's impact extends beyond the classroom, fostering academic excellence and inspiring students through her commitment to education.



## ACC OUTSTANDING STAFF TODD IRELAND

Todd Ireland, a dedicated member of ASUN's maintenance team, was recognized as ASUN's 2024 Outstanding Staff Member at the ACC Conference. Known for his hard work, kindness, and willingness to help anyone in need, Todd's commitment ensures ASUN remains a welcoming, well-maintained, and supportive environment for students and staff alike.



## AACC DALE P PARNELL DISTINGUISHED FACULTY AWARD EMILY PASMORE

Emily Pasmore, Professor of English, was selected for the 2024-2025 AACC Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Award for her exceptional teaching and commitment to student engagement. Known for making literature and writing come alive, she fosters creativity through projects like the ASUN Literary Publication, showcasing student and community work. Her mentorship extends to Honors students, guiding research and academic exploration. Pasmore's dedication to academic excellence and student success has set her apart as an influential educator in the ASUN community.

## LEAGUE FOR INNOVATION AWARD CHARLES WALKER

Charles Walker, Director of Workforce Development, was named ASUN's 2024-2025 League for Innovation in the Community College Award recipient for his exceptional leadership in workforce education. He is known for developing creative, non-traditional training programs that connect students with industry partners. Walker actively builds relationships between ASUN and local businesses, ensuring programs align with employer needs. His commitment to expanding workforce opportunities and supporting colleagues makes him a driving force behind ASUN's economic and workforce development efforts in Northeast Arkansas.



ASUN faculty members Amanda Spurlock, Lindley Gilliam, Janna Ellis and Betsy Walker attend professional development on the Jonesboro campus.

## NEWPORT CHAMBER AMBASSADOR OF THE YEAR – IKE WHEELER

Ike Wheeler was honored as Ambassador of the Year by the Newport Chamber of Commerce for his dedication to community engagement, leadership, and strengthening ASUN's local partnerships.





# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

## ASUN STUDENTS GIVE BACK

### GROWING A GREENER FUTURE

ASUN Teacher Education students partnered with Jonesboro Parks and Recreation to plant and prune trees in downtown Jonesboro, gaining hands-on experience in urban landscaping and environmental conservation.



### FIGHTING HUNGER IN NORTHEAST ARKANSAS

Students packed 332 food boxes at the Northeast Arkansas Food Bank, providing 4,786 meals to families in need while learning about food distribution and community service.



### SPREADING HOLIDAY CHEER TO ST. JUDE

ASUN Nursing and Health Professions students created Christmas cards for patients at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, sharing messages of hope and encouragement during the holiday season.





## ACC OUTSTANDING ALUMNI REBECCA FOSTER

ASU-Newport proudly recognizes Rebecca Foster, Vice President of Intimidator UTV, as the 2024 Outstanding Alumni. A Batesville native, Foster and her husband have successfully owned and operated multiple businesses, driving economic growth and industry innovation. Her journey from ASUN student to business leader highlights the power of hard work, determination, and lifelong learning. Foster's success serves as an inspiration to ASUN students, proving that a strong foundation leads to limitless possibilities.



Fans cheer on the Aviators as they compete against ASU Mid-South at Greyhound Fieldhouse.

## EYES TO THE SKY FOR THE GREAT AMERICAN ECLIPSE

ASU-Newport embraced the 2024 Great American Eclipse with education, outreach, and campus events, making the most of this rare phenomenon. ASUN partnered with Crowley's Ridge Education Service Cooperative to develop K-12 learning modules and distributed free eclipse glasses to students across the region. Career coaches provided eclipse-related presentations and activities in local schools. ASUN also hosted lunch-and-learn events and welcomed the public to campus for the eclipse, creating a shared experience for students, faculty, and the community. The event fostered scientific curiosity, engagement, and a sense of wonder, making it a memorable educational moment for all.





## SUMMER CAMPS INSPIRE FUTURE INNOVATORS

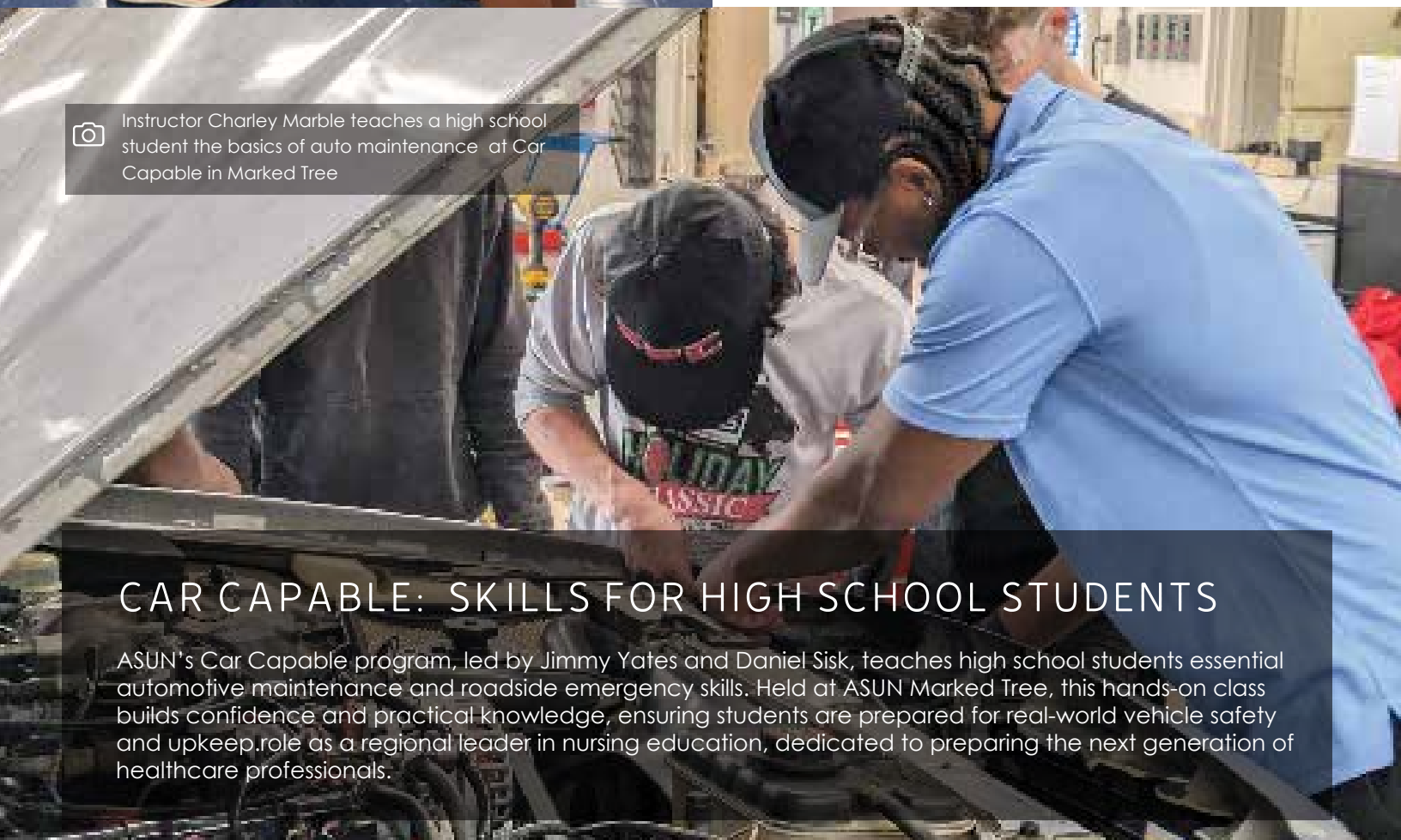
ASU-Newport's summer camps provided hands-on experiences in technology, robotics, and career exploration, introducing students to exciting educational and career pathways.

Tek Starz introduced middle schoolers to engineering, technology, and problem-solving, sparking interest in STEM fields. The Tex Robotics Camp challenged students to design, build, and program robots, enhancing their critical thinking and teamwork skills. IMAD (I'm Making a Difference) Camp, in partnership with the IMAD Foundation, gave students early access to ASUN's programs, career opportunities, and hands-on training experiences.

By engaging students at a young age, these camps help them develop new skills, explore career interests, and gain confidence in their abilities, ensuring they see ASUN as a place to build their future.



Tek Starz campers learned about engineering, technology and problem-solving.



Instructor Charley Marble teaches a high school student the basics of auto maintenance at Car Capable in Marked Tree

## CAR CAPABLE: SKILLS FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

ASUN's Car Capable program, led by Jimmy Yates and Daniel Sisk, teaches high school students essential automotive maintenance and roadside emergency skills. Held at ASUN Marked Tree, this hands-on class builds confidence and practical knowledge, ensuring students are prepared for real-world vehicle safety and upkeep. role as a regional leader in nursing education, dedicated to preparing the next generation of healthcare professionals.





Children from the community enjoyed pumpkin painting and other activities at the Fall Festival.

## ASUN HOSTS FALL FESTIVAL & ATHLETIC EXPO

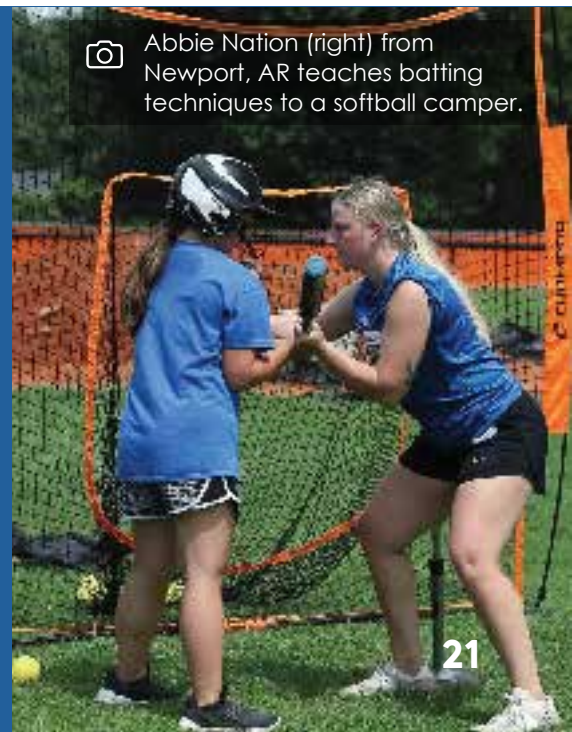
ASU-Newport's annual Fall Festival brought together over 250 students, faculty, and community members for an evening of fun and fellowship. Guests enjoyed games, live music, an expanded petting zoo, and a showcase of antique cars. This year's festival also introduced the community to ASUN's basketball and softball teams, building excitement for Aviator Athletics. The event continues to be a cornerstone of ASUN's community engagement, providing a welcoming space for families, students, and staff to celebrate the season while fostering school spirit and community connections.

## AVIATOR SOFTBALL AND BASKETBALL CAMPS PREPARE YOUNG ATHLETES

ASU-Newport welcomed young athletes to campus for softball and basketball camps, providing skill development and coaching from Aviator Athletics staff. Participants learned fundamentals, teamwork, and game strategies while connecting with ASUN coaches and players, fostering community engagement and excitement for Aviator Athletics.



Abbie Nation (right) from Newport, AR teaches batting techniques to a softball camper.





# ADVANCEMENT

## FUEL THE FUTURE: EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION

At ASU-Newport, we're shaping more than just classrooms and teams—we're building opportunities for success. Your support helps students through scholarships, athletics, and cutting-edge healthcare education. Every gift makes a difference. Choose how you want to impact the future:

### THE CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES

Help us create a state-of-the-art facility that will transform healthcare education. Your donation supports future nurses, equipping them with the hands-on training, modern technology, and real-world experience needed to excel in the field.

### AVIATOR ATHLETICS

Our Aviator student-athletes are soaring to new heights! Your support strengthens ASUN's growing athletics program, providing scholarships, equipment, and resources that help our teams compete at their best.

### ASUN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

Education should be accessible to everyone. By giving to the ASUN Foundation Scholarships, you provide life-changing financial support to students who need it most, opening doors to brighter futures.

# \$2,215,000

TOTAL RAISED IN 2024

## THE ROAST OF IKE WHEELER

ASU-Newport celebrated Ike Wheeler's 60th birthday with a hilarious roast in his honor, raising \$30,000 for Aviator Athletics. Friends, colleagues, and community members came together to share stories, laughs, and good-natured jokes, all while supporting ASUN student-athletes and their future success.

# \$30K

RAISED FOR  
AVIATOR ATHLETICS



*The Roast*



of  
**IKE WHEELER**

# COMING SOON: THE CENTER FOR HEALTH SCIENCES



Members of the community joined us for the Aviator Classic Golf Tournament. Left to Right: Matt McDonald, Brad Kieffner, Jarrod Eddington and Billy Keedy.



## A NEW GENERATION OF HEALTHCARE

ASUN is excited to announce that we are building a state-of-the-art Center for Health Sciences to train the next generation of healthcare professionals. With advanced labs, a surgical simulation center, and space for over 500 learners, this 49,000 sq. ft. facility will expand access, address workforce shortages, and create lasting impact across Northeast Arkansas. The Center for Health Sciences is expected to break ground in 2025.

## AVIATOR CLASSIC GOLF TOURNAMENT

ASU-Newport's Aviator Classic Golf Tournament brought golfers, sponsors, and community members together at Newport Country Club for a four-person scramble benefiting Aviator Athletics. With cash prizes, great food, and friendly competition, the tournament successfully raised funds to support student-athletes, scholarships, and program growth at ASUN.

# \$30K

RAISED FOR  
AVIATOR ATHLETICS



# THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS

## OVER \$250,000

Arkansas Steel Associates, LLC  
Judd Hill Foundation  
Merchants and Planters Bank  
Ernest and Anna Ritter Family Foundation  
Cordelio Power

## \$100,000—\$249,999

Unity Health  
Newport Economic Development Commission  
City of Newport  
Jackson County  
Rebecca and Robert Foster  
Arkansas Electric Cooperatives  
Arkansas Electric Cooperatives (HVLTL)  
AR Care  
John L. Conner Jr.  
United BitEngine Neptune  
Ritter Arnold

## \$50,000—\$99,999

White River Medical Center  
Arkansas Farm Bureau  
Ann Scoggins  
Joy and Randy McNeil – Poinsett Grain

## \$10,000—\$49,999

Taggart Architects  
Sequoyah and Dr. Johnny M. Moore  
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Ike Wheeler

East Arkansas Broadcasters  
Jordan's Quik Stop  
Newport A&P Commission  
Arkansas Family Health Foundation

First Community Bank

## \$5,000—\$9,999

AVTEK  
First Horizon Bank  
George's Liquor  
Gateway Sight and Sound  
Gordon Foods

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