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Director's Update

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Greetings, and best wishes for a happy and productive 2014!

The year 2013 is now history, but the many successes the Department of Career Education (ACE) achieved in 2013 provide us a solid foundation for our work in 2014.

2013—A look back

Our accomplishments are far too many to list. Here are just a few of the major highlights:

- ★ **Arkansas became the first state in the nation to offer the Microsoft IT Academy not only to high school students, but also to adult education students.** I am happy to report that all 44 adult education programs now offer Microsoft IT Academy. In addition, through a partnership between ACE and the Department of Workforce Services (DWS), the Arkansas workforce centers refer clients to adult education for Microsoft IT Academy instruction and testing, and adult education programs refer students to DWS for job placement assistance.
- ★ On January 1, 2014, the **GED Testing Service®** rolled out a new computer-based test nationally. While the test will, for the first time, assess

college readiness and align with Common Core State Standards, the \$120 cost of the test was a great concern to us. For many years, Arkansas was one of few states that paid the cost of the GED® for test-takers. However, we were very worried about how we could continue to subsidize the cost of the test so that we could offer it at a cost that would be affordable to our test-takers. Thanks to the release of \$450,000 by Governor Mike Beebe, we will be able to offset much of the cost of the test through 2014 so that our citizens can test for their GED® credential at a cost of only \$16.

- ★ Arkansas is in the process of developing an **Innovations in Science and Technology curriculum** that will be used not only in Arkansas but also shared with other Southern Regional Education Board (SREB) states that are participating in a multi-state consortium to improve career and technical education. Today's students will enter tomorrow's workplace that will demand a higher level of skill. By integrating a rigorous academic core and challenging project

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work, the Innovations curriculum will prepare students considering a career in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). The third- and four-year courses in the Innovations curriculum will offer opportunities for industry certifications for students, as well as possibilities for dual credit.

- * The Department of Career Education continues to be in the forefront of using technology to better serve our students and clients. Thanks to our **acquisition of VGo Tele-Presence robots**, students with disabilities, injuries, or illnesses will be able to attend to class virtually. Students who are physically unable to attend classes have historically been served through online classes, in-home tutors, and similar accommodations. However, these accommodations do not allow the student to participate in the classroom experience or the social aspects of being on campus. The Verizon Foundation is donating a VGo robot to the Little Rock School District through the Jobs for Arkansas's Graduates (JAG). The Increasing Capabilities Access Network (ICAN) has also purchased a robot, and the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) is also in the process of acquiring a robot.

2014— a new look for the Career Counselor

As we begin 2014, I want to announce a change in our newsletter, the **Career Counselor**. As you may know, Act 501 of 2013 requires state agencies to use the internet as the primary means of distributing many state agency publications. As a

Arkansas Scores Big at JAG National Conference

At the **Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG)** National Conference, Arkansas garnered a number of impressive awards. Arkansas JAG was tops in the "5 of 5" Performance Club with **30 "5 of 5" schools**. Louisiana finished a distant second with 23 schools, and Tennessee was third with 22 schools. Only 10 of the 33 states with JAG affiliates received this state award.

Arkansas JAG also earned the **State Championship Award for Outstanding Outcomes** in 10 areas, including six third-, fourth-, and fifth-place finishes. Arkansas JAG received the State Championship Award for Selection of Participants to Serve in 13 areas, scoring first in the nation in six areas, second in three areas, and fourth or fifth in four areas.

Also recognized were the **Top Ten Multi-Year Programs** in the JAG Network. Of the 504 multi-year programs, two of the top ten were Arkansas programs—*Cabot High School*, **Brenda Easley**, JAG specialist, and *Har-Ber High School*, **Donald Struebing**, JAG specialist.

Eight other schools also received performance awards, with several schools recognized in

multiple areas. These schools and their JAG specialists are *Hackett Middle School*, **Marissa Thornburg**; *Bald Knob High School*, **Cheryl Burns**; *Batesville High School*, **Dennis Butler**; *Mena High School*, **Karen Pevis**; *Ozark High School*, **Twyla Couch**; *Pea Ridge High School*, **Charley Clark**; *Southside High School*, **Terry Watson**; *Springdale High School*, **Sherrie James**.

result, the Department of Career Education will no longer mail copies of the newsletter to those who have requested it in the past. Since **we will be going to an online-only newsletter** beginning with this issue, we are transitioning to a bi-monthly newsletter instead of a quarterly one. The issues will be shorter, and the news will be more current than with the previous printed version. We hope you will enjoy the newsletter as a way of keeping up with the latest news from our three divisions—Career and Technical Education, Adult Education, and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services.

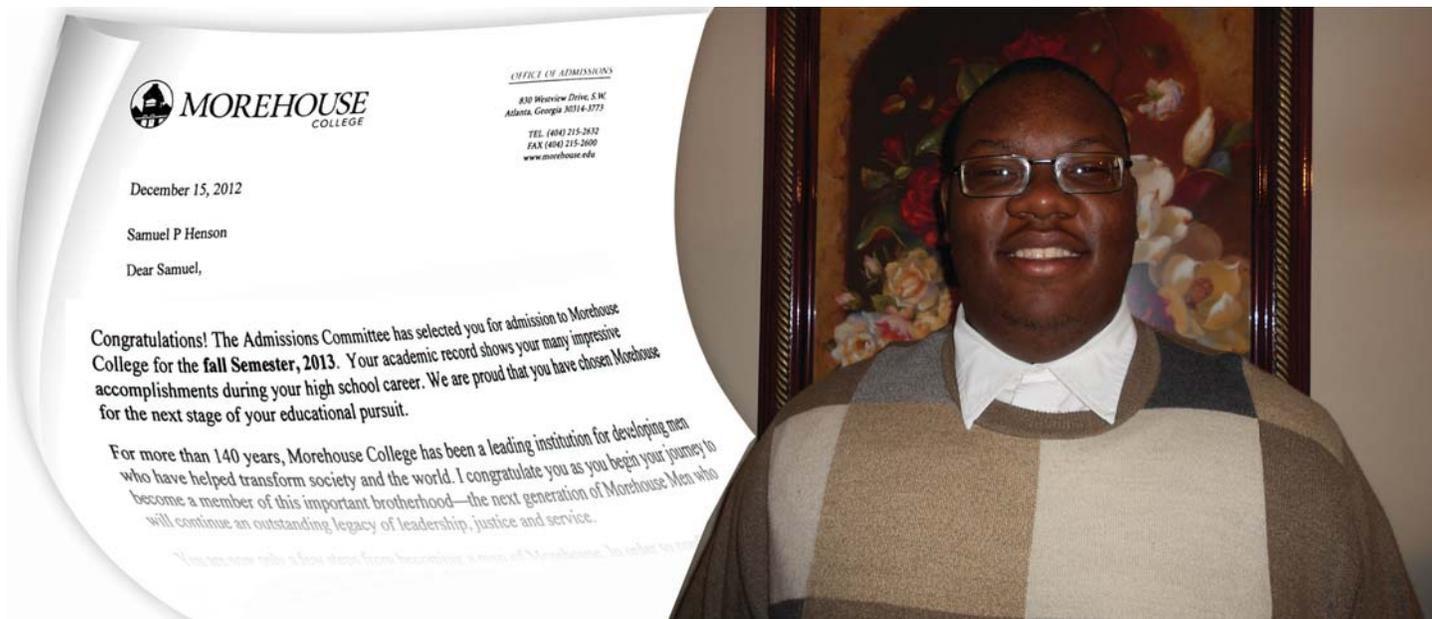
As always, we encourage your feedback and your suggestions for articles and photographs.

The newsletter will be posted on our website at the following location: <http://ace.arkansas.gov/newsEvents/Pages/careerCounselor.aspx>.

You can also sign up to receive e-notices from the agency at <http://ace.arkansas.gov/newsEvents/Pages/careerCounselor.aspx>

Twelve Arkansans received the **Outstanding Specialist Award**. They include **Cheryl Burns**, *Bald Knob High School*; **Dennis Butler**, *Batesville High School*; **Cathy Clark**, *Pine Bluff High School*; **Mary Jacobs**, *J. A. Fair High School*; **Sherrie James**, *Springdale High School*; **Dr. Martha Marshall**, *Cabot High School*; **Sherrie Mays**, *Hall High School*; **Barbara Milner**, *Joe T. Robinson High School*; **Gracia Stroud**, *Sylvan Hills High School*; **Jo Nell Thomas**, *Greenwood High School*; and **Terry Watson**, *Southside High School*.

Spotlight on Samuel Henson



Samuel Henson is not one to let adversity get him down. When his family lost everything in a house fire last March, it would have been easy for Samuel to lose his focus on his studies—at least for a time. But Samuel didn't let the fire stop him from moving forward with his college plans.

Samuel is now a proud second-semester freshman at Morehouse College in Atlanta, thanks to the Arkansas Works ACT Academy.

Director Walker Receives National JAG Leadership Award

ACE Director William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr., received the Jobs for America's Graduates (JAG) National Network Leadership Award. He was presented the award at JAG Annual National Leadership Awards Luncheon in Washington, D.C., in November.

Director Walker's notification letter states that he was nominated for the honor "by your friends and colleagues because of the extraordinary leadership you have contributed to America's most successful program for helping high-risk young people to succeed in school as well as in pursuit of a career and/or a postsecondary education through your support of the program."

"The ACT Academy was scheduled to start the last week of March, so I got in touch with Samuel's mother to see if Samuel would be coming to the ACT Academy since the fire had just occurred," said Josh Hayes, Arkansas Works career coach supervisor, who worked with Samuel. "His mother said of course he would be there."

And he was. Samuel did indeed attend the 12-week, after-school ACT Academy program. He had perfect attendance except for one day when he competed in the state SkillsUSA competition.

Through the ACT Academy, Samuel was able to improve his ACT score so much that he not only avoided remedial college classes, but in fact earned an academic scholarship, along with a band scholarship, to Morehouse College in Atlanta.

"It changed the whole ballgame for him—his whole academic status and his future," said Hayes. "Without the academy, he would have had to take remedial courses in college and also take out a student loan."

When they found out that Samuel had been accepted to Morehouse, his parents decided to pack up the family and move to Atlanta (at Samuel's request). His father found a good job, and the family is settled and rebuilding a new life in Atlanta.

"The Academy truly changed Samuel's life. He maximized his opportunity to the fullest," said Hayes. "He's the poster child for the ACT Academy."

Three Arkansans Receive the Honorary American FFA Degree

Three Arkansans were awarded the Honorary American FFA Degree at the 86th National FFA Convention in Louisville, Kentucky. The awards were presented to **Sandra Porter**, interim deputy director of the Career and Technical Education Division of the Department of Career Education; **Paul Steven Anderson**, superintendent of the Lake Hamilton School District; and **Raymond Walter**, a doctoral student at the University of Arkansas.

The Honorary American FFA degree is given to those who advance agricultural education and FFA through personal commitment. It provides FFA an opportunity to recognize those who have gone beyond valuable daily contributions to make an extraordinary long-term difference in the lives of students, inspiring confidence in a new generation of agriculturalists.

Porter served as a business education teacher for 26 years. She joined the Department of Career Education in 2004 as program manager for business education. She has also served as associate director for workforce training and associate director for career and technical education. She has long been an advocate for career and technical education, career and technical student organizations, and professional organizations. She has been a member of the Bryant School Board since 2006 and has served as vice president and president. She is a member of the Arkansas School Board Association (ASBA) and was elected secretary-treasurer of ASBA.

Walter is closely connected to agriculture and FFA. His family raises cattle and pigs in Clarkridge, Arkansas, and he helps manage the cattle operations. Walter belonged to the Mountain Home FFA, serving as president at age 12 and winning honors in career de-



Raymond Walter (front), **Sandra Porter** (first row, fourth from left) and **Steve Anderson** (first row, fourth from right) hold the Honorary American FFA Degrees they received at the National FFA Convention and Expo. With them are members of the Arkansas FFA delegation.

velopment events at the state and national levels. He graduated from Mountain Home High School at age 14, and at age 18, graduated magna cum laude with a triple major in mathematics, physics, and economics. He is now a doctoral student at the University of Arkansas and expects to complete doctoral studies in mathematics and physics in 2017. His accomplishments are made even more remarkable, considering how successfully he has faced the challenges of Duchene Muscular Dystrophy, a progressive-degenerative neuromuscular disease.

Anderson has been recognized as one of the state's outstanding education administrators. He is a strong supporter of agriculture education and FFA and advocates for them to administrators in other school districts as well as within his own district. He is currently involved in building a new state-of-the-art agriculture education complex at Lake Hamilton. He has also been involved in two successful millage campaigns and the construction of an alternative learning center at Lake Hamilton, where he has served as superintendent since 2006.

October Recognized as Disability Awareness Month

The Arkansas Disability Coalition sponsored Disability Awareness Day October 16 at the Arkansas School for the Deaf's Parnell Hall. Present were several partner programs, including ARS's **Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities**. The purpose of the annual event is *to promote positive awareness and full support for inclusion of people with disabilities throughout Arkansas.*

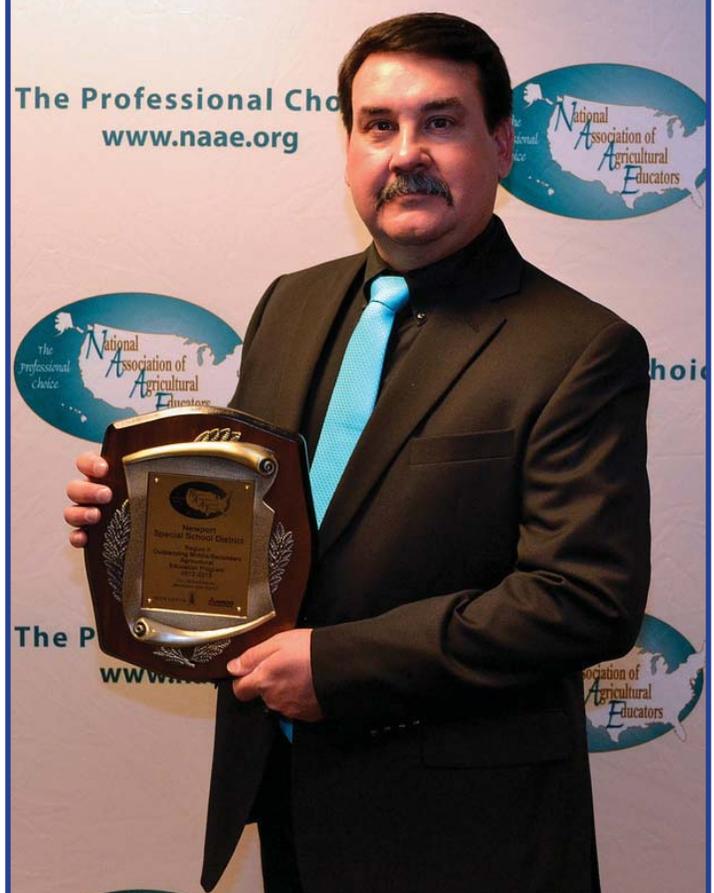


Fourteen businesses and 19 youth with disabilities were recognized for their participation in the annual **Mentors' Luncheon**. Disability Mentoring Day is a national initiative designed to promote career development through hands-on programs, job shadowing, and ongoing mentoring. Mentoring Day in Arkansas is an initiative of the **Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities**. Mentors and mentees shared their experiences in the mentoring program at the luncheon.



ACE Communications staffer **Mark Apolinar** (above right) mentored **Alexander Myers** (left) in web development.

Newport High School Agriculture Program Wins Top Honors



Pictured above: Newport High School agriculture instructor **Steve Davis** holds the plaque Newport High School received for being named the outstanding agriculture education program in Region 2, which encompasses seven states.

Newport High School's agriculture education was recently named the **Region 2 Outstanding Middle/Secondary School** by the **National Association of Agriculture Educators**. Instructor **Steve Davis** (above) accepted the award at the 2013 National Association of Agriculture Educators National Conference in December.

Region 2 includes Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Kansas, New Mexico, and Colorado.

Newport's agriculture education program offers courses in plant systems, animal science, agriculture mechanics, and other areas, depending on student demand. The school also has a crop management course, for which students can receive concurrent college credit. Newport High School is the only school in the state that offers this course.

ACTI Happenings

ACTI Students Turn the Tassel

The Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) held its 184th graduation ceremony in December in Horner Hall at the Hot Springs Convention Center.

Keynote speaker **Josh Hayes**, career coach supervisor with Arkansas Works, encouraged the graduates to pursue their dreams and their education and to always have a backup plan--not just a Plan B, but a Plan C, D, E, F, and G.

Also addressing the graduates were state **Sen. Bill Sample**, Director **William L. "Bill" Walker, Jr.**, and Commissioner **Randy Laverty**, along with ACTI Administrator **Jonathan Bibb**, Assistant Administrator **Tony Hoenig**, and Vocational Training Director **Dr. Dawn Simpson**.



Keynote Speaker Josh Hayes

Students **Alexandra Bottoms**, **Michael Rick**, **Justin Brownlee**, **Wendy Ward**, and **Ed Grode** introduced speakers and led the



Guest Speaker Sen. Bill Sample

"Turning of the Tassel" ceremony. The "e-vite" and the graduation program were designed and produced by the faculty and students of the ACTI Graphic Communications Program.

184th Commencement Services: *Soaring Toward the Future* Graduates

- Honor Graduate
- SkillsUSA Graduate
- HOSA Graduate
- JAG Graduate
- CRC Graduate

AUTOMOTIVE COLLISION REPAIR/Instructors - Donald Crossley & David Tunnicliff: ●● Ashton Cannon - *Alma*; ● Datron Hall - *El Dorado*; ●● Blake Simmons - *Hazen*. **AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY/Instructor - Wayne Thomas:** Jaymal Bethune - *Dermott*; ● Tim Davis - *Jasper*; ● Sarah LaValle - *Leslie*; Roger Lyle - *Mena*. **BUSINESS & MARKETING TECHNOLOGY/Instructor - Sandra Dunn:** ● Kailey Barnett - *Monticello*; Terrance Harris - *Truman*; ● Bryan Johnson - *Pine Bluff*. ● Carolyn York - *Rison*. **CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANT/Instructors - Cheryl Miller & Sharyn Spiva:** ● Malcolm Adams - *Little Rock*; ●●● Donita Beard - *Glenn Rose*; ● Tiffany Branch - *Pine Bluff*; ● Briana Bullock - *Eureka Springs*; ● Carmesha Carter - *Hot Springs*; ● Cody Daniel - *West Memphis*; ●● Wynona Gayfield - *Hot Springs*; ● Kimberly Henry - *Lonoke*; ●● Rebekah Johnson - *Heber Springs*; ● Joshua May - *Clarksville*; ●●● Jasmine Phillips - *Hot Springs*; ●●● Amanda Stuckey - *Benton*; ● Jennifer Williams - *Lewisville*. **CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY/Instructors -- Nick Avery & David Morrow:** ● Andrew Doble - *Pea Ridge*; ● Josh Goy - *Hot Springs*; ●●● Thomas Wilson - *Morrilton*. **COSMETOLOGY/Instructors - Susan Gordon & Chrystal Nelson:** ●● Rosario Amador - *Bentonville*; ●● Kimberly Anderson - *Hot Springs*; ● Quincie DeLoach - *Malvern*; ● Joshua

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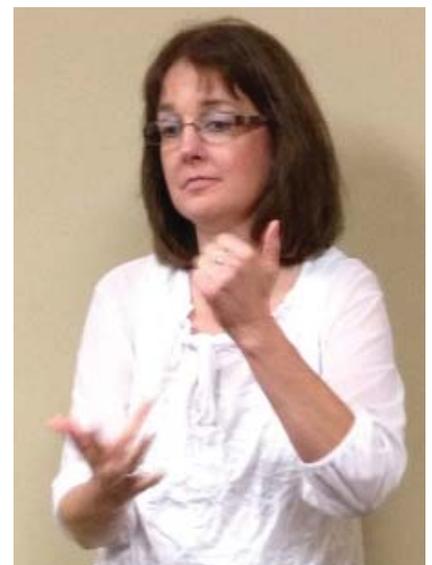
SDHH (Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing)

Holly Ketchum, State Coordinator

In November 2010, Arkansas Rehabilitation Services' Office for the Deaf and Hearing Impaired (ODHI) was renamed **Services for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (SDHH)**. Holly Ketchum, program specialist for the deaf and hard of hearing and state coordinator for the deaf, began presentations in July to ARS employees in different field offices. The two programs presented were "**Deaf Culture 101**" and "**Technology/Communication.**" She discussed such topics as deaf social customs, behaviors, art, literary works, traditions, history, values, and shared communities that are affected by deafness and use sign language as the main means of communication.

The training sessions explained that members of the deaf community tend to view deafness as a difference in human experience rather than as a disability. Deaf people have their own culture. People with other disabilities, such as those who are blind, autistic, have spinal cord injuries, or other disabilities do not have a separate and distinct culture.

Holly wishes to express her thanks to Cheryl Sugg and Stephanie Ott for interpreting during these presentations to the ARS employees in Texarkana, El Dorado, the Arkansas Career Training Institute, Hot Springs, Fort Smith, Booneville, Fayetteville, Harrison, and Little Rock.



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Griffis - Batesville; ● Lonetta Jones - Magazine; ● Breanna Walden - Little Rock; ● Wendy Ward - Harrison. **CULINARY ARTS/Instructor - Curtis Faulkner.** ● ● ● Kasie Beck - Yellville; ● Tyler Brown - Arkadelphia; Stevie Dorsey - Magnolia; Mark Kimmel - Ward; ● Michael Prescott; Derek Reynolds - Hot Springs. **GRAPHICS COMMUNICATIONS/Instructors - Ralph Forbes, Tom Kennedy & Larry Ward.** Isaiah Evans - Hot Springs. **HEALTH INFORMATICS/Instructor - Jacob Bryant.** ● ● Sabrina On-The-Hill - Fayetteville. **POWER EQUIPMENT TECHNOLOGY/Instructor - Gary Johnston.** ● Joshua A. Collier - Pine Bluff; ● John Michael Danner - Stuttgart; Eddie Hughes - Murfreesboro; Calvin Jacobs - Gillett; Mike Samful - Magnolia; Ross Shimmer - Gravette. **WELDING/Instructors - Philip Dobbs & Dennis Pickering.** ● Felix Bradford - Mt. Pine; ● ● Cordarius Bragg - Arkadelphia; ● Anthony Cogburn - Hot Springs; ● Clifton Hughey - Waldo; ● ● Christopher Matthews - Monticello; ● ● Clinton McMaster - Fayetteville; ● ● Graydon O'Haver - Hope; ● ● Cameron Potter - Conway; ● ● Kevin Tindall - Conway; ● ● James Van Vleet - Mt. View



Young Adults Gain Work Experience Through UAMS Project SEARCH

“Bill” Walker, Jr., UAMS Chancellor Dan Rahn, M.D., and leaders from ACCESS and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services praised the interns and program.

“This collaboration to establish UAMS Project SEARCH has blossomed beautifully for all involved and is a template we can build on to prepare more Arkansans with disabilities to work and lead productive and independent lives,” Director Walker said.

The interns work with teams that include their families, an instructor, vocational advisor, and job coach along with ARS counselors to create employment goals and support interns during the transition to work. The goal is to help participants build competitive, marketable, and transferable skills to enable them to apply for a related job upon completion of the internship. ARS Transition Director Judy Smith was the lead planner for ARS’s role in

Project SEARCH and coordinates ARS’s participation with the teams.

The second UAMS Project SEARCH class will begin in 2014.

Founded in 1996, Project SEARCH has grown to an international one-year internship program for individuals with developmental disabilities who desire sustainable, competitive employment. Its proven training and employment model is used in more than 150 licensed programs spanning 42 states, four countries and multiple industries.

Twelve young adults with developmental disabilities are nearly halfway through a year-long internship program called Project SEARCH that provides on-the-job training in a variety of departments at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS).

The 12 interns in UAMS Project SEARCH — a partnership between UAMS, ACCESS, and Arkansas Rehabilitation Services (ARS) — started working jobs in August in patient transport, nutrition services, central supply, the mailroom, human resources, and other areas.

At an October 1 celebration of the successful launch of Project SEARCH, Gov. Mike Beebe (above), ACE Director William L.



Pictured above: ACE Director Bill Walker, ACCESS Executive Director Tammy Simmons, ARS Chief of Field Services Carl Daughtery, ARS Transition Program Director Judy Smith and UAMS Chancellor Dan Rahn, M.D.

ACE Expos



The Department of Career Education is continuing the very successful expos that bring information about agency services to communities across the state. The October expo in Conway (district managers **Sherry Hollingshed** and **Lisa Murphy**, pictured left, direct vendors to their sites) and the November expo in Hot Springs (**Jeff Jackson** and ARS **Commissioner Randy Laverty**, pictured right, enjoy a rare pause

in activities) were attended by hundreds of individuals seeking information on career and technical education, adult education, and services for individuals with disabilities provided through Arkansas Rehabilitation Services. The Reality Fair provided high school students and others information on dressing for success, interviewing for a job, postsecondary education opportunities, and other topics.



Career and Technical Student Organizations National Conferences' Highlights

FBLA

Arkansas FBLA members brought home 12 national competition awards from the 2013 FBLA National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California.

- ★ **Rachel Ford** from *Siloam Springs High School* was elected 2013-14 **Southern Region vice president**.
- ★ Second-place winners included the following: **Electronic Career Portfolio**, **Kennedy Langton**, *Omaha High School*; **Technology Concepts**, **Kevin Fialkowski**, *Arkansas School for Mathematics, Science, and the Arts*; and **Word Processing II**, **Bridget Sciarra**, *Omaha High School*.
- ★ Winning third place in **Excel Pilot** was **Alan Pinter**, *Fort Smith Southside High School*.
- ★ Fourth-place winners were **Business Communications**, **Taylor Noakes**, *Viola High School*; **Computer Problem-Solving**, **Alan Pinter**, *Fort Smith Southside*; and **Desktop Publishing**, **Sammy Shelley** and **Janessa Gallegos**, *Cotter High School*.
- ★ A fifth-place award went to **John Parker**, *Springdale High School*, in the **Help Desk** contest. *Brookland High School* was awarded fifth place in the **March of Dimes service project**.
- ★ Earning a seventh-place ranking in **Accounting I** was **Taylor Wells**, *Greenbrier High School*.
- ★ Placing ninth in **Future Business Leader** was **Connor Donovan**, *Little Rock Central High School*.
- ★ A tenth-place award in **Word Processing II** went to **Madison Carr**, *Armored High School*.
- ★ **Kiley Anderson**, *DeWitt High School*, and **Rachel Ford**, *Siloam Springs High School*, were named to **Arkansas FBLA Who's Who**.
- ★ Named Arkansas FBLA **Adviser of the Year** was **Kelley Todd**, FBLA adviser at *Fort Smith Southside High School*. **Angela McCallie**, FBLA adviser at *Carlisle High School*, took second place in the **Open-Professional Division**.

FFA

Three Arkansas FFA chapters placed in the top ten in five separate Career Development Event (CDE) competitions at the 2013 National FFA Convention held in Louisville, Kentucky, and seven students placed in the top ten individually in contests as well. In addition, three Arkansans received the 2013 Honorary America FFA Degree for their contributions to agriculture education and FFA (see page 3).

- ★ *Hermitage FFA* placed second in the **Livestock Evaluation CDE**, and **Matthew Smith** of *Hermitage* placed second individually in the same event.
- ★ *Hermitage FFA Chapter* placed fourth in the **Forestry CDE**, and **Travis Williams** of *Hermitage* placed sixth individually in the same event.
- ★ *Green Forest FFA* placed third in the **Poultry Evaluation CDE**, and **Sydney Cary** was the eighth-place individual in the same event.
- ★ **Darci Dixon** of *Lincoln FFA Chapter* was the seventh-place individual in the **Food Science and Technology CDE**.
- ★ *Prairie Grove FFA* placed seventh in the **Nursery/Landscape CDE**, and **Rachel Hays** of *Prairie Grove* placed ninth individually in the same event.
- ★ *Prairie Grove FFA* placed eighth in the **Meats Evaluation and Technology CDE**. **Fred Pohlman** placed third

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individually, and **Colton Teekell** placed eighth individually in the same event. Both Pohlman and Teekell are members of the *Prairie Grove FFA*.

- ★ **Lexi Haynie** of the *Vilonia FFA* chapter placed tenth in the **Horse Evaluation CDE**.

PBL

Arkansas PBL students won 43 medals at the PBL National Leadership Conference in Anaheim, California. Winners are listed below:

- ★ *Arkansas State University*: **Andrew Todd**, 1st Place - **Future Business Executive**. *Arkansas State University*: **Jeffrey Cone**, 1st Place - **Macroeconomics**. **Yuchen Duan**, **Andrew Todd**, 3rd Place - **Accounting Analysis & Decision Making**. **Ben Green**, **Mallory Green**, 3rd Place - **Community Service Project**. **Aaron Carroll**, 3rd Place - **Future Business Executive**. **Brett Harris**, 3rd Place - **Marketing Concepts**. **Jeffrey Cone**, 5th Place - **Economic Analysis & Decision Making**. **Vicki Buck**, 6th Place - **Future Business Educator**. **Vicki Buck**, 7th Place - **Help Desk**. **Brett Harris**, 9th Place - **Business Communication**
- ★ *Arkansas State University-Mountain Home*: **Brandon Barnes**, 10th Place - **Sports Management & Marketing**. **Anna Dollar**, **Zachary Weaver**, 4th Place - **Web Site Design**. **Zachary Weaver**, 5th Place - **Digital Video Production**.
- ★ *Arkansas State University-Mountain Home, North Arkansas College*: **Colin Crawford**, **Shea Crawford**, **Anna Dollar**, **Matt Overman**, **James Rose**, 5th Place - **Parliamentary Procedure**.
- ★ *Black River Technical College*: **Carlo Obregon**, 6th Place - **Justice Administration**.
- ★ *North Arkansas College*: **Wendy Fisher**, **Janice Healea**, **Kaylee Johnson**, 6th Place - **Community Service Project**. **Trevor Honeycutt**, 6th Place - **Contemporary Sports Issues**. **Linda Fraker**, **Rebekah Lehman**, **Robert Thomas**, 6th Place - **Free Enterprise Project**. **Linda Fraker**, **Deborah Trowbridge**, 6th Place - **Network Design**. **Trevor Honeycutt**, 9th Place - **Sports Management & Marketing**.
- ★ *Pulaski Technical College*: **Lisa Gilbert**, 8th Place - **Justice Administration**.
- ★ *South Arkansas Community College*: **Leslie Drummond**, **Henriettia Gaston**, 9th Place - **Desktop Publishing**.
- ★ *Southern Arkansas University*: **Andrew Sawyer**, 1st Place - **Microeconomics**. **Drake Frisby**, 3rd Place - **Microeconomics**. **Vincent Oliver**, 7th Place - **Computer Applications**.
- ★ *Southern Arkansas University Tech*: **Sean Kirkendall**, 2nd Place - **Computer Concepts**. **Sean Kirkendall**, 3rd Place - **Networking Concepts**.
- ★ *University of Arkansas Community College-Morrilton*: **Elizabeth Lane**, 8th Place - **Word Processing**.
- ★ *University of Arkansas-Fort Smith*: **Minzhi Hickerson**, 10th Place - **Accounting Principles**. 1st Place - **Local Chapter Annual Business Report**. **Michael Hamilton**, **Christina Seaton**, 4th Place - **Economic Analysis & Decision Making**. **Michael Hamilton**, 5th Place - **Macroeconomics**. **Jessie Burton**, 8th Place - **Marketing Concepts**.
- ★ *University of the Ozarks*: **Austin Benner**, 5th Place - **Contemporary Sports Issues**.
- ★ *Williams Baptist College*: **Kevin Hennings**, **Hannah Morgan**, 1st Place - **Emerging Business Issues**. **Kevin Hennings**, 2nd Place - **Retail Management**. **Ethan Clark**, **Shugo Frutos**, 3rd Place - **Financial Services**. **Jeff Morris**, 3rd Place - **Impromptu Speaking**. **Morgan Hatcher**, **Zabian Sanders**, **Matthew Schweri**, 3rd Place - **Marketing Analysis & Decision Making**. **Ryan Bauschlicher**, **Ethan Clark**, **ZhiJie Li**, 5th Place - **Financial Analysis & Decision Making**. **Matt Crews**, **Shugo Frutos**, **Curtis Jackson**, 6th Place - **Human Resource Management**. **Ryan Bauschlicher**, **Morgan Hatcher**, **Matthew Schweri**, 7th Place - **Business Ethics**.

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SkillsUSA

Arkansas SkillsUSA members brought home three gold medals, one silver, and two bronze from the 49th annual National Leadership and Skills Conference in Kansas City.

- ★ Gold medals went to the following: **Health Occupations Professional Portfolio**, College/Post-Secondary: **Tammy Hardin**, *College of the Ouachitas*; **Medical Terminology**, College/Post-Secondary, **Belinda Coates**, *College of the Ouachitas*; and **Nurse Assisting**, College/Post-Secondary, **Chyanne Hawkins**, *University of Arkansas—Fort Smith*.
- ★ The silver medal in the **Audio/Radio Production** contest, secondary level, went to **Emily Jackson** and **Harlee Pennington**, *Southern Arkansas University Tech Career Academy*.
- ★ Bronze medals went to the following: **Cosmetology**, College/Post-Secondary, **Rachel Clements**, *Arkansas State University—Marked Tree*; and **Electronics Technology**, College/Post-Secondary, **Dustin Terrell**, *Arkansas Tech University—Ozark Campus*.

FCCLA

Arkansas FCCLA members brought home the gold, silver, and bronze for their performances in the STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition) at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's (FCCLA) 2013 National Leadership Conference held in Nashville.

Gold medal winners are as follows:

- ★ **Illustrated Talk**--**Cheyenne Blake** and **Lydia Tilley**, *Acorn High School*; and **Savannah Edwards**, and **Kindall Richardson**, *Harrison Junior High*
- ★ **Entrepreneurship**--**Kenley Bonham**, *Bergman High School*; and **Kelsey King**, *Harrison High School*
- ★ **Food Innovations**--**Drew Mcfall**, **Cory Turner**, and **Kenzi Walker**, all from *Buffalo Island Central Junior High*; **Hannah Clifton**, **Alicia Garner**, and **Brittany Garner**, all from *McCrary High School*; and **Jacob Wray** and **Baylee Morrow**, *Valley View High School*
- ★ **Focus on Children**--**Brooke Jones**, **Kalee Newson**, and **Rebecca Bingham**, all from *Bismarck High School*; and **Caroline Elliott**, **Grace Krebs**, and **Ashley Turner**, all from *Maumelle Middle School*
- ★ **Recycle and Redesign**--**Kenzie Tudeen**, *Greenbrier High School*; **Tyler Cathey**, *Heber Springs High School*; and **Hannah Bernhardt**, *South Side High School*
- ★ **Chapter Showcase Display**--**Hannah Chu**, **Kaitlyn Rupp**, and **Caitlyn Spencer**, *Harrison High School*
- ★ **National Programs in Action**--**Carter Howard**, *Harrison Junior High*; **Hailey Crowder**, **Shannon Grayson**, **Sarah Allen**, all from *Heber Springs High School*; **Rebecca Aguilera**, *Maumelle High School*; and **Haiden Fender** and **Maggie Culp**, *Maumelle Middle School*
- ★ **Job Interview**--**Shaiyanikha Her**, *Johnson County Westside High School*; and **Elizabeth Denney**, *White Hall High School*
- ★ **Career Investigation**--**Abigail Herring**, *Maumelle Middle School*; and **Destiny Wright**, *Taylor High School*
- ★ **Chapter Service Project Manual**--**Megan Goodwin**, **Addison Williams**, and **Adison Womack**, all from *Murfreesboro High School*; and **Kenndy Blue**, **Gabi Dougan**, and **Grace Talley**, all from *Nashville Junior High*
- ★ **Chapter Showcase Manual**--**Malena Gann** and **Jessica Selby**, *Ozark High School*; **Katie Foster** and **Micah Hobbs**, *Piggot High School*; and **Bailey Hile**, **Caleb Clark**, and **Jordan Williams**, *Nashville Junior High*
- ★ **Life Planning Event**--**Courtney Dotson** and **Bethany Clair**, *Pottsville High School*
- ★ **Fashion Construction**--**Vivianna Haney**, *Prairie Grove High School*

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Silver medal winners are as follows:

- ★ **Leadership**—**Kennedy Gates**, *Bentonville High School*
- ★ **Environmental Ambassador**, **Miranda Kent**, *Bentonville High School*
- ★ **Advocacy**—**Grace Johnson**, **Trey Starks**, and **Austin Neumeier**, all from *Bigelow High School*; and **Tabitha Crook**, *White Hall High School*
- ★ **Applied Technology**—**Hailey Hughes**, *Conway Junior High*
- ★ **Parliamentary Procedure**—**Yoseph Attaharwi**, **Tyler Grubbs**, **Tucker Haney**, **Jaelynn Huckaba**, **Tavonte McDonald**, **Nick Palmer**, **Gabby Turner**, and **Tajuan Whitby**, all from *Forrest City High School*; and **Ande Terrell**, **Jada Hunter**, **Kayla Ashbrooks**, **Lexie Baxter**, **Jordan Gills**, **Carley Goff**, **Danielle Summers**, **Arianna Leeper**, all from *Murfreesboro High School*
- ★ **Entrepreneurship**—**Shelby Davis** and **Amelia Wright**, *Greenbrier Junior High*
- ★ **Life Planning Event**—**Madison Stewart**, *Harrison Junior High*
- ★ **Applied Technology**—**Kyle Keefer**, *Johnson County Westside High School*
- ★ **Chapter Showcase Manual**—**Rachel Churchill** and **Mercedes Osornio**, *Johnson County Westside High School*
- ★ **Focus on Children**—**Emily Diedrich** and **Alyssa Thornton**, *Lake Hamilton Junior High*; and **Haley Donaldson**, *Star City High School*
- ★ **Chapter Service Project Display**—**Alexi Crutchfield**, *Maumelle Middle School*; **Haley Corley**, *Smackover High School*; **Faith Thomas**, *Star City High School*; **Vanessa Mendoza** and **Alexis Morris**, *Star City High School*; and **Alyssa Land** and **Victoria Umphries**, *Taylor High School*
- ★ **Food Innovations**—**Harleigh Bland**, *Lake Hamilton Junior High*
- ★ **Chapter Showcase Display**—**Kalycya Hawkins** and **Leceesha Thomas**, *Pine Bluff High School*
- ★ **Interior Design**—**Haley Corley**, *Smackover High School*
- ★ **Recycle and Redesign**—**Jordan Mashburn**, *Vilonia Junior High*

Bronze medal winners are as follows:

- ★ **Culinary Arts**—**Denise Robinson** and **Jay Jones**, *Beebe High School*
- ★ **Early Childhood**—**Hannah Nunnally**, *Bentonville High School*, and **Brandy Kling**, *Lakeside High School*
- ★ **Career Investigation**—**Madison Dugger**, *Brookland Junior High*
- ★ **Nutrition and Wellness**—**Nancy Oliver**, *Vilonia Junior High School*
- ★ **Teach and Train**—**Olivia Higgs**, *White County Central*

HOSA

Arkansas HOSA: Future Health Professionals earned several awards competing nationally against their peers at the 36th Annual National Leadership Conference in Nashville.

- ★ Taking first place in the **Forensic Medicine** competition were **Brian Smithers** and **Lacy Newell**, *Gravette High School*. The team of **Holli McDonald** and **Marlie Ball**, also from *Gravette High School*, scored a fourth-place finish.
- ★ **Kylee Sanders** of the *University of Arkansas Community College—Batesville*, scored in the top 10 in **Job Seeking Skills**, and **Russell Sharp**, *Gravette High School*, finished in the top 10 in **Pharmacology**.

NFL Player Jamaal Anderson Speaks to Students with Disabilities



Jamaal Anderson (pictured above), who played for several NFL teams and the Arkansas Razorbacks, spoke to high school students with disabilities who participated in the Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) leadership camp.

He addressed the students at the luncheon that highlights the week-long YLF program. Anderson, who is

from Little Rock, is the son of **Glenn Anderson, Ph.D.**, who is a professor at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the first deaf African-American in the United States to receive a doctoral degree, and former ARS employee **Karen Anderson**.

YLF is sponsored by the Arkansas Rehabilitation Services Division and the Governor's Commission on People with Disabilities and is held on the University of Central Arkansas so that participants can have the experience of being on a college campus.

Through YLF, students learn about transitioning to higher education, independent living skills, and other life skills such as resume writing, interviewing for a job, and health and nutrition.



ACE Staff Members Accept Interim Positions

Sandra Porter (pictured below) has been named interim deputy director for career and technical education (CTE) following the departure of Dr. Robert Gunter. She previously served as associate director for career and technical education. Porter, originally from Missouri, joined the Department of Career Education as program manager for business and marketing technology in June 2004. She holds a bachelor of science in education in business education from Missouri Southern State University and a master of education in vocational education from the University of Arkansas. Porter began her 25-year teaching career in 1979 as a business instructor in Carl Junction, Missouri. After moving to Arkansas in 1985, she served as director of students at the Draughon's School of Business in Little Rock for



two years. She also taught at McClellan High School in Little Rock and Bryant High School.

Marylene Tate (right) has been appointed interim associate director for career and technical education. She assumes the position previously held by Sandra Porter. Tate will continue manage the agency's Office of Special Populations, where she directs Jobs for Arkansas's Future (JAG), an affiliate of the national Jobs for America's Graduates and Students and Teachers Responsibly Integrating Vocational Education (STRIVE). She holds a bachelor of science degree in child development from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff and a master of science in education in early childhood education and an administrator's certification from Arkansas State University.





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