

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

# CAMPUS UPDATE



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## TOP PRIORITIES

- 1. Increasing Enrollment**
- 2. College of Veterinary Medicine**
- 3. Partnership with the Steel Industry**
- 4. Workforce Development**



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## **GROWING THE PACK**

### **Increasing Enrollment at A-State**

#### **Strategies:**

- Creating a Culture of Collaboration
- Increased Training and Accountability
- Additional Investment in Marketing and Outreach
- Focus on Affordability and Keeping Costs Low
  - Growing Need-Based and Merit-Based Scholarships
- Enhanced Efforts on Student Support & Retention
  - Rewarding Great Teaching and Mentoring

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## **GROWING THE PACK**

### **Increasing Enrollment at A-State**

#### **Results:**

- Spring '24 numbers soared 11% over the previous year.
- Record Summer I (+12%) and Summer II (+18%).
  - More than 65,000 credit hours earned this summer.
- Tracking record enrollment for Fall '24.
  - Growth in on-campus and online modalities.
- Campus residence halls at capacity.
- Over 1,150 applications for fall '25 already received.

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## ———— **FULFILLING A NEED** ————

### **A-State College of Veterinary Medicine**

#### **Background:**

- Arkansas has thriving poultry, livestock, and equine industries and numerous small, rural farms.
- Arkansas has the **lowest** "vets to pets" ratio in the U.S.
  - Only 14 veterinarians per 100,000 residents.
- Approximately 100 Arkansans apply to veterinary school each year. Only 35 are accepted due to limited spots for out-of-state students.

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## ———— **FULFILLING A NEED** ————

### **A-State College of Veterinary Medicine**

#### **Why A-State?**

- A-State operates an 185-acre farm adjacent to campus that manages all species of farm animals, horses, and facilities.
- A-State is home to the Arkansas Bioscience Institute, a statewide resource devoted to plant and animal biotechnology research.
- A-State is an R2 university with the infrastructure, faculty, and capacity to support a College of Veterinary Medicine.

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## **FULFILLING A NEED**

### **A-State College of Veterinary Medicine**

#### **Current Status:**

- Approval from HLC and ADE.
- The AVMA Council on Education visited in July.
- Dean Heidi Banse, formerly at the LSU School of Veterinary Medicine, has arrived on campus.
- Currently hiring leadership team, navigating the accreditation process, and recruiting clinical affiliates.



Dr. Heidi Banse

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## **FORGING PARTNERSHIPS**

### **A-State Collaboration with the Steel Industry**

#### **Background:**

- More than 20 steel-related companies in Northeast Arkansas, employing over 3,600 workers.
  - Another \$3 billion in construction, creating 900 jobs.
  - These jobs are more advanced than ever and require a technology-proficient workforce.
- A-State will provide business solutions, grow markets, improve production, and be central to economic development throughout our region and state.

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## — **FORGING PARTNERSHIPS** —

### **A-State Collaboration with the Steel Industry**

#### **Current Status:**

- Received \$10M congressional appropriation to create Center for Advanced Materials and Steel Manufacturing.
- A-State Department of Metallurgy & Steel Manufacturing, connecting campus researchers and industry scientists.
- Requests for scholarships, internships, career pathway programs, endowed professorships and departments.

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## — **A COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE** —

### **The Leader in NEA Workforce Development**

#### **Background:**

- Workforce development is a key factor in regional economic development strategies.
- Attracts industries and supports long-term growth by ensuring the local labor market meets evolving needs.
- Bridges the gap between academic education and practical skills; offers networking and employment opportunities.
- Exposes new audiences to higher education.

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## — **A COMMUNITY ADVANTAGE** —

### **The Leader in NEA Workforce Development**

#### **Current Status:**

- 2 + 2 Agreements with Arkansas Northeastern College.
- Submitting a proposal to the Governor's HIRED Workforce Development Program.
- Evaluating programs in A.I. and High-Speed Automation for Advanced Manufacturing.
- Prepare workers to enter food production, banking, agriculture, manufacturing, childcare, healthcare, etc.

# More Than a Medical School

**NEW YORK INSTITUTE  
OF TECHNOLOGY**

College of Osteopathic  
Medicine  
at Arkansas State University



Shane Speights, D.O., FAAFP – Dean

Do.  
Make.  
Heal.  
Innovate.  
Reinvent the Future.

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## Brief History



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- Early 2010s, Arkansas State University began exploring the idea of opening a medical school on its Jonesboro campus
- Visited with potential partners across the country and connected with New York Institute of Technology
- NYIT was sold on the concept of opening an additional campus in a place with significant healthcare needs
- Private-public partnership established; \$12m renovation of Wilson Hall, formerly the A-State humanities building



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- Arkansas has an overall health ranking of 48 out of 50 states in its population's health status.
- Arkansas ranks 46 out of 50 states in the number of active physicians per capita.
- One-third of Arkansas physician workforce over the age of 60



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- Welcomed first class (115 students) in 2016
- First osteopathic school opened in Arkansas
- Housed in Wilson Hall on the A-State campus
- Have graduated five classes
- Annual economic impact of \$44.6 M, according to study coming out soon



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# Practice Locations

- 40 Alumni from first two classes hired to practice in Arkansas
- Graduates practicing in Wynne, Highland, Piggott, Conway, Springdale, Little Rock, Mountain Home, McGehee, Mena, Dardanelle

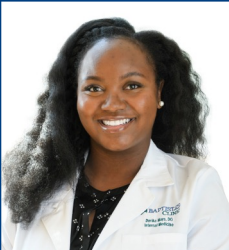
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Alumni in Practice ★  
Alumni in Residency ★



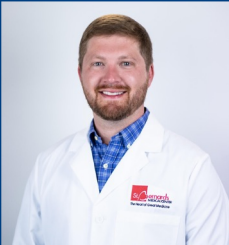
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## NYITCOM at A-State



**Dr. Drika Mays**


- Osceola Native
- A-State & NYITCOM Alumni
- NEA Baptist Internal Medicine Resident
- Signed to practice at NEA Baptist



**Dr. Carter Lee**

- Sherwood
- A-State
- St. Benards IM Medicine Residency
- Clopton Clinic

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## Pipeline Initiatives

- Annually host over 800 K-12 students on our campus to introduce them to healthcare careers
- Current NYITCOM medical students have attended these programs



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## Pathway Programs

- Announced “Pathways Program” with Henderson State in June
- Working on similar initiative with A-State
- Recruits high school students and gives pathway to medical school
  - If student meets certain requirements (GPA, SAT or ACT, interview), will be accepted to NYITCOM
  - No MCAT required
- NYITCOM supports undergrads through programs, student mentorship, on-campus activities

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## Additional Programs

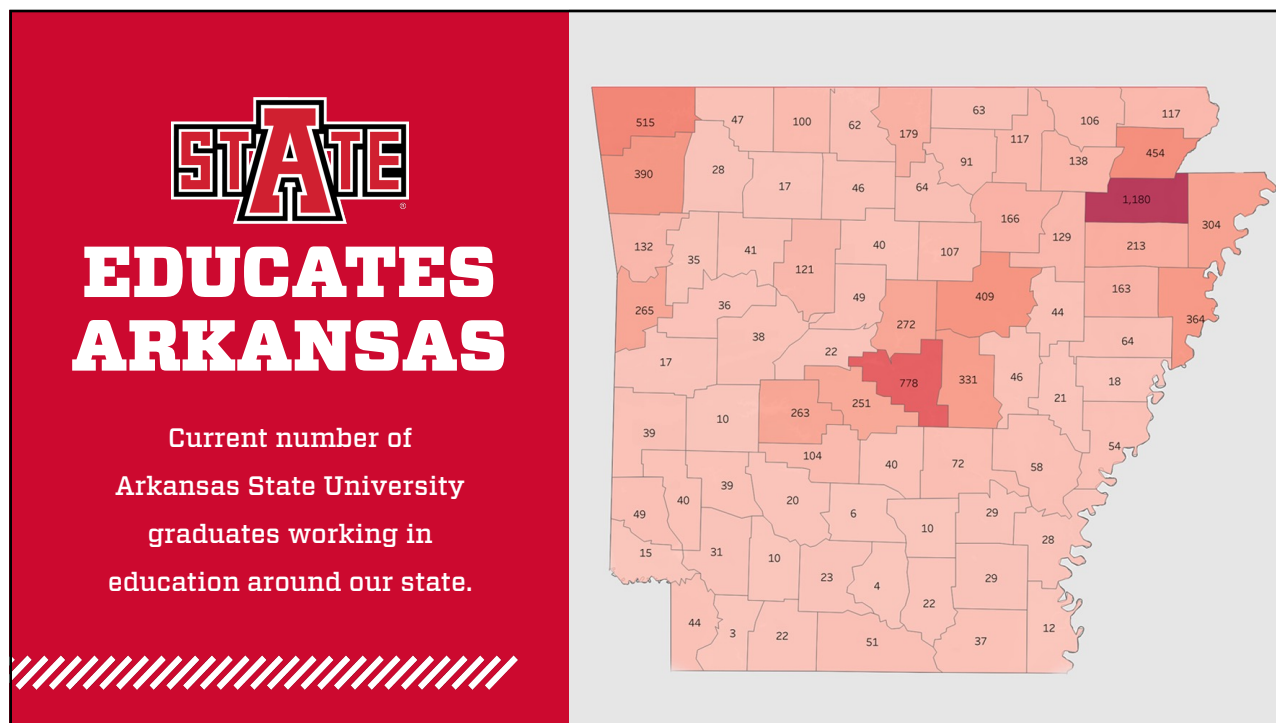
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- Certificates in EMT and Paramedic
  - Took over program from A-State after announcement of plans to disband
- Master of Biomedical Sciences and Master of Public Health
  - Pathway Programs with A-State Mexico campus and HSU
- B.S. to D.O. Program
  - Allows students to complete undergrad and medical degree in seven years
    - Agreements in place with A-State, numerous other Arkansas schools







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## Teacher Excellence & Support System (TESS)

Rubric	Spring 2023		Spring 2024	
Domain 1: Planning and Preparation	n	Mean	n	Mean
1a - Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy	100	3.54	108	3.51
1b - Demonstrating Knowledge of Students	100	3.57	108	3.51
1c - Setting Instructional Outcomes	100	3.44	108	3.47
1d - Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources	100	3.53	108	3.53
1e - Designing Coherent Instruction	100	3.48	108	3.47
1f - Designing Student Assessments	100	3.42	108	3.39
Domain 1 Average Score:		3.50		3.48

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## Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS)

Rubric	Spring 2023		Spring 2024	
Domain 2: The Classroom Environment	n	Mean	n	Mean
2a - Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport	100	3.61	108	3.64
2b - Establishing a Culture for Learning	100	3.45	108	3.52
2c - Managing Classroom Procedures	100	3.44	108	3.53
2d - Managing Student Behavior	100	3.40	108	3.48
2e - Organizing Physical Space	100	3.49	108	3.57
Domain 2 Average Score:		3.48		3.55

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## Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS)

Rubric	Spring 2023		Spring 2024	
Domain 3: Instruction	n	Mean	n	Mean
3a - Communicating with Students	100	3.47	108	3.53
3b - Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques	100	3.33	108	3.45
3c - Engaging Students in Learning	100	3.48	108	3.53
3d - Using Assessment in Instruction	100	3.38	108	3.30
3e - Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness	100	3.54	108	3.54
Domain 3 Average Score:		3.44		3.47


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## Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS)

Rubric	Spring 2023		Spring 2024	
Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities	n	Mean	n	Mean
4a - Reflecting on Teaching	100	3.71	108	3.67
4b - Maintaining Accurate Records	100	3.56	95	3.64
4c - Communicating with Families	100	3.46	79	3.65
4d - Participating in a Professional Community	100	3.53	95	3.64
4e - Growing and Developing Professionally	100	3.62	103	3.65
4f - Showing Professionalism	100	3.62	108	3.65
Domain 4 Average Score:		3.58		3.65



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# EDUCATES ARKANSAS

Red Wolves who have succeeded in providing high-quality learning opportunities for Arkansans.



**2024 AASSP**  
Principal of the Year

**Travis Barrentine**  
Greenbrier High School



**2024 AAESP**  
Principal of the Year

**Amanda Turner-Sanders**  
Leadership Magnet School

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# ARKANSAS LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

Where education leaders find  
learning pathways and  
develop leadership skills to  
create systemic change,  
leading to improved teaching  
and learning.

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