The Academic Competitiveness Grant

The U.S. Department of Education has implemented a new student grant program, the Academic Competitiveness (AC) Grant. This grant is available to any Pell Grant-eligible first- or second-year college student who:
- is a full-time college student;
- is a citizen of the United States;
- is enrolled in a two- or four-year degree-granting institution of higher education;
- has not been previously enrolled in a program of undergraduate education (for a first-year student); and
- has completed a rigorous high school course of study after January 1, 2006, if a first-year student, or January 1, 2005, if a second-year student.

Second-year students must have maintained a cumulative 3.0 grade point average for the first academic year. Recognized “rigorous secondary school programs of study” include the Arkansas Challenge core curriculum, and The State Scholars Initiative requirements.

Students who qualify for AC Grants may receive up to $750 for a first-year student, or $1,300 for a second-year student to pay for higher education. Additional information may be found at these Web addresses:

FAFSA: https://www.fafsa.com/acg.htm

UACC will attend these upcoming ArkACRAO events:
October 12 - Vilonia High School
October 17 - Greenbrier High School
October 19 - ASU Beebe
November 1 - Ozarka College
November 9 - Bryant High School

COMPASS Testing

UACC, like many colleges, accepts both the COMPASS and ACT to determine course placement and scholarship eligibility. Benefits of the COMPASS include no pre-registration for an exam date, a computerized administration that returns scores immediately, and the lack of timing on sub-sections. Only English, reading, and math skills are tested, and students may use an ACT study guide as preparation.

The COMPASS Exam is given every Thursday at 1:00 and 4:30 p.m. on the UACC campus. The cost is $10 per exam and photo identification is required to enter the testing facility. Students should arrive 15 to 20 minutes prior to testing for registration. Late admittance is not permitted.

Happy Halloween!