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UACCM Chancellor Dr. Larry Davis surrounded by the college's 2010 Chancellor's Ambassadors

DAVIS BEGINS AT UACCM

Dr. Larry Davis officially began his duties as the newest chancellor of the University of Arkansas Community College at Morriston (UACCM) on September 16. University of Arkansas System President Dr. B. Alan Sugg appointed Davis as chancellor following Nathan Crook's retirement.

Davis has 37 years of experience in community college administration and instruction, most recently serving as vice chancellor for academic affairs at Arkansas State University-Newport for the past six years. Prior to that, he was an instructor, department head and division chair during a 31-year stint at Oklahoma State University Institute of Technology-Okmulgee (OSUIT).

OSUIT is a campus known for its hands-on technical training, world-class equipment, and unique partnerships with industry. This technical aspect of education gave Davis the opportunity to formulate business and industry partnerships. Davis is excited about creating similar relationships with businesses and industry in our region and believes community involvement is an essential part of developing those relationships. He said, "I am involved because I believe the college and the community have to be partners for both to be successful."

50 GOLDEN YEARS

As we celebrate the milestone of our 50th anniversary, we reflect on a proud past rich in history while we anticipate a future full of hope and continued progress.

From an initial enrollment of 278 students and 13 programs to the current 2500 credit students exploring 43 plans of study options, UACCM contributes significantly to the area's job creation and economic development. Just as we have a diverse array of programs, our students have a variety of goals. Some want to complete a short-term training program and quickly enter the workforce armed with solid occupational skills, while others want to build a strong academic foundation by earning the first two years of their bachelor's degree in a small, comfortable campus setting.

(See "Golden Years" on page 3)

RELAY FOR LIFE MOVED TO UACCM

UACCM is proud to announce that it will be the new host and primary sponsor of the 2011 Relay for Life May 6 and 7 on the UACCM campus. The Conway County Relay For Life is one of the largest relays in the Mid-South Division, which is made up of Arkansas, Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee, and Kentucky. Last year Conway County alone was able to raise over \$90,000 for the American Cancer Society.

(See "Relay For Life" on page 3)

02/04

Presentation by Senator Joyce Elliott, State Senate Majority Leader
12:00 Noon
Fine Arts Auditorium

02/15

Presentation by Reverend Charles L White Jr., National Field Director and Director of Field Organizing for the NAACP
12:00 Noon
Fine Arts Auditorium

02/17

Free Movie "The Blind Side"
6:30 pm
Fine Arts Auditorium

02/24

Presentation by Dr. Walter M Kimbrough, President of Philander Smith College
12:00 Noon
Fine Arts Auditorium

03/10

Holocaust Survivor Presentation
6:30 pm
Fine Arts Auditorium

All events are free and open to the public. For more information on any of the events listed, contact David Plummer at (501) 977-2142 or at plummer@uaccm.edu.

AREA STUDENTS GRADUATE FROM UACCM

UACCM held its December commencement exercises on Saturday, December 11 in the H.B. White Auditorium on the South Conway County High School campus. This year, due to the large number of graduates, UACCM divided the commencement exercises into two ceremonies. The first ceremony was held at 10:00 am and the second began at 2:00 pm. There were 332 candidates for graduation. Visit www.facebook.com/uaccm to see pictures from both ceremonies. Congratulations to all fall 2010 graduates of UACCM!



PAGEANT WINNERS

The Phi Beta Lambda organization for business students hosted the fourth annual UACCM Pageant in the Fine Arts Auditorium in November. The pageant, which consisted of eight categories, was open to current UACCM students and girls between the ages of birth and 17 years.

The winner of Ms. UACCM received a \$1,000 scholarship, and the first, second, third, and fourth alternates received scholarships in the amount of \$400, \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively. These scholarships were all sponsored by the UACCM Chancellor's Office. In addition to the scholarships, Miss UACCM and her royalty received many gifts from local businesses.

Emily Orsburn of Russellville was crowned as Miss UACCM 2010. Other winners in the Miss UACCM category included 1st Alternate, Chelsey Jones, Plumerville; 2nd Alternate, Morgan Drayton, Conway; 3rd Alternate, Kimberly Lacy, Conway; 4th Alternate, Brandie Hicks, Conway.

For more pictures from the pageant, go to www.facebook.com/uaccm



Pictured are the winners from the 'Miss UACCM' Category. From left to right: Brandie Hicks, Morgan Drayton, Emily Orsburn, Chelsey Jones, and Kimberly Lacy, Chelsey Jones, and Kimberly Lacy

UACCM BREAKS GROUND ON SAFE ROOM

UACCM broke ground this fall on a 329 square-foot safe room. The project, approved by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), began construction in November after many months of planning and preparation.

The safe room is being constructed to provide emergency shelter for the children of the Earle Love Child Care Center from the devastating impact of a tornado. Most people know that Arkansas is a part of "Tornado Alley," which is the name given to a large section of the country that has an extremely high risk of tornado activity.

UACCM believes that this safe room will provide physical shelter from a tornado, as well as promote a confident feeling of safety for the Earle Love Child Study Center children and their parents.

VISUAL MERCHANDISING STUDENTS SEIZE A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY

UACCM retail marketing students created and installed window displays for several local businesses to be viewed on campus throughout the fall semester. The students of Nancy Patterson's Visual Merchandising class were divided into groups, which were given the names of local businesses for which they were responsible for creating a display. The students contacted the local business to discuss the project. When the time came for a team to install their design in the window, they were able to completely construct the display in one day. These displays were shown in the specially designed window display area on the first floor of UACCM's Business Technology Center. This was an excellent opportunity for the Visual Merchandising students to get hands-on experience while providing on-campus exposure for local businesses. The students demonstrated their high levels of creativity and ingenuity as they managed to transform a small window space into displays that resembled a mountain bike trail, a photography studio, an antique-filled living room, and even a football field.



Window display created by UACCM visual merchandising students

A BETTER EDUCATION FOR A BETTER WORKFORCE

Education, training, and certifications have become an essential part of developing the modern day workforce. UACCM has seen this growing need and is providing a solution through its Workforce Development program. Kent Johnson recently began work at UACCM as the new Coordinator for Workforce Development. Johnson says "Knowledge is the key to any successful workforce. What you know has become as important to any job as the raw materials you work with."

The technology and skill sets required by today's businesses and industries are changing rapidly and in order keep up with the changes, companies have to provide their employees with the proper training and education. Unfortunately, many companies don't have the facilities, educators, or equipment available to conduct all of these trainings and certifications. That is where Johnson and the UACCM Workforce Development program come in. Johnson points out that, "We are able to use the vast resources of UACCM and our Leadership Development Institute to provide the very best education for today's workforce." UACCM can provide companies with classrooms of any size, top of the line computer labs, and experienced instructors.

UACCM can partner with any size company in any industry to equip their employees with the education to help them succeed in today's economy. For more information, contact Kent Johnson at (501) 354-7588 or by email at johnson@uaccm.edu.

UACCM ALUM RECEIVES TOP HONOR

Kudos to UACCM Graduate Alicia Francis, who was selected as the Arkansas Council of Teachers of English and Language Arts (ACTELA) Teacher of the Year! She was honored at a luncheon at a special luncheon in November.

FOUNDATION PROJECTS ENHANCE UACCM

The UACCM Foundation completed two major fundraising projects in 2010, including the multi-use pavilion located near The Plaza dining facility and the Union Square outdoor park located outside of the Kirk Building's Union Station. The Foundation officially transferred the property, valued at \$62,791, to UACCM on November 17. Money for the two projects was raised during the past two years through the UACCM Foundation's special events, including Just Desserts, the "Links for Learning" golf tournament, and the "Aiming for Education" skeet shoot.

The Foundation, comprised of a volunteer Board of Directors, directly supports the College through the funding of programs, equipment, and facilities that may not be paid for through the general budget. The Foundation is a 501 (c)3 non-profit corporation, which makes such contributions from businesses and individuals tax-deductible within the limits of the law.



UACCM Foundation Board presents Chancellor Davis with transfer of property documents

POINTS OF PRIDE

- **UACCM has experienced an enrollment increase of over 660 percent since it became a two-year college in 1991**
- **In a recent county-wide survey conducted by Stone Ward advertising agency, 63.8 percent of respondents selected UACCM as the top strength of Morrilton/Conway County**
- **100 of the UACCM nursing class of 2010 who participated in the ARNEC program passed the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX) comprehensive predictor test, an examination for the licensing of nurses in the United States**
- **Ninety-seven percent of the graduates who responded to the last graduate survey were highly satisfied/satisfied with UACCM**
- **UACCM has achieved continual record enrollments since becoming a two-year college in 1991. Fall 2010 enrollment topped 2,500 students for the first time ever.**

COVER STORIES

...Golden Years

In 1961, UACCM was first established as Petit Jean Vocational-Technical School, the state's second school designed to provide training in vocational trades. In 1991, in order to provide more effective, improved delivery systems of education, Petit Jean Vo-Tech made the revolutionary transformation to a two-year technical college. That year, Petit Jean Vocational Technical Director Nathan Crook, along with State Senator Allen Gordon, helped lead the charge to convert by state legislation 14 of the state's vo-techs to more comprehensive two-year colleges. Subsequently, in 1995, in order to reflect the more comprehensive mission, Petit Jean Technical College became Petit Jean College.



UA System President Dr. B. Alan Sugg With UACCM Chancellor Dr. Larry Davis

In 2001, Petit Jean College merged with the University of Arkansas System, becoming one of 18 independent campuses and entities backed by the UA tradition of excellence. This affiliation with the University of Arkansas System has allowed us to form innovative partnerships with other UA System institutions, further expanding access and options available to students within our immediate service area.

As we now also celebrate our 10th anniversary as a member of the University of Arkansas System, several things remain constant: the dedication of our employees; the desire of our students to improve their lives; and the focus on our mission – a commitment to excellence in learning and personal enrichment.

We embrace the future with optimism as we consider the endless possibilities for our next 50 years and beyond. As we celebrate the half-century mark, we not only celebrate 50 years of being an educational institution, but more importantly, the numerous successes of thousands of our former students and graduates throughout the years!

We hope that you will join in our celebration, and we invite all former students and graduates of Petit Jean Vocational-Technical School, Petit Jean Technical College, Petit Jean College, and the University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton to help celebrate our milestone by joining the UACCM Alumni Association. This free membership is available online at <http://www.uaccm.edu/Alumni/Alumni.htm> or by calling (501) 977-2085. Watch the UACCM Web site for upcoming 50th anniversary celebration events.

...Relay For Life

UACCM Chancellor Dr. Larry Davis is one of the people who is most excited about the move. "I am honored to be able to open up our campus to provide a location for the relay," said Dr. Davis. "As someone who has personally experienced having a loved one die from cancer, I have always been an avid supporter and participant of Relay For Life. Davis says the event is not only an opportunity to remember his mother but also a chance to fight back against the disease that took her life. He says, "To me, this isn't just a cause to raise money for, it's personal."

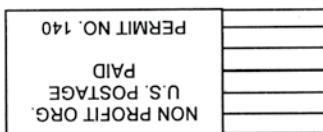
The American Cancer Society Relay For Life is a life-changing event that gives everyone in communities across the globe a chance to celebrate the lives of people who have battled cancer, remember loved ones lost, and fight back against the disease.

For more information on the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, please visit www.relayforlife.org. To learn ways to participate in the Conway County Relay, contact Kayci Haberer by phone at (479) 667-0380 or by e-mail at kayci.haberer@caner.org.

UACCM has recently been named as one of the fastest-growing, two-year colleges in the nation by Community College Week!

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UACCM drafting students and instructor Rachel Schell following presentations to Bosch Security Systems

UACCM DRAFTING STUDENTS GIVEN REAL WORLD EXPERIENCE

The Bosch Security Systems plant in Morrilton, Arkansas turned to UACCM to design the latest addition to its facility. Bosch, the manufacturers of world-class, professional audio products, plans to turn the seventeen acres of land located behind the plant into a half-mile walking trail and they commissioned UACCM drafting students to submit design ideas for its construction. This provided UACCM students with an opportunity to receive 'real world' drafting experience along with the potential to have an impressive addition to their resume before they graduate.

The drafting students called upon the resources of the UACCM science, graphic design, and surveying departments to assist in the layout and design of the walking trail.

On November 16, representatives from Bosch watched as three groups of students unveiled their proposed plans for the walking trail. The students presented their suggestions for every aspect of the trail, from the surfaces of the walking path, the types of lights to be used, benches, trash receptacles, and other useful facilities. Each of the groups presented unique structures that set their concepts apart from the other groups. Some of these ideas included a giant sundial, a merry-go-round, a bird-watching platform, and a man-made pond with suspended walkways that allow visitors to walk out over the water.

The students also made the trail as educational and eco-friendly as possible. They provided lists of the variety of plants and wildlife that can be seen while on the trail and made sure that most of the materials used in the trail's construction were made from recycled products. Drafting Instructor Rachel Schell said, "This real world experience has been priceless for our students. We are extremely thankful to Bosch for giving these students such an amazing opportunity to grow as designers. To be able to graduate with the knowledge and experience gained from seeing firsthand what it is like to present an actual design in front of executives from a large corporation is something not a lot of designers can claim, and it will be a huge benefit for them as they start their careers."

