UACCM Fall Enrollment Sets Record

The University of Arkansas Community College at Morrilton has reported an official enrollment of 1778 students for the fall 2006 semester, an increase of 2.4 percent above the fall 2005 semester. UACCM has experienced an enrollment increase of 459 percent since it became a two-year college in 1991.

### County of Residence
- Conway County – 24 percent
- Faulkner County – 38 percent
- Pope County – 15 percent
- Perry County – 6 percent
- Van Buren County – 9 percent
- Yell County – 5 percent
- Other counties – 3 percent

### Students enrolled in technical, business, health, and service-related occupational programs - 47 percent

### Students pursuing Associate of Arts and Associate of Science degree programs - 44 percent

The remaining nine percent are non-degree seeking students, undeclared majors, and concurrently enrolled high school students.

Let Your Voice Be Heard!

UACCM will conduct a voter registration campaign from Monday, September 25 through Wednesday, September 27. The drive is part of a coordinated effort at all 22 two-year colleges in Arkansas and is meant to raise awareness among students, faculty/staff and other citizens, as well as encourage participation in the political process.

Individuals may pick up a Voter Registration form from either Deborah Donald in the University Center lobby or Mary Newsome in the Chancellor’s Office suite.

The right to vote is one of our most important privileges as Americans and can literally change the world. The deadline for registering to vote in the November elections is October 9. Completed forms may be returned to Deborah or Mary prior to October 9.

Charge of the Pink Brigade

The Lee National Denim Day, scheduled for Friday, October 6, is the world’s largest single-day fundraiser for breast cancer. During one Friday each October, National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Lee® Jeans encourages millions of people across the country to slip into their favorite jeans and make a $5 donation to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to eradicating breast cancer.

Faculty and staff who purchase a $5 pink ribbon pin can wear jeans to work. Students can also support breast cancer awareness by purchasing a pink ribbon pin. Donations should be made to Lavern Blocker in Academic Services or Mary Newsome in the Chancellor’s Office suite. Please make $5 checks payable to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation and write “Lee National Denim Day” in the memo portion of the check.
UACCM Petroleum Technology Program in Full Swing

With the launch of its new Petroleum Technology program, UACCM is creating the gateway to a host of career opportunities in the area’s booming natural gas industry. The college reports that 36 students are currently enrolled in the program, which has stop-out points at the levels of certificate of proficiency, technical certificate, and Associate of Applied Science degree.

The degree program was developed after UACCM was approached by representatives of the oil and gas industry to develop a training program related to the growing natural gas exploration and drilling industry. To assist with development, Southwestern Energy Company pledged a three-year financial commitment totaling $200,000.

UACCM remodeled part of its Technology II Building, creating 5,000 square feet of classroom and lab space. A new rig floor simulator recently arrived on campus courtesy of DeSoto Drilling.

The catalyst for the growth of natural gas drilling and operations in the area is the Fayetteville Shale Play, a geologic structure located within the Arkoma Basin of eastern Oklahoma and north central and western Arkansas. The natural gas play is believed to hold one of the country’s largest unconventional reserves of natural gas.

Par for the Course

The Fayetteville Shale Scholarship Fund has raised $15,000 for scholarships for UACCM Petroleum Technology majors. These scholarship funds are available for the fall 2006 semester and will be renewable for the spring 2007 semester.

The newly established Fayetteville Shale Scholarship Fund, Inc. is a 501 (c) 3 organization with members representing companies working in the Fayetteville Shale Play. The organization’s primary focus is fundraising activities that will provide scholarship support to Petroleum Technology majors at UACCM. The organization recently held a golf tournament and raised $15,000, which will be distributed as fifteen $1000 scholarships for the 2006-07 academic year.

Criteria include: declared Petroleum Technology major; financial need as demonstrated by FAFSA; and enrollment in at least six hours. The scholarship is open to students who reside in all Arkansas counties and is renewable for the spring semester provided student maintains a 2.50 grade point average. The scholarship must be used to pay tuition, fees, and book charges and is not refundable to the student.

The deadline to submit applications to the Financial Aid Office is September 29 at 4:30 pm.

Arkansas Collegiate Drug Education Committee Conference

The Arkansas Collegiate Drug Education Committee (ACDEC) invites students to attend the annual fall conference at Pulaski Technical College on Thursday, October 12. Registration begins at 8:30 am and the last session ends at approximately 3:00 pm.

The conference theme for this year is “I got da Scoop” where students may learn more about intervention or prevention whether for future career options, dealing with current situations with friends or family, or developing skills as a peer educator.

There is no charge to attend the ACDEC Fall Conference. Lunch will be provided, and students will receive a t-shirt. Interested students may register by calling UACCM Career Services Counselor Lily Kersh at (501) 977-2012 or emailing kersh@uaccm.edu

Earn Money for College

A representative for the AmeriCorps Service and Scholarship Program will be on campus on Tuesday, September 26 at X-period in Room 214 of the University Center. The representative will inform students of ways to earn money for college through the AmeriCorps Program.