No Minor Affair

Majors Fair Set for Nov. 7 & 8

UACCM is hosting its first annual Majors Fair on November 7 and 8 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm in the Plaza. Students may visit booths profiling careers including the following areas:

- Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Technology
- Early Childhood Development
- Automotive Collision Repair
- Graphic Design
- Automotive Technology
- Retail Marketing
- Accounting
- Petroleum Technology
- Computer Information Science
- Surveying
- Business Office Technology
- Welding
- Drafting Technology

Students attending the Majors Fair will learn not only about degree requirements, but also about career opportunities for these various degrees.

Students who declare a major and are assigned an advisor are more likely to remain in classes and graduate. All students are invited to attend this important event.

New UACCM Library in the Hands of Voters

The last item on the November 7 election ballot could very well be the most important not only to UACCM but also to the continued economic development of Arkansas. A vote of “Yes” on the Referred Question 1, or ACT 1, “Arkansas Higher Education Technology and Facility Improvement Act,” will provide the state’s public colleges and universities with $150 million to construct new facilities, improve existing facilities, and fund new technology. If ACT 1 passes, UACCM will receive approximately $3.15 million for the construction of a new library complex. If the ballot issue fails, the college will receive no money for new facilities.

UACCM’s enrollment has increased by 229 percent since the library was last remodeled in 1994. A new library complex will greatly increase library resources as well as provide a number of new classrooms needed to accommodate future student body growth.

The passage of this ballot issue will require NO new taxes. Each public college will receive a portion of the revenue from the bond sales, allowing them to serve additional students, strengthen academic programs, improve information technology, and maintain accreditation.

SWN Energy Presents $75,000 to Petroleum Tech. Program

New jobs and careers are under way for dozens of students enrolled in the first semester of the petroleum technology program, thanks to Southwestern Energy Company. On October 23, the company delivered a check to college officials for $75,000 – the first installment of a three-year, $200,000 pledge -- to fund the establishment of the new program.

The company was honored at a special reception on campus for its support. “These are exciting times for this region as we see a company like Southwestern Energy rapidly expanding their operations and offering exceptional jobs to local residents,” said Nathan Crook, UACCM chancellor. “We’re especially grateful to Southwestern Energy for helping us pioneer this new degree program, which will have a positive impact for many students, families and communities.”

Among those attending the reception were U of A System President Dr. B. Alan Sugg, UACCM Board of Visitors Chair Raye Pearce, County Judge Jimmy Hart, Morrilton Mayor Stewart Nelson, Chamber of Commerce President John Gibson, and several senior officials with Southwestern Energy and its subsidiaries.
In our military. They will package all the letters we are collecting until November 9 and prepare them for shipment to the men and women serving on November 9. Please drop it off in any of the letterboxes placed around campus. PBL Lambda (UACCM's business students' organization) is sponsoring a letter writing campaign to America's men and women in active service, reserve, and National Guard personnel. These photographs will be used for a Veteran's Day poster in front of the Business Center. If Mr. Justus is not in his office, leave the photos under his door. Please email Charles at charles.phares@uaccm.edu if you have any questions.

Saluting Soldiers

UACCM student Autumn Mathes was recognized as the college's 2006 Academic All-Star. She is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science degree in retail marketing to support her career goal of owning and operating a non-profit academic support center to help disadvantaged elementary and high school students. Named to the Chancellor's Scholars List since 2004, Mathes is also a member of Phi Theta Kappa. Mathes says, “I recognize my time at UACCM has been a series of meaningful educational experiences. These experiences have taught me confidence, perseverance, and integrity, and I will carry the lessons with me as I strive to make a difference in my community.”

2006 Outstanding Alumni

Jerry Bonds was honored as Outstanding Alumni of the Year. Bonds is director of Shared Services with Dillard’s in Little Rock. Jerry went to work for Dillard’s in 1971 after graduating with a certificate in Electronic Data Processing. Jerry reports to the vice president and chief information officer and is responsible for Database Administration, Application Design, Enterprise Solutions, Training and Recruiting. He is a charter Board member of Arkansas State University’s Technology Advisory Board, and a charter member of the University of Central Arkansas’ Curriculum Industrial Advisory Board. Bonds is also a member of UACCM’s Advisory Committee for the Department of Computer Information Systems Technology. He currently serves as the vice president of Dillard’s Federal Credit Union and as secretary/treasurer for the Runyan Sewer Improvement District.

2006 Outstanding Faculty of the Year

Nancy Patterson was honored as UACCM’s Outstanding Faculty Member for 2006. Patterson, who has been at the college for 18 years, is a retail marketing instructor. She says, “Students are the most important part of my job. Education provides students opportunities for improving their work situation and lifestyle, and it is my mission to help them accomplish their educational and career goals.”

2006 Outstanding Staff of the Year

Lavern Blocker was honored as Outstanding Staff Member for 2006. Blocker, administrative assistant to the vice chancellor for instruction and dean of students, has been employed by the college since 1991. She is not only an employee but also a graduate of the college with an Associate of Applied Science degree. Lavern values the importance of education in one’s life. She says, “I believe the students are the number one asset of the college.”

UACCM Transfer Fair Scheduled

Planning to Transfer to a University?

A Transfer Fair will be held in the University Center on Thursday, November 9 from 10:00 am until 1:00 pm. Tables will be set up throughout the hallways of the University Center. The following colleges will be represented:

- Arkansas Tech University
- Baptist School of Nursing and Allied Health
- Henderson State University
- Southern Arkansas University
- U of A Criminal Justice Institute
- U of A at Fayetteville
- U of A at Little Rock
- U of A at Monticello
- University of Central Arkansas
- University of the Ozarks

Transfer scholarships are available for students transferring to these universities. More colleges may be added to the list of attendees.

Shining Stars

The college’s 2006 outstanding Alumnus, Academic All-Star, and Faculty and Staff of the year were recently honored during the Arkansas Association of Two-Year Colleges 18th Annual Fall Conference in Hot Springs.

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