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## COLLEGE TRANSITION

South Arkansas Community College is pleased to announce a new department, College Transition, which will target area high school students in an effort to increase college awareness in South Arkansas. College Transition consists of two programs – Early College Start and College Connection.

Early College Start offers high school juniors and seniors a chance to earn low-cost college credit from SouthArk while still in high school. Eligible high school students may take up to two classes per semester, with the option to transfer core curriculum classes (“the basics”) to any Arkansas public college or university. Currently, SouthArk is offering concurrent credit classes to El Dorado High School students in the areas of Botany, Composition I and II, and College Algebra. These courses earn students college credit and also satisfy high school graduation requirements. By the 2008-2009 school year, SouthArk will increase concurrent credit opportunities for El Dorado High School students while also expanding the Early College Start program to surrounding area schools.



A nationally recognized program, College Connection will provide hands-on, one-on-one support to assist every student with each step of the college admissions process. This program will increase the number of graduating seniors who enter college by creating an awareness of the benefits of attending a college or university. Through College Connection, SouthArk will introduce high school seniors to the college admissions process, will help seniors complete financial aid (FAFSA) forms, and will provide them with student life and career planning information. Beginning with El Dorado High School during the 2007-2008 school year, the College Connection program will expand to area schools in the upcoming school year.

Anyone interested in either program should contact Christy Wilson at 870-864-8416 or [cwilson@southark.edu](mailto:cwilson@southark.edu).

## President Appointed to National Commission



Dr. Alan Rasco, President of South Arkansas Community College, has been appointed to serve a three year term on the Commission on Research, Technology and Emerging Trends. This commission is a part of the American Association of Community Colleges located in Washington, D.C. Rasco will be attending the first meeting in Washington, D.C. in November.

The American Association of Community Colleges is the primary advocacy organization for the nation's community colleges. The Association represents more than 1,100 associate degree-granting institutions and some 10 million students. Formed in 1920, AACC is a national voice for community colleges, which marked their 100th year of service to the nation in 2001.

## Mayor Mike Dumas presents Adult Education Proclamation

Mayor Mike Dumas proclaimed September 24-28, 2007 as Adult Education week in El Dorado. The Proclamation, which gave a description of the Adult Education services provided at South Arkansas Community College, was presented to Patricia Bates, Director of Adult Education, on SouthArk's East Campus.

Mayor Dumas urged all citizens to become familiar with the services and benefits offered by adult education and to support and participate in these programs. Mayor Dumas also spoke to the crowd gathered about possible jobs coming to

El Dorado and the importance of skilled workers in the region to fill these positions. He encouraged all students present to continue their education and job training.



Basic Adult Education classes are offered at SouthArk and at many satellite locations. Classes are taught by licensed instructors to help individuals earn their GED, learn computer literacy skills, gain employability skills, brush up on their basic academic skills and/or earn one or all three WAGE certificates. All classes are free and open entry/open exit. The Adult Education Program is conducted according to established laws and regulations through the Arkansas Department of Workforce Education. All students are evaluated and placed in classes to upgrade their skills to attain individual goals. Students have access to computers and software that have been updated recently with modern curriculum.

The GED is the official high school equivalency examination and is recognized nationally. The preparation and the official test are free. Arkansas is one of the few states that still administers the official test without charge.

There are three Workforce Alliance for Growth in the Economy (WAGE) certificates available that are recognized locally and state wide. This program is for individuals wanting to improve skills needed to get a job or get a better job. The program is recognized by many employers in Union County. Certificates available include an Industrial Certificate, a Clerical Certificate, and an Employability Certificate.

Computer literacy classes are offered for those who need to become more familiar with the computer or improve their computer literacy.

This program is for those who want to brush up on their skills to get ahead or reenter the academic arena. Classes are provided in many locations at alternate times to help accommodate schedules of working individuals and parents with small children. For more information regarding the above services, please call the Adult Education Office at 870-862-8131, ext. 328.

## Browning donates book



Dr. Bev Browning, nationally known grant writing expert and author, donated copies of her book *Faith-Based Grants: Aligning Your Church to Receive Abundance* to the South Arkansas Community College Library for the use of area churches involved in faith-based programs. Dr. Browning was recently in El Dorado conducting a Grant Writing Boot Camp at South Arkansas Community College. Pictured left to right: Lynda Cheek, SouthArk Director of Corporate and Community Education; Dr. Browning; Sherrel Johnson, SouthArk Board Trustee; and Jennifer Wiley, President and CEO of Hope Landing.

## 2007-2008 Lecture Series

Ted Kooser, a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet from Nebraska and U.S. Poet Laureate from 2004-2006, helped launch South Arkansas Community College's second annual lecture series on Thursday evening, September 13, with a presentation called "Out of the Ordinary: A Poetry Reading with Comments." This title suited Kooser's lecture perfectly as he likes to focus his poems on ordinary people, places, and things that he observes, which is why his poetry is known for its accessibility even for people with no literary training. The crowd of about 150 students, faculty, staff, and community members heard Kooser read and comment on 24 poems, including "At the Cancer Clinic," a poem inspired by Kooser's own battle with tongue and neck cancer eight years ago. These selections from his 11 volumes of published poetry represent a variety of topics, points of view, and themes that characterize the body of his poetic works, spanning some 50

years of writing. Most of these poems focus on nature, family, and strangers observed at a distance; and many of them employ well crafted metaphors that dramatically reveal hidden truths about human nature and Mother Nature.



Employed as a life insurance underwriter and later as an insurance company executive until his retirement in 1999, Kooser rose early each morning to pursue his passion in creative writing but then reported to work in order to make a living. At first, he confessed, he was somewhat bitter that his job stole time from his poetry writing and somewhat resentful of those workers around him who seemed to find fulfillment in the office. But then an older colleague told him, "Ted, don't be too hard on those people; almost everyone is trying to do the best they can." Kooser said that this changed his attitude and inspired his poem "Four Secretaries" in which he reveals the nobility and dignity of honest work.

For 23 years, he wrote an annual Valentine poem and mailed it at first only to the wives of his friends; but when he started asking the women at his public readings if they would like to be added to his Valentine mailing list, the number grew until last year he mailed 2,700 copies of the poem. Because it cost about \$1,000 for printing and handling, he had to abandon the project. However, his publisher is compiling the poems into a new book to be published next year.

Kooser's major project as U.S. Poet Laureate has been a newspaper column called *American Life in Poetry*. Because the column is free to any newspaper or on-line publication, or any individual, it has gotten into many small newspapers that could not pay for such a column. The initiative has grown to include over 150 newspapers with millions of potential readers. Kooser's mission is to show newspaper readers that poetry can be fun to read and does not necessarily have to be difficult and obscure. The column is sponsored by The Poetry Foundation in Chicago and the Library of Congress. On-line access is available at [www.AmericanLifeinPoetry.org](http://www.AmericanLifeinPoetry.org).

Kooser continues traveling around the country, reading his poetry and encouraging his audiences to appreciate and enjoy this art form. He also serves as a visiting professor in English at the University of Nebraska in Lincoln. In his spare time, he enjoys painting landscapes.

Kooser's wife, Kathleen Rutledge, is editor of the *Lincoln Journal Star* newspaper, Lincoln, Nebraska's daily. They live within an easy commute for her, about 20 miles from the edge of Lincoln. They have 62 acres of hills, trees, prairie grass, and a small pond. They do not farm the ground or have farm animals but do have two dogs. His book *Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps*, University of Nebraska Press, 2003, is about their life in the country.



The second event in the 2007-08 SouthArk lecture series is scheduled for Thursday, November 1, at 7:00 p.m. in the 1940 WPA Gymnasium on the West Campus. Dr. Guion "Guy" Bluford, Jr., the first African-American astronaut will speak on the topic "Flying Aboard the International Space Station." Dr. Bluford is the founder and president of the Aerospace Technology Group, an aerospace technology and business consulting organization specializing in aviation and space-related technology development, analysis, and marketing-related activities. Prior to forming ATG, Dr. Bluford held various leadership positions with the Northrop Grumman Corporation, the NASA Glenn Research Center, and the Aerospace Sector of Federal Data Corporation where he was responsible for all NASA business. He has also served as Vice President of the Engineering Services Division of NYMA, Inc. and Program Manager of the NASA Lewis Research Center's Scientific Engineering, Technical, and Administrative Related Services contract.

Prior to his service with Northrop Grumman, FDC, and NYMA, Inc., Dr. Bluford was a NASA mission specialist and payload commander astronaut on four Space Shuttle missions. He was selected in the first class of space shuttle astronauts in 1978 and was the first African American to fly in space in 1983 aboard Space Shuttle Challenger. In addition, he flew on a Spacelab flight as payload commander in 1985, a Department of Defense Strategic Defense

Initiative Office flight in 1991, and a classified Department of Defense flight in 1992. He has logged over 688 hours in space.

Dr. Bluford received a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering from Penn State University and Masters of Science and Ph.D. degrees in Aerospace Engineering from the Air Force Institute of Technology, and a Masters of Business Administration degree from the University of Houston, Clear Lake, Texas.

He has been awarded the Department of Defense's Superior Service and three Meritorious Service Medals; the Air Force's Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service, Commendation, and ten Air Medals; NASA's Distinguished Service, Exceptional Service, and four Space Flight Medals; the state of Pennsylvania's Distinguished Service Medal, and thirteen honorary doctorate degrees. An AIAA Fellow, he was inducted into the Space Hall of Fame in 1997.

The third event in the 2007-08 lecture series is scheduled for Thursday evening, April 24, at 7:00 in the gym. Maria Luisa M. Haley, the Executive Director of the Arkansas Economic Development Commission, will speak on the topic "Globalization and the Future of Arkansas." She was named to her cabinet-level position in the administration of Governor Mike Beebe in January 2007.

Most recently, Ms. Haley was Senior Director with Kissinger McLarty Associates (KMA), a partnership headed by former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and former White House Chief of Staff and Envoy for the Americas Thomas F. McLarty. KMA provides global strategic advice and assistance to U.S. and multinational companies in the areas of partnerships, mergers and acquisitions, investment opportunities and government relations. Ms. Haley has organized and led trade missions and represented the United States at banking and trade summits around the world, primarily in Asia and Africa. As an official of the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission from 1979 to 1992, she served in numerous capacities as an International Marketing Consultant, Director of International and National Marketing, and Director of Communications. She was also in charge of the Arkansas overseas offices in Brussels, Tokyo, and Taipei and managed the Arkansas Motion Picture Office, where she was responsible for media relations, advertising, promotions, and public relations. In addition, she served as Protocol Officer for the State and governor's office for 10 years.



Born in the Philippines, she attended the Universidad Central de Madrid in Spain. The daughter of a Philippine diplomat, she lived and worked in seven countries in Asia and Europe before immigrating to the United States and becoming a U.S. citizen.



South Arkansas Community College will host the annual Union County College Night on **Monday, October 22, 2007**. Activities will start with the Financial Aid Early Bird Session in the Library Auditorium at 5:30 p.m. Information sharing will be in the gym from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. Over 25 colleges and/or military entities have indicated that they will be present to share information. The activities are open to all Union County juniors and seniors and their parents. Other interested individuals are invited to attend. This is an excellent opportunity to learn more about college programs and become prepared to make decisions. Many institutions will have catalogs, brochures and other information for you to take with you. For more information call 870-864-8414.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Annual Writer's Ink Contest/Literary Magazine

*Writers' Ink*, a literary magazine for Union County high school students, will be published again during the 2007-08 academic year. The English faculty at South Arkansas Community College founded the magazine 11 years ago to encourage creative writing in area schools and to provide a showcase for outstanding student writers.

A contest will again accompany the publication of the magazine. Eighteen cash prizes have been funded for first, second, and third place winners in three literary genres--poetry, essays, and short fiction--in both a junior division for ninth and tenth graders and a senior division for eleventh and twelfth graders. First place winners in each category will receive \$100, second place winners \$75, and third place winners \$50. The winning manuscripts will be published next spring in the 11th volume of the magazine with other entries that demonstrate excellence in content and style. Student authors will also receive free copies of the magazine and an award certificate. The deadline for submitting entries is February 29, 2008.

Students who wish to submit creative writing should contact their English teacher for information on how to enter the contest. Students being schooled at home are also invited to submit manuscripts for the contest and magazine by enlisting a high school English teacher in Union County to serve as their sponsor. A complete set of contest rules, submission requirements, and editorial guidelines are available through the college's web site under the Writers' Ink link on the Liberal Arts and Business page under Academic Departments. Copies of the 2006-07 magazine are still available for \$3.00 each in the college bookstore at 300 South West Avenue.

On Thursday, October 18, the college English faculty will host a workshop for Union County high school teachers to suggest ways for them to involve their students in creative writing. The topic of the workshop is "Keeping the Science in Science Fiction." The workshop leader, Dr. Jack Ryan, will explore various strategies for involving students in writing science fiction short stories to combine the teaching of writing skills and science concepts. The first 12 teachers to register will receive a free copy of Orson Scott Card's *How to Write Science Fiction & Fantasy*. The workshop will be held in the conference room of the computer technology building on West Campus. Refreshments will be served.

## SOUTHARK NEWS

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### 2007-08 Sigma Epsilon Officers



Standing: Alan Mooney, Sarah Smith, Diane Parker, Donna Bone, Beverly Washington, Adam Choate, and Cindy Smith. Seated: Rebecca Cunningham, Jody Pyle, and Cindy Duncan.

Sigma Epsilon has elected Officers elected for 2007-08. Advisers this year include Carolyn Langston, Michael Roberts, and Donna Hendricks. The officers will attend the Arkansas Fall Leadership Conference in Fort Smith November 2-3.

PRESIDENT .....	Cindy Duncan
VICE PRESIDENT.....	Adam Choate
DIRECTOR OR PUBLIC RELATIONS .....	Cindy Smith
DIRECTOR OF FUNDRAISING.....	Alan Mooney
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY SERVICE.....	Sarah Smith
SECRETARY.....	Diane Parker
TREASURER .....	Donna Bone
HISTORIAN.....	Rebecca Cunningham
PARLIAMENTARY.....	Jody Pyle
HOSPITALITY COORDINATOR .....	Beverly Washington

## SouthArk Automotive Students Participate in hands-on-clinic



South Arkansas Community College Automotive students recently participated in a Permatex Hands-On Clinic at SouthArk's East Campus. Permatex, Inc. is a leading manufacturer, distributor and marketer of premium chemical products to the automotive maintenance and repair markets. Permatex Technician Advisor, Larry Collet, demonstrated the proper use of Permatex silicones, threadlockers, and thread sealants. He also discussed how to reduce maintenance costs by using state-of-the-art chemical technology available today from Permatex.

## Library

### New databases available in the library

We are pleased to offer a new listing of databases for the patrons. The Lexis/Nexis Academic has full-text *Arkansas Democrat/Gazette* as well as transcripts of news programs and broadcasts. If something isn't working correctly, please let us know. Access them on-campus at this link: <http://www.southark.edu/library/dynpage.asp?pageID=2090> (Or click on Databases 2007 at the Library button on the top left hand corner of the SouthArk homepage.)

### New Library Employee

The library has a new staff member **Brandie Tutor**. Brandie graduated from SouthArk in 2005. She helped with the research and editing of the Self-Study as well as with the Jodie Mahony Scholarship. Brandie received Student Worker of the Year 2006. She said, "SouthArk is more than a college, it is family and I am proud to be a member of the SouthArk family!" Brandie brought to the library firsthand knowledge of student research needs and knowledge of the library from a student's perspective. We are lucky to have Brandie as part of the Library family.

### Spotlight on Books

Every other Tuesday an article appears in the El Dorado News Times on a special topic and books that are available in the Library. *Spotlight on Books* informs the residents that they can use the Library resources. The article has increased community use of the library. If you haven't checked out some of the titles, please do.

### Library Web Page

The Library and IT staff are working together to redesign the Library web page to be more attractive, useable, and interactive. The launch of the new site is planned for January 2008. Suggestions are welcomed. Thomas is working on a FQA page that includes 3-6 frames of how-to instructions on accessing email and BlackBoard, downloading and emailing database article links to instructors from students, and other topics. If you have a special need for quick instruction for your students, please contact Thomas and see what you and he can develop.

## Secondary Career Center

The Secondary Career Center has three new, fully approved technical degree programs: **Industrial Equipment Maintenance Tech, Cosmetology, and Computer/Network Maintenance and Repair**. This means that over half of SCC students are pursuing college studies on our campus. By next year the numbers will be nearer 90%!



**Lewis Whatley** has been designated an authorized Arkansas State trainer for the new Computer Technology program by the State contractor, The Centers for Quality Teaching and Learning out of Raleigh, NC. He was involved in his first state-wide training activity the week of September 27.

The Secondary Career Center is developing a partnership with Smackover High School to assist them in cross-program activities to strengthen Math, Science, and Literacy Skills among Career/Technical high school students. The activities will contribute toward Smackover becoming a part of the national High Schools That Work academic excellence program, as well as, assisting the Career Center in becoming a designated Technical Centers That Work program.

Please welcome **Sue Stanley** to the Secondary Career Center as the new Secretary/Career Coordinator. Sue comes to us with experience at the SouthArk Workforce Center and several years of Customer Service supervision with Walmart. She has a strong desire to assist both high school and post-secondary students. Please welcome her to the Center campus. We are delighted to have her as part of the Secondary Center team!

Secondary Career Center also welcomes **Doyle Manis**, new Automotive Service Technology Instructor. Mr. Manis represents 30 years industry and academic training in the AST field. He holds an ASE Master certification, a State of Arkansas Teaching Certificate and has accumulated academic hours at both SEARK College and the University of Arkansas-Fayetteville. He has over 20 years teaching secondary and post-secondary students for Rice Belt Technical Institute, UAM College of Technology, and Pulaski Technical College. A native of DeWitt with roots in McGehee, Mr. Manis will be residing in El Dorado.

## SOUTHARK FOUNDATION



South Arkansas Community College Board Trustee Dr. Kermit Parks, announced the G. Thomas Baumgardner Students' Choice Faculty Award, a new fund established for the SouthArk Foundation.

Established in honor of former SouthArk Board Trustee G. Thomas Baumgardner, this award will be given annually to a faculty member teaching at least three semester hours during the academic year. The award will be determined by students' votes. The winner will receive award money to be used for faculty development activities such as purchase of material to enhance classroom teaching and attending conferences or seminars.

Mr. Baumgardner, a long-time resident of El Dorado, retired from Con-Agra Foods in 1992. Active in

community affairs, he has served on numerous boards, including the South Arkansas Regional Health Center, Campfire Girls, South Arkansas Arts Center, Union County Community Foundation, El Dorado Airport Commission, El Dorado Civil Service Commission, YWCA, and the El Dorado Little Theater.

In addition to serving as a SouthArk Trustee, Mr. Baumgardner taught classes at the college from 1981 to 1995. He and his wife Jeanne have two children, Paul Baumgardner and Pam Dixon, and four grandchildren. They are member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

**We extend much gratitude and appreciation  
to our donors whose gifts have allowed us to award \$54,522 in scholarships  
to SouthArk students during the fiscal year 2006-2007.**

*– SouthArk Foundation*



### **Tenth Annual SouthArk Outdoor Expo 2007**

Thanks to all SouthArk employees and students who participated in this year's Outdoor Expo! This event netted \$25,825.77 for scholarships and support of the SouthArk Foundation; last year's profits were \$22,250. We thank our all of our sponsors, especially our title sponsor El Dorado Chemical, for their generous support.



# OUTDOOR EXPO 2007





**SouthArk Foundation Board of Directors and Board of Trustees celebrate the net assets of the Foundation surpassing the \$1,000,000 mark at the Donor Wall Dedication Ceremony.**

## **Upward Bound**

**Roy Williams** has accepted the position of Coordinator for the Upward Bound Project. UB participants and their families will be well-served by his presence, dedication, and skills. As a social worker with the school district, pastor, and former grant program manager, Roy has extensive experience with the young people of Union County and their families. He has worked in collaboration with the Boys and Girls Club of El Dorado, South Arkansas Youth Services, the El Dorado School District and the Salvation Army to support opportunities for at-risk youth. For ten years, Roy was pastor for Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church where he supervised staff, deacons, and volunteers. We are delighted that Roy has chosen to join us at SouthArk. Roy will be located in the CT building in 107, ext. 407. When you see Roy on campus, I know that you will want to give him a warm welcome.



**Martha Dunn** has accepted the position of Administrative Assistant for the Upward Bound project. Because she is a recent SouthArk student and PBL leader, her face is a familiar one to many of you. We are fortunate to have Martha's varied talents and skills available to the participants in our new Upward Bound program. She will be located in the Computer Technology building. Thanks to all of you who have been so welcoming to Martha. Continue to make her feel at home as she makes her transition from SouthArk student to SouthArk staff.

Photo L to R: Debra Mock, Director of Upward Bound; Roy Williams, Coordinator; and Martha Dunn, Administrative Assistant.

## CORPORATE AND COMMUNITY EDUCATION

**Intermediate Access** will be held on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This course is a follow-up course to Beginning Access. Students taking this course should already have the basic skills needed to design and create a relational database with Access. Students will learn how to manage a database and data; control data entry; find and join data; create flexible queries; improve forms; and customize reports. **Cost is \$109 per person, which includes text.**

**Beginning Word** will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2007, and Mondays, October 22, 29, and November 5, 2007, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. This course is designed for those interested in learning the basic features of Microsoft Word for creating and revising basic business documents. Students will learn how to create, save, make changes, and print a simple document; create, navigate, and enter text in a table, and use Word's templates and wizards. **Class is limited to 20 students. Cost is \$109 per person, which includes text.**

**Introduction to Water Color** will be held on Mondays, October 22 – November 12, 2007, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Students will create their own beautiful water color painting while learning all about pigments, staining, non-staining, transparent, and opaque colors. This class will introduce you to everything from appropriate brushes to paper and palettes. Supplies will be discussed the first night of class. **Cost is \$39 per person.**

**Internet Explorer 6 Intro** will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2007, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. This course is designed for persons desiring to use the newest version of Internet Explorer for viewing the Internet. Students will learn to display web sites; search for information; communicate; acquire information from the Web; and maintain Internet Explorer. **Cost is \$109 per person, which includes text.**

**RCRA Initial Compliance Training** will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2007, from 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) requires that facility personnel be trained to perform their duties in a way that ensures the facility's compliance with hazardous waste regulations. This 8-hour training meets the need of employees who have been assigned duties in their company's hazardous waste management program as outlined in 40 CFR requirements. Topics include TSD facility, generator responsibilities, waste identification, marking preparation and management, internal auditing, recordkeeping, and reporting. The class includes PowerPoint slides, videos, and handouts. Requires a minimum of five students to make. **Cost is \$99 per person.**

**Mom & Me... Make a Soup Ring!** This workshop will be held on Saturday, October 27, 2007, from 9:00a.m.-12:00 p.m. This is the perfect opportunity for you and your daughter to enjoy spending time together while making beautiful jewelry and lasting memories. These rings are called "soup rings" because you can use any combination of beads you like. This class is fun and easy with lots of possibilities. There will be an additional supply fee of \$5.00 payable to the instructor or supplies may be brought from home. To obtain a supply list, call (870) 864-7192. **Cost is \$19 per person.**

**Beginning Excel** will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and Wednesday, October 31, 2007, from 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. This is a one and one-half day class; therefore, students must attend both days. This class will give students the skills to format and print basic worksheets and charts in Excel. Students will learn to create a basic worksheet by entering text and values; work with cells and cell data by using a variety of moving and copying techniques; perform calculations on data by using formulas, including functions; change the appearance of worksheet data by using a variety of formatting techniques; work with multiple worksheets by formatting, repositioning, copying and moving; create and modify charts; and set display and print options. This class is offered to those who need to learn at a slower pace with more exercises and practice. **Each class is limited to 20 students. The cost is \$179, which includes text.**

**Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Workplace Training** will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2007, from 8:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m. This course seeks to help participants identify and eliminate potentially hazardous conditions in their environment, recognize emergencies and make appropriate decisions for first aid care. It teaches the knowledge and skills that individuals in the workplace need to know to give immediate care to an ill or injured person until more advanced medical care arrives. Taught by a person with industry experience. Limit 15 students. This course is also available by contract at business & industry sites. **Cost is \$69 per person, which includes books and completion certificates.**

## BIRTHDAYS

### October

Corina Hammonds.....10-01  
Becky Riggs.....10-06  
Scott Larkin.....10-09  
Sandra Parker.....10-09  
Nancy Whitmore .....10-10  
Valerie Lewis .....10-11  
Deborah Edney .....10-15  
Susan Jordan.....10-19  
Sheila Risher .....10-19  
Dr. Jack Ryan .....10-26  
Vernie Meador .....10-27

### November

Adrienne Lawrence.....11-04  
Mary Pat Cook .....11-06  
Dinah Van Hook.....11-07  
Kristi Rainwater.....11-08  
Helen Griffith.....11-09  
Gary Mann .....11-09  
Peggy Cole .....11-12  
Brittany Fennell.....11-13  
Veronda Tatum .....11-15  
Kimberly Vaughn .....11-18  
Laura Morris.....11-19  
Wayne Beck.....11-21  
Ken Kelley.....11-24  
Tonya Kendrix .....11-24  
Cynthia Meyer.....11-25  
Dr. Alan Rasco.....11-27  
Wayne Cheatham .....11-28  
Mary Ellen Wilson .....11-29

## NEW EMPLOYEES

Admon Aaron .....Night custodian  
Latrontica Davis .....Night custodian  
Martha Dunn.....Upward Bound Administrative Assistant  
Doyle Manis.....Automotive Instructor  
Ashley Morris.....Secretary 1, Workforce Education  
Kristi Rainwater .....Financial Aid Officer  
Katherine Sachs.....Adult Ed Paraprofessional  
Brandie Tutor.....Library Technician  
Roy Williams.....Upward Bound Coordinator

## CONGRATS

**Carol Benson** is a new grandmother to Eleanor Kathryn Larson. She weighed 8 pounds and 2 ounces and was 22 inches long.

**Dr. George Roberts**, Dean of Health and Natural Sciences, has been appointed to a three year term on the Chemistry Advisory Council at Louisiana Tech University.

Dr. Roberts has also been selected by The American Medical Technologists to serve as a test question writer for their national certification examination for medical technologists and medical laboratory technicians.

The Arkansas Articulation Coalition announced the election of **Dr. Larry Moser** as President of the organization. The Arkansas Articulation Coalition is an organization of academic and administrative representatives from Arkansas's 25

community colleges and extension campus centers. The coalition is devoted to developing partnerships with higher education institutions to create new degree opportunities for technical and paraprofessional programs of study, as well as implementing mechanisms to provide industry training degree options.

SAU's Music Department presented soprano Jenna Williams Tucker (*Mary Jo William's* daughter) and pianist Cindy Fuller in concert, Thursday, October 11<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Tucker is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, where she earned her Bachelor of Music degree in vocal performance *summa cum laude*, and Louisiana State University, where she earned her Master of Music degree in vocal performance. She is currently working on her Doctor of Musical Arts degree at LSU and is an adjunct instructor of voice at Ouachita Baptist University.

## Voter Registration Day



Voter Registration Day was conducted on the SouthArk West Campus, Tuesday, September 25th. Those who helped with the registration were: PBL members Cindy Duncan and Cindy Smith; Student Ambassadors Brian Brock, Christa Gorz, Shallon Parker, and Courtney Williams; Interested Students Kristen Hansen and Stephanie Keel. Approximately 50 students registered to vote during the one day event! Thanks to all who participated!

## DATES TO REMEMBER

October 19..... **Faculty In-service**  
 October 22, 5:30 p.m. .... **Early Bird Financial Seminar** – Library Auditorium  
 October 22, 6:00 p.m. .... **Union County College Night** – Gym



***Students-In-Recital***  
***Tuesday, October 30, 12:00 p.m.***  
***Library Auditorium***

November 1, 7:00 p.m..... **SouthArk Second Annual Lecture Series** – Dr. Guy Bluford – Gym  
 November 5, 6 and 7..... **Early Spring Registration**

## PHOTOS

### Top to bottom – left to right:

1. Casey Martin, Gary Mann, Brandie Tutor and Charley Hankins enjoy their lunch provided by the Board of Trustees during pre-service.
2. First Lady Ginger Beebe was the guest speaker at an event on August 21 sponsored by the SouthArk Chapter of Arkansas Association of Women in Two-Year Colleges. She presented information on the Women's Foundation of Arkansas "Girls of Promise" program. Front, L to R: Ann Southall, AAWTYC Chapter President; Ginger Beebe; Cynthia Reyna, SouthArk Foundation Executive Director; Becky Riggs, SouthArk Human Resources

Director, Back, L to R: Dr. Alan Rasco, SouthArk President; Dorothy Hall, Women's Foundation of Arkansas Board President; Kadi Tierney, Women's Foundation of Arkansas Executive Director.

3. Fall 2007 Student Ambassadors serving up refreshments at New Student Orientation in August. L to R: Christa Gorz, Shallon Parker, Brian Brock, and Courtney Williams.
4. Gary Mann and Dr. Israel Dunn at the Adjunct/Full-Time Faculty/Professional Staff Social.
5. The SouthArk Occupational Therapy Assistant Pinning Ceremony was held August 2, 2007. Graduates from the Program are: Left to Right: Donnie Hanson, Dinah Boone, Kristen Roberson, Brittany Alexander, Dabney Jackson, Brandy Blair, Katherine Henderson, and Lindsey Jones. Instructors: Dr. Sandra Pugh and Cynthia Meyer.

