The past year has been an exciting one for South Arkansas Community College. We had record enrollments in both credit and non-credit courses, and a record number of students graduated. The respiratory therapy program accepted its first class of students, and the surgical technology program achieved initial accreditation.

The college received two federally-funded grants totaling more than $5 million: appropriations from the Health Resources and Services Administration for the health-science building and funds from American Recovery and Reinvestment Act to reroof two buildings and assist with energy efficiency.

We held groundbreaking ceremonies for the Health Science Center and for the El Dorado Conference Center (which also will house our student center, bookstore and cafe).

Nearly 50 scholarships were awarded through the Foundation to deserving students, enabling them to seek and complete their education and prepare for the workforce.

Thanks to the ongoing interest, support and generosity of donors like you, the SouthArk Foundation is able to provide continued support for the students of SouthArk and for college building projects, programs and initiatives.

The college’s mission is to promote excellence in learning, teaching and service; provide lifelong educational opportunities; and serve as a cultural, intellectual and economic resource for the community. With the mission as our guide, faculty, staff, trustees and community members developed a strategic plan for SouthArk: Build 2016. The plan provides us with goals to assure that higher education is accessible, students are successful, partnerships are meaningful, and resources are available to provide for the educational needs of our community.

We take great pride in preparing a quality workforce, whether nurses and health-care workers, welders, administrative assistants, computer technicians, teachers, or automotive specialists; or those transferring to area universities. SouthArk is in the business of educating individuals in the community.

The annual report provides highlights of the activities of the Foundation and the college. It recognizes the many contributions of our volunteers, supporters, and philanthropists. It tells the story of the students that benefit from your generous support. With limited state appropriations, it is only through donations to our programs, projects, and students that SouthArk is able to successfully move forward.

The Foundation is an integral part of and a major contributor to the future progress and success of the college. Our vision is to be the leading resource for accessible education, workforce training, partnerships and economic development for our region. We hope that you will make our vision yours, as we make plans for the coming years at SouthArk.

Barbara R. Jones
from the
FOUNDATION PRESIDENT

I am honored to have been asked to serve as president of the SouthArk Foundation at this time in the life of SouthArk.

With the nearing completion of the Health Sciences Center and the Conference Center, we have an opportunity to utilize the synergy of these projects to bring a new level of community participation to our college. Our Foundation is the perfect means to facilitate this new level of participation.

As our college begins a new chapter with the completion of these buildings, along with the enthusiastic leadership of Dr. Barbara Jones, the Foundation will be re-examining its priorities. The development of a green space around the campus is just one of the projects that the Foundation will be examining. This project truly would provide a more defined campus setting and a better learning environment for its students. Our Foundation will be an important partner with SouthArk in supporting the development of new college programs.

We as a community must take responsibility for the growth and development of our community and our community college. I look forward to a very bright future for our community, our college and our Foundation.

SOUTHARK FOUNDATION:

HISTORY and PURPOSE

The South Arkansas Community College Foundation is a non-profit, tax-exempt Arkansas corporation reactivated in 1996, governed by a group of community members who represent the positive leadership of the community. These directors seek to obtain gifts and grants needed beyond the scope of tax-based funding, and to manage and expend these items for the development of South Arkansas Community College.

SouthArk Foundation funds are distributed to benefit and advance the college, and for the encouragement and assistance of its students and faculty.

The purpose of the SouthArk Foundation is to aid, strengthen, and further the educational, literary and scientific work and services of South Arkansas Community College by seeking, receiving and distributing gifts, bequests and donations, and to account for and manage assets submitted to the Foundation on behalf of South Arkansas Community College and the residents of its service area.

Mission

The South Arkansas Community College Foundation exists to build leadership, scholarship and partnerships by increasing donor support, rewarding excellence, and elevating the stature and importance of the college locally, regionally and nationally.

Vision

Our vision is to make South Arkansas Community College the cornerstone of lifelong teaching and learning in our community.
The SouthArk Foundation Board of Directors thanks the many donors who have so far contributed in 2010. This year has indeed been busy at the college and for the Foundation Board. Along with our numerous gifts from generous donors and various special events, our directors are committed to raising more funds so that no student is denied an education.

We continue to receive corporate and individual contributions from those who view SouthArk as a community partner and educational leader in our region. New scholarships continue to emerge from these gifts as well as the funding for college initiatives.

We are proud that our donors have enabled us to help students make their dreams a reality and fund the types of initiatives that bring about positive change and growth. We know that a majority of our graduates stay in south Arkansas upon completion of their educations. They are productive members of our workforce and proud citizens, and they make an impact on our local economy.

Your investment in a well-educated workforce has a far-reaching economic impact in our region.

I know that each Foundation Board member joins me in expressing thanks to our donors for your interest in and generosity for our programs and our students. Together, we are creating wonderful opportunities and truly touching lives across south Arkansas.

Thank you for believing in SouthArk!

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SouthArk Foundation
SouthArk President Dr. Barbara Jones and Foundation President Terry Norman recently announced the election of six new board members.

The group is America Farrell of the Medical Center of South Arkansas, community volunteer Carolane Hays, Alice Mahony of the El Dorado Education Foundation, John Milam of Milam Construction, Rob Robinson of Simmons First Bank, and Joyce Rutledge of Rutledge Properties. Earlier this year Greg Withrow of El Dorado Chemical and Walter Compton of Murphy Oil Corporation joined the board.

“These new directors will be a great asset to the already outstanding board,” Dr. Jones said. “The SouthArk Foundation board of directors has a history of contributing considerable wisdom and time to the efforts of helping students.”

Departing the board this year were longtime members Clara Jones and John Dews.
Evening with the Stars is a special Foundation event that honors philanthropy, excellence and leadership.

In the spring, Phil Herring was recognized as a Friend of the College for his long standing dedication and outstanding contributions which have made a difference in the lives of SouthArk students. He has generously donated his time, energy and resources for the betterment of education in south Arkansas during his twelve year tenure on the SouthArk Foundation board of directors. His rib cookoff sponsorship of the Foundation’s flagship fundraiser Outdoor Expo has added to the phenomenal success of this event.

Cheryl McKinnon and Larry Andrews were recognized as Distinguished Alumni for their educational contributions to students in the college’s service area and for their public service in the community. These two SouthArk graduates were honored for their educational attainment and outstanding achievement in their chosen professions.

The outstanding efforts of these individuals were celebrated at a formal banquet at the South Arkansas Arts Center in El Dorado. Each of the three have lengthy and significant ties to South Arkansas Community College and have been strong leaders in the local area.
The SouthArk Foundation Board of Directors in April hosted a luncheon reception to honor Foundation donors and scholarship recipients. Scholarship donors were acknowledged for their generosity in supporting student education and had an opportunity to meet the recipients of their designated scholarships.

The Foundation Board of Directors has been a driving force in building partnerships to increase community and donor support for our students. This board has sought, received and distributed gifts, bequests and donations for student scholarships.

“Improving access to a strong education at SouthArk has not only benefited students, but our whole community,” SouthArk President Barbara Jones said.
WHAT SOUTHARK MEANS TO STUDENTS...

The generosity of Foundation donors has eroded economic barriers for many students who otherwise might not have enrolled in college.

Scholarships have enabled our students to learn, grow, and prepare to be successful members of a society that needs them to make a positive impact.

So, the benefits are mutual. Year after year, SouthArk Foundation scholarship recipients are graduating and enriching their lives, and in doing so, they are adding to the vibrance of their communities.

SHEENA FORD - Nursing Student

“SouthArk has a very wonderful staff of motivators. After attending a university I realized that SouthArk could provide the class I needed to pursue a degree in the medical field. I also found there is a more friendly environment than what you would find [at] a typical college. [My scholarship] meant that I would be able to afford to finish nursing school. I really did appreciate the scholarship more than [the donor] will ever know. It may not seem a lot to some, but every penny counted.”

MARLA BENSON - Transfer Student

“When I came to SouthArk I did not have any idea that I could be successful. I felt that some people are just not college material, and that I was one of those people. My experience showed me that I can achieve anything that I want. Receiving the James Family Scholarship has meant more to me than I can begin to tell. I would not have been able to afford to stay in school and continue my education without it. I would like to thank the James Family from the bottom of my heart.”

STEVEN SMITH - Criminal Justice Student

“SouthArk is a school where someone can get help from anyone. Receiving the Foundation scholarship meant that I had a better chance to achieve a higher education and be able to do this without a lot of financial stress. I would like to tell the donors thank you sincerely on behalf of myself and my family, and that their gift has truly helped and motivated a young man come closer to his dreams.”

BOBBIE SMITH - Transfer Student

“SouthArk provided me with so many great opportunities when I was there. SouthArk had people in place when I felt overwhelmed, lost, or both. I was able to find tutors, counselors and people just willing to do anything and everything to help me succeed when I did my part. Being a single mom, receiving the Foundation scholarship meant less financial pressure on me as I worked on achieving my education goals. Without the scholarship and donors who so kindly give to students, many of us would be unable to attend.”
SOUTHARK FOUNDATION

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$214,000 has been raised in support of SouthArk students throughout the history of SouthArk’s Outdoor Expo.

Sights seen at the SouthArk Outdoor Expo.
“Save the Date” for this year’s event on September 10!
In February 2010, SouthArk learned that it would receive a grant in the amount of $3.5 million through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 from the U.S. Department of Labor.

The college applied for the grant in the fall. Only one other institution in Arkansas and 55 nationwide received such a grant among the more than 1,400 applicants.

The grant sets healthcare as its target and will be used in part to fund additional instructors, equipment in the new Health Science Center and new programs such as medical laboratory technology.

Partners in the effort include the Medical Center of South Arkansas in El Dorado, Ashley County Medical Center in Crossett, Magnolia Hospital and Ouachita County Medical Center in Camden, among others.

The goal is to strengthen and broaden SouthArk’s ability to educate and train new medical personnel in and around south Arkansas, a move designed to benefit the entire region, according to Dr. George Roberts, Dean of the Health and Natural Sciences Department.

“Receipt of the South Arkansas Healthcare Opportunities grant...will greatly benefit South Arkansas Community College and south Arkansas,” Roberts said.
First Financial Bank’s corporate generosity often is what leads the way in making a project possible. A major gift from First Financial Bank in 2009 has helped a new SouthArk facility become reality. First Financial’s $100,000 donation was given to support construction of SouthArk’s new health-science building. Now the building is almost set to open.

The building’s primary lecture hall will be named in honor of the bank, according to Dr. George Roberts, division dean of Health and Natural Sciences at SouthArk. Roberts said that First Financial’s donation is much appreciated and that because of continued explosion in enrollment, SouthArk is in need of the classroom space that the new building will provide. About 45 percent of SouthArk’s students are on a health-science educational track, he said.

“Right now we’re bursting at the seams to find classroom and lab space,” Roberts said. “This new building is really going to help us provide smaller, more personal classes for our health science students. The lecture hall will also provide additional space for community professional development programs that SouthArk is developing.”

First Financial chief executive Steve Cameron lauded SouthArk’s growth.

“We’re really pleased to be a part of it,” he said, adding his thanks to the bank’s board of directors. “They give back to this community on a regular basis.

“We deem this not just a contribution, but a long-term investment.”
Individual contributors can make a phenomenal difference in Foundation efforts and in the life of the college. A prime example of this kind of self-sacrificial giving is Dr. Carolyn Langston, a business/accounting instructor who was the first employee hired at the college when it opened its doors as Southern State College - El Dorado in 1975.

Through their long-term, generous philanthropy, Dr. Langston and her husband, Ralph, have become Pathway Society-level contributors to the SouthArk Foundation. This delineation recognizes a level of investment of more than $100,000 in a lifetime.

Dr. Langston has distinguished herself through her dedication to student learning, career achievements and professional development, which bring prestige and pride to the college.

A 35-year SouthArk veteran in the business department, Dr. Langston was the first of SouthArk instructors to go back to school and earn her doctorate degree while working full-time at the college. She also became a Certified Public Accountant and received her Certified Management Accounting accreditation. Although she was hired primarily to teach, she worked in a variety of capacities as the college was being established, including hiring employees and enrolling students. “From her role in the stark conditions of the early days of SouthArk, with a job description that read ‘whatever needs to be done’ to her long list of academic and professional credentials, I see a foundation carefully laid that would support a life and career committed to serving this college and its students,” former Foundation board chair John Dews said of Dr. Langston.

Seeing from the beginning the college’s vast potential for helping the people of south Arkansas, she invested not only her time and expertise in growing the fledging school but also her financial resources. Dr. Langston’s financial philanthropy has led to the creation of two different fully-endowed scholarships for student learning. These named scholarships are the Langston Endowed Scholarship and the Mabel Stratton Powell Endowed Scholarship, the latter having been established in memory of Dr. Langston’s mother, a lifelong supporter of teaching and learning and inspiration for those seeking to further their education. These scholarships reflect her abiding belief in the power of education to transform lives and to grow communities and her willingness to invest personally and joyfully in this worthwhile enterprise.
With the addition of the Health Science Center and the city-financed El Dorado Conference and SouthArk Student Center and with a generous $5 million gift from Murphy Oil Corporation, the SouthArk West Campus is beginning to have the look and feel of a college campus.

Record enrollment made building a parking lot adjacent to the Health Science Center necessary. With the additional 230 parking spaces and the purchase of adjacent properties, the campus master plan of adding green space in the central West Campus area has become plausible.

Discussions have suggested a two-stage approach. The first would include a central plaza, a tree-lined walkway from the Administration building to the Library and a brick-paved walkway between the Computer Technology Building and the Health Science Center.

It is hoped that this area will provide gathering and outdoor learning spaces for students, faculty, staff and community members. It is envisioned that the plaza will recognize the historical educational heritage of the campus and the legacy of learning that it represents.

The campus transformation also will include a renovation of the landscaping in front of the Whitfield Building so that it will mirror that of the new conference center.

The second stage of this plan will be to complete the quadrangle green space, once additional parking areas are developed.
WAYS YOU CAN HELP

You can make a difference in the lives of students through a charitable gift to the SouthArk Foundation, plus be rewarded with significant tax benefits.

Through gifts of cash, real property, or estates, you are ensuring continuity of educational excellence at the college. The SouthArk Foundation exists solely to provide financial resources to the college and its priorities.

ANNUAL GIFTS

Annual gifts are the cornerstone of the Foundation fundraising effort. They provide needed funds for special programs and projects that support the college.

GIFTS TO SUPPORT STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

One of our greatest needs is for student scholarships. While tuition remains reasonable, the combined cost of educational and living expenses means that many students require financial aid. The Foundation’s privately funded scholarship program provides that aid for hundreds of students each year.

LEADERSHIP GIFTS TO SUPPORT EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

SouthArk offers many opportunities to partner with and support its faculty and to invest in new or existing programs to enhance student learning. We work with you to ensure your leadership-level gift reaches the faculty or study area of your interest, and maximizes its impact on student success.

MEMORIAL AND TRIBUTE GIFTS

You may provide these gifts in loving memory of a friend or family member or to mark a special occasion. They are a unique way to pay tribute to those who are dear to you. Be sure to give us the names and contact information of friends and loved ones as we will send a special card recognizing your generosity.

PLANNED GIFTS

We hope you will remember SouthArk in your gift planning process. There are many ways to make a lasting commitment to the college and its students. Planned gifts can provide tremendous benefit to the college while helping you save taxes, increase your income and pass your estate to your heirs.

REMEMBER SOUTHARK

Please consider a gift to SouthArk Foundation. Student requests for financial aid have increased substantially this year as has enrollment, which rose 17 percent (unduplicated headcount) in 2010.

The Foundation helps those who benefit from our education, training and services. Your support drives student success and changes lives.

Credit card donations are deductible in the year the charge posts to your account. Stock donations, if directly transferred, are deductible per direct transfer date and not by the date the broker received notification to transfer the gift.

All gifts to the SouthArk Foundation are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Your gift will make a difference. Please share the gift of education today.

ONLINE DONATIONS

Now you can make your gift online at www.southark.edu/foundation. Click on “Giving.” Or you can fill out the enclosed pledge card and mail it back to us with your donation using the enclosed self-addressed envelope.
June 30, 2010
FINANCIAL POSITION

ASSETS

Current Assets
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and Cash Equivalents</td>
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<td>Pledges Receivable, Current Portion</td>
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<td>Accrued Interest Receivable</td>
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<td>Prepaid Expenses</td>
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<td>Investments</td>
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Fixed Assets, At Cost
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<td>Computer Software</td>
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<td>Property and Equipment</td>
<td>99,548</td>
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<td><strong>Less: Accumulated Depreciation and Amortization</strong></td>
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Other Assets
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<td>Antique Furniture</td>
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<td>Pledges Receivable</td>
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**$1,588,940**

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

Current Assets
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<td>Refundable Advances</td>
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Net Assets
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<td>unrestricted</td>
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<td>unrestricted - Board Designated</td>
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<td>Temporarily Restricted</td>
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<td><strong>Total Net Assets</strong></td>
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The independent audit of the SouthArk Foundation, Inc. was prepared by the firm of Evers, Cox and Gober, P.L.L.C. The complete audit is available for review in the Foundation office.
SOUTH ARKANSAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

Asset Growth History
• Fiscal Years Ending June 30th •

Scholarship Distribution History
• Fiscal Years Ending June 30th •

COUNTY OF ORIGIN
Fall 2010

DEGREE SOUGHT
Non Degree Seeking.....................113
Associates ...............................1096
Certificate of Proficiency .............23
Technical Certificate....................273
High School Student....................276

Average Age 27
(29 without the High School students)
SAVE THE DATE
- MARCH 3 - Lecture Series Speaker Jeanne Robertson
- MARCH 3 & 4 - Arkansas Entrepreneurship Conference
- MARCH 15 - Students in Piano and Voice Recital
- APRIL 6 - Foundation Donor and Scholar Luncheon
- APRIL 8, 9 & 10 - Spring Choral Concert, Gilbert and Sullivan’s Mikado
- APRIL 14 - Arts in April, Ballet Arkansas
- APRIL 17 - Writers’ Ink
- APRIL 26 - Students in Piano and Voice Recital
- MAY 13 - Spring Commencement
- SEPTEMBER 10 - SouthArk Outdoor Expo and Herring Furniture/Amerigas/Holland Grill Rib Cookoff

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