We hope that you will join us in welcoming in 2012, our 20th anniversary year at SouthArk! The past year has been a momentous one for the college. Major building and renovation projects have been completed and new programs were initiated in medical laboratory science and process technology at the request of local industry. Our enrollment remained stable in the fall, and we had a record number of credit hours pursued.

Through the vision of city leaders, vote of local citizens and significant contribution of Murphy Oil, the beautiful El Dorado Conference and Student Center has become the hub of training, cultural and community activities for the region since opening in January of 2011. The Student Center has been beneficial to both the physical and emotional needs of our students, with its atmosphere of learning and central location. The Conference Center has hosted more than 225 events with in excess of 27,000 attendees in the past 10 months. The center truly connects “town and gown.”

The first phase of the state-of-the-art Health Science Center opened in March of 2011. All 14 health programs now are housed in one location where students and faculty can interact and share knowledge and resources to facilitate quality medical training. The SouthArk Foundation contributed $200,000 through capital-campaign funds to this beautiful facility. Major contributors were recognized through naming of rooms and laboratories. We look forward to adding the second phase of the building—11,000 square feet for additional classrooms and laboratories—in the near future.

In addition, the 25-year-old Whitfield Classroom Building was renovated and streetscape projects completed. The college now has a more visible presence and “collegiate” look and atmosphere through these new and revived facilities and grounds. Plans are being made for updates on the East Campus for 2012-2013. And, architects are designing the Heritage Plaza—a two-phase quadrangle green space project that will connect the four primary buildings on the west campus with a tree-lined walkway. We hope to unveil plans for the plaza in conjunction with 20th anniversary activities this spring.

We continue to execute the SouthArk strategic plan, Build 2016. Student success and college completion initiatives are at the forefront of priorities for the college. Various grants, funds and initiatives have enabled our faculty and staff to research and implement innovative changes in curriculum, technology and teaching methods to benefit our students. We continue to build and strengthen relationships with business and industry and partner with educational institutions in the region. We take great pride in helping students to meet their academic goals and to ensure that our businesses and industries have a well-prepared workforce.

The SouthArk Foundation is an integral partner in assuring the ongoing success and progress of the college. Through the interest, support, and generosity of donors and benefactors like you, the Foundation is able to provide scholarships for the students of SouthArk and support college projects, programs and technology to assure our continued growth and advancement.

This annual report highlights the many activities of the Foundation and the college. With your ongoing support, we can achieve our vision of being the leading resource for accessible education, workforce training, partnerships and economic development for our region. Please join us in celebrating 20 years of offering quality education and training in South Arkansas and support us as we continue to grow!
This has been a transition year for South Arkansas Community College.

The El Dorado Conference Center is in full operation; the Health Science Center is open. The Ben Whitfield Building and grounds have been renovated.

Our community’s college has become a focal point for venues in El Dorado. The Year 2011 saw multiple events take place at the Conference Center. We had the largest Outdoor Expo ever on the grounds of the college and surrounding streets.

With that said, I believe that there are a lot of opportunities to further cultivate the profound impact that the college is having on our town and the surrounding area. Structure and priorities now are in place and our goal for 2012 is to increase awareness that SouthArk is a place to invest your dollars.

You should be very proud of OUR community’s college, and with the backing of each of you, the future looks very bright.

Terry Norman.

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.
Thank you to all who have supported and shown your loyalty to South Arkansas Community College this year and in past years. Your gifts, regardless of size, continue to make a positive and tremendous impact on student learning.

During these tough economic times, support for students to get their education so that they may become gainfully employed is more critical than ever. With approximately 65 percent of SouthArk students receiving financial aid, a large number of them being working parents, our students face a wide range of barriers. We continue to be inspired by our students’ ambitions, goals and determination. Seeing students walk across the commencement stage to receive their diplomas, knowing that they have reached a milestone in their lives, makes our work more fulfilling. Add to that the generosity of our community’s gifts, and we have a formula for success in strengthening our workforce and making this a great place to live and work.

Our aspirations and needs are significant, and our roadmap to ensure that students meet with educational goals is determined. We are eager to continue the success we have enjoyed in recent years so that students may thrive in their life’s work. Plans for investing in students, technology, instruction and capacity are all on the horizon. These efforts are made possible through the continuing support of individuals, businesses, corporations and other friends. On behalf of the South Arkansas Community College Foundation Board of Directors, I extend a heartfelt thanks to you for your support of education in south Arkansas.

Cynthia Reyna.
Dr. Nathan Beane of Vicksburg, Miss.—originally from El Dorado—is a successful research forester at the Ecological Resources Branch of the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center Ecosystem Evaluation and Engineering Division.

Beane, a 2002 graduate of SouthArk, is a former SouthArk Student Ambassador. After graduating with an associate’s degree in general education, he transferred to the University of Arkansas-Monticello where in 2005 he graduated with a bachelor’s degree in forestry. After that, Beane completed graduate degrees at West Virginia University in Morgantown, W.Va., first a master’s in forestry in 2007, then a doctorate in forestry resources science in 2010.

He said that South Arkansas Community College offered benefits beyond close proximity to home and affordability.

“In addition, SouthArk provided all of the necessary coursework I needed to transfer into a four-year program,” he said. “The education and experiences while achieving my academic degrees were instrumental in paving the way to where I am today. The years I spent at SouthArk further shaped my ability to focus and study, and I am grateful for the academic achievements SouthArk allowed me to obtain.”

Beane called his time spent as an Ambassador “without a doubt a life-changing experience.”

“I was given the honor to serve as a liaison between the faculty and students, which opened up for me an entirely new level of networking,” Beane said. “The experience helped polish my leadership skills and allowed me the opportunity to meet many of the wonderful faculty and students.”

The scientist’s fields of expertise include forest stand dynamics, species distribution modeling, plant identification and geographic information systems.

“My research efforts are focused on assessing climate-induced biome shifts for military installations across North America and its direct impact on military systems, infrastructure and operations,” Beane said. “I have been fortunate in my academic and career path to not only obtain a doctoral degree in forest ecology, a field of study I wholeheartedly enjoy, but to have also had the opportunity to teach at the university level and volunteer my time teaching at various community groups.”

A member of the Society of American Foresters, Beane spends free time working with Master Naturalist and Master Gardener programs, and leads events at the National 4-H Forestry Invitational.
EXPOSITIONAL SUCCESS

Outdoor Expo raises record funding and leads to service grant

Displays of wild creatures like this were a part of the Outdoor Expo.

Volunteers collect ribs during the Phil Herring Rib Cook-off.

The Dallas Cowboys Hall of Fame exhibit, featured at the Expo.
This fall the SouthArk Foundation was awarded a $25,000 Sept. 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance 10th Anniversary Challenge grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service, a federal agency.

The award announcement came following the unveiling of the Arkansas 9.11 Memorial as part of the Foundation’s Outdoor Expo, held on Sept. 10.

The grant, funded over a three-year frame, will support the inclusion of an observance of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States as a permanent component of the Expo; the memorial as an educational destination for area citizens; and the organization of annual SouthArk service projects.

“I congratulate the SouthArk Foundation for its commitment to community service and its dedication that led to this award,” said Robert Velasco II, acting chief executive of the CNCS. “It set a great example for the community, proving that the drive of a few can make a big difference for many.”

The Edward M. Kennedy Serve America Act established Sept. 11 as a National Day of Service and Remembrance and authorized CNCS with supporting service and remembrance activities to honor this day. To promote broad participation in the day of service, CNCS launched the September 11 National Day of Service and Remembrance 10th Anniversary Challenge. Through this initiative, organizations were challenged to bring Americans together in service projects on and around Sept. 11.

Nearly 140 organizations participated in the Challenge, competing for grants that can be used over three years to implement future Sept. 11 projects on a larger scale to benefit their communities. Engaging more than 150,000 total volunteers, grants were awarded to the 13 organizations that were determined to have the largest numbers of volunteers in each of their respective categories.

The Foundation grant proposal noted that upwards of 2,000 volunteers are expected to help carry out the grant’s components over the three-year period.
Student Government Association Vice President Jyran Dancy of Junction City, the most recent recipient of the SouthArk Foundation’s William Jammilous “Jay” Terry Scholarship, said that he draws inspiration from the award’s namesake.

“From whom the scholarship is given who it is in honor of, it makes me fight harder for my education,” Dancy said.

A 2010 graduate of Junction City High School, Dancy is on a business track and intends to transfer to a university to further his education. But he said that he won’t be gone forever.

“After graduating I plan to come back and contribute to our community locally,” Dancy said.

The late Jay Terry likely would respect that. The Terry Scholarship is awarded annually to a SouthArk student who is pursuing education in a computer or health-science field and is a graduate of either Junction City High or Spearsville (La.) High. It was established through the Foundation after Terry, a former SouthArk student, was killed in a tragic automobile accident in 2002 along with his pregnant wife and unborn child. At the time he was enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and stationed at Offutt Air Force Base in Nebraska. He was just 23.

“Jay knew everybody and everyone knew him,” instructor Vicki Badgley said. “He was likable, charming and very engaging.”

Terry’s father—a longtime member of the college’s custodial staff—and mother, Willie and Brenda Terry, decided that funding a scholarship in their son’s name would be a fitting tribute and also would help pave the way for students in the area to receive higher education...students like Dancy, who many also would describe as likable, charming and engaging.

“It has been a tremendous help towards my education,” Dancy said of the scholarship.
Scholarships
Alpha Xi Endowed
Dr. Kenneth Bridges
Robert R. Brown Jr.
Choral
Charles E. Cowger Endowed
El Dorado Civitan Golden Door Endowed
El Dorado Jaycees Endowed
General
Health Sciences
Island Memorial
James Family Endowed
Langston Endowed
Omazel Lawson Endowed
Jodie Mahony Endowed
Mabel and Emon Mahony Endowed
Michael Mahony/BancorpSouth Endowed
MCSA/Betty White Endowed
James M. Moore Jr. Endowed
Neely Endowed
Dr. Kermit Parks Public Service Endowed
E.W. Pickering Endowed
Mabel Stratton Powell Endowed
ProMed Ambulance
REACH
Lucy Ring Academic Excellence Endowed
Lucy Ring Fine Arts Endowed
Simmons First Bank Endowed
Single Parent Fund of Union County
Jo An and Charles T. Skinner Endowed
Melba Tatom Nursing Endowed
William Jammillous (Jay) Terry
Trade and Industry
Jonathan M. Warren Memorial
Dr. Ben T. Whitfield Endowed

Additional Funds
President’s Circle Fund
South Arkansas Arboretum Fund
SouthArk Library Fund
Vision Care Fund
Vanguard Mini-Grant Fund
LIFETIME GIVING

You can help make a difference in the lives of students through your generous giving. We recognize the cumulative gifts of our lifetime giving supporters through these Giving Societies. Each time that donors make gifts to the Foundation, the gifts are applied toward their giving records, qualifying them for one of these Giving Societies.

Based on fiscal year ending on June 30, 2011.

**PATHWAY SOCIETY**
$100,000 or more
Anonymous
El Dorado Chemical Company
James Family
Carolyn and Ralph Langston
Murphy Oil Corporation
Lucy Anne Ring Trust
Simmons First Bank
Charlie and Camilla Thomas

**VANGUARD SOCIETY**
$50,000 - $99,999
Arkansas Single Parent Scholarship Fund
First Financial Bank
Murphy Foundation
Drs. Jennifer and Kermit Parks
SHARE Foundation
United Way of Union County

**CORNERSTONE SOCIETY**
$25,000 - $49,999
BancorpSouth
City of El Dorado
Cooper Standard Automotive
Entergy Arkansas
Lanatter and Herb Fox
Georgia-Pacific Corporation
Great Lakes Solutions
Lion Oil Company
Medical Center of South Arkansas
Deborah and William C. Nolan, Jr.
Union County Department of Human Services

**PREZIDENT’S SOCIETY**
$10,000 - $24,999
Alpha Xi Chapter, ESA
Anonymous Foundation
Anonymous Family Foundation
James and Edith Baine
John S. and Martha Beebe
Cleve Blagg Pickering Trust
Mrs. Charles E. Cowger
Deltic Timber Corporation
El Dorado Advertising and Promotion Commission
El Dorado Civilian Club
El Dorado Industrial Development Corporation
El Dorado Jaycees
Dr. Steve and Clara Jones
Dr. Kathleen Matlock
Don D. Montgomery
Jim and Judy Moore
Susan and Wade Neely
Mrs. Theodoria Nolan
Mrs. Elizabeth Pruet
Regions Bank
Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Rogers
Jo An Skinner
Ruth M. Smith
Willie and Brenda Terry
Union Power Partners LP
Mrs. Ben T. Whitfield
Dr. and Mrs. David M. Yocum

**KEYSTONE SOCIETY**
$2,500 - $9,999
AT&T
Charlotte B. Abbott
Diane and Edwin Alderson
AltTel Corporation
AmerCable
Amer Redi-Mixed Concrete Company
BCH, Inc.
John and Jennifer Baine
Jeanne and Tom Baumgardner
Dr. Lura and James Brown
Steve and Celeste Cameron
Robin and Leslie Carroll
Clean Harbors Environmental Services
Cross Roofing and Sheet Metal
Walter and Susan Cowger
Del-Tin Fiber
Mr. and Mrs. Claiborne Deming
Mr. and Mrs. John Dewes
Diploma Nurses of Arkansas
Elizabeth and Dwayne Dugal
Evers, Cox and Gober P.L.L.C.
George Haefner
Raymond and Patsy Higgins
Ideal Management Co., Inc.
Gwenda Island
Dr. Ben and Sherrel Johnson
Dr. Barbara Jones
Dr. Tim Kirk
Joffre and Pat Long
Nick and Virginia Macchiariolo
George Maguire
Vernie and Jane Meador
Milam Construction Company
Paula O’Connor
Panda Energy International, Inc.
Pete and Renee Parks
Plum Creek Timber Company
Polk Stanley Wilcox Architects
Premier Outdoor Sales
Pro Med Ambulance
Jane and Jack Reynolds
Dr. George Roberts
Rotary Club of El Dorado
Smackover State Bank
Ann Southall
Southwestern Bell
Systems Contracting Corporation
Jeff and Sara Tague
Timberland Bank
Union County Community Foundation

**PLATINUM SOCIETY**
$1,000 - $2,499
Alice-Sidney Oil Company
Carl Amason
Anthony Forest Products
Phillip Ballard
Patricia Bates
Oliver Borden
Dr. Ken Bridges
Robert R. Brown, Jr.
Peter and Cherie Buletza
Burns & McDonnell Engineering Company, Inc.
C. A. Duncan, Inc.
Becky and Ernie Cagle
Dr. J. C. and Pat Callaway
Dr. Valeriano Cantu
Walter Compton
Steve and Janet Cousins
Cross Oil Refining & Marketing
Henry Culbret
Delta Press
Developmental Disabilities Provider Association
Ted and Lyn Drake
Robert and Jane Dudley
El Dorado Kiwanis Club
El Dorado Water
Evers, Cox & Gober, P.L.L.C.
Kevin and Claudia Fitzgerald
Debbie Ford
Melinda Hays Gatheright
Wayne Gibson
Diane Gilieand
Brenda Ginger
Helen Griffith
Jim and Doris Hackney
Victoria Harden
Randy Haynie
Donna Hendricks
Mr. and Mrs. Robert F. Kelley
Mrs. Curtis A. Kinard
Helen Landes
Roger Landes
Scott Larkin
Jodie and Bettie Anne Mahony
Michael E. Mahony
Richard and Vertis Mason
Madelyne M. and Edward C. McCarty
Mrs. H. C. McKinney
Jerry and Jack McNutt
Gordene and John Ed Moore
Murphy Motors
Dr. and Mrs. Henry B. Rogers
Jo An Skinner
Ruth M. Smith
Willie and Brenda Terry
Union Power Partners LP
Mrs. Ben T. Whitfield
Dr. and Mrs. David M. Yocum

Based on fiscal year ending on June 30, 2011.
Gold Society
$500 - $999

Dr. Elaine Allen
Larry W. Andrews
Beryl Anthony
Arkansas Blue Cross Blue Shield
Aurelle Water Association
Mike Beebe
Carol Benson
Sue Bowman
Jay Bradford
Jeanette Brown
Beth Burns
Carol & Witt Stephens Charitable Foundation
Dr. Susan K. Chappell
Columbian Chemicals Company
Margaret Compton
Compton, Prewett, Thomas, & Hickey
Mary Pat Cook
W. L. Cook
Veronica Creer
Keitha Davidson
Diamond Agency
Frank DiCristina
Bobby J. Edmonds
El Dorado Forward
Jason Ellen
Scott Ellen
Evers & Whatley Electric, Inc.
First Bank of South Arkansas
Amy E. Garner
Bert Giller
Jay Glass
Dr. Ed Henley
Hepco, Inc.
Barbara Hogg
Dean G. Inman
Susan Jordan
Sarah P. Kinard
Frances Kuykendall
Corbet Lamkin
Luther Lewis
Charles Lovett
John Lowery, Jr.
Magnolia Specialized Services, Inc.
James W. Matheney
Denny McGarity
Carroll McNeary
McArdy Companies
Tandy Menefee
Cynthia Meyer
Debra Mock
Pamela A. Mulligan
Dr. Robert M. Murfee
Charles Pepper
Dr. Allan Pirnique
John G. Ragsdale
Anita F. Reisdoerff
Preston Rogers
David Ross
Leslie J. Bauer
Sewell Oil Company
Dennis Shackleford
Teresa C. Smith
Southern Bancorp
Sports Alley
Storey's Floor and Carpet, Inc.
Veronda Tatum
Randolph M. Thompson
Judy Tomlinson
Trip Production Company, LLC
Kimberly Vaughn
Lawrence Waschka
Bob Watson
Steve Wells
Joel Montez
Seth Whitehead
William P. Cook and Associates
Mary Jo Williams
David Wilson
Lauri Wilson
Don Zimmerman

Silver Society
$250 - $499

David Alphin
Dr. Carlos Anaya
Scott Andrews
Arkansas Farm Bureau Federation
Berry and Associates
Jeffery T. Brown
Janice Bush
James A. Buttry
Claude Calahan
Venie Craig
Edward Crowe
Jay Dickey
Kerlin Drake
Deborah Edney
Dr. Kristi M. Elia
Erwin & Company, P.A.
Dr. Daniel G. Ford
Jo Ellen Frost
James W. Garison
Garnier and Dunham, CPA
Janis K. Givens
David Griffith
Lathan C. Hairston
Louis T. Hall, III
Susan Hanson
Jo Harrison
Carolyn Hart
Caroline J. Hays
Chris Hegi
Brenda Holmes
Mark Hudson
Alvin Kelly
Dr. Gardner H. Landers
Langley Properties, LLC
James B. Larsen
Cal Ledbetter
Valerie Lewis
Barbie Luther
Dewayne Maharin
Tom Mangum
Tim Massanelli
Elen J. McGowen
Jammie McKinnon
Dottie Medlin
Rudy Moore
Brenda Murphree
David Murphy
Lonnie Nelson
Bobby Newman
Roslyn Nipper
Betty Linda Nolan
William C. Nolan
Betty Owen
Grace Palickic
Charles R. Palmer
Marc Parnell
Terry Patterson
Benny C. Petrus
Diane Pieroni
David Pryor
Thomas Quinn
Rainbow of Challenges, Inc.
Mark K. Reaves
Dan Redmond
Gray Richardson
Lynda Richardson
Sheila Risher
Bob Risor
Robert L. Robinson
Johnnie Roe buck
Laura A. Rogers
Heather Rowe
Dr. Steve Scott
Phoebe Sellers
Dr. Jim Sheppard
John B. Simpson
Elizabeth Spencer
Betty Stinson
Bill H. Stovall, III
Systems Spray-Cooled Equipment Company
Melba Tatom
Denver Thornton
Chris R. Thyer
Todd’s Arkansas Service Company
J.D. Trimble, Jr.
Dr. Susanne Wache
Jim Warnock
Bobby Warren
Paul Waschka
Shirley Wells
Mary Lou Whitfield
Nancy Whitmore
Doyle Williams
J. T. Williamson
Benny Wilson
Christy Wilson
Al Witte
Rose M. Young
Young’s Funeral Directors
FOSTERING FRESH IDEAS

Matthew Connior

Students in Matthew Connior’s natural science classes at SouthArk this year received a unique opportunity to learn by way of the innovative use of college facilities, and the SouthArk Foundation.

The Foundation awarded Connior with a Vanguard Mini-Grant for an ecological study carried out at the South Arkansas Arboretum by his classes.

The Vanguard fund was set up through the Foundation in order to help foster and support innovative approaches to classroom teaching by SouthArk instructors.

Connior’s project was used “to determine how the surrounding forests buffer the sensitive ecology of the ponds to sustain wildlife” despite being located in an urban area, according to his proposal.

Students identified and took inventory of all species of plants, vertebrates and macroinvertebrates in and around the ponds at the Arboretum.
Officials announced in October that the state’s two-year colleges, including SouthArk, have been awarded a $14.7 million grant from the U.S. Department of Labor to restructure certain higher-education programs that meet specific industry needs, strengthen technology-enabled learning and student support services and allow students and workers more flexibility in scheduling classes.

“The project’s goal is to accelerate certificate and degree completions by 15 percent by restructuring over 100 programs over the next three years,” said Dr. Ed Franklin, executive director of the Arkansas Association of Two Year Colleges.

The Path to Accelerated Completion and Employment Initiative will be a collaborative effort among all of the state’s 22 two-year colleges to reduce remediation and increase degree production, with Bentonville’s Northwest Arkansas Community College’s leading the consortium.

SouthArk will receive more than half a million dollars from the PACE grant and will use it in part to help restructure the college’s business program and to integrate network security curriculum into the computer information technology program.

“There is instructor release time involved, some software, computers and equipment,” dean of business and technical education Jim Roomsburg said.

Top education and government officials have clearly-defined goals to change remedial education, increase retention and double the number of degree holders in the state by 2025.

Specific strategies for redesigning 104 associate’s degree and certificate programs include improving developmental education, streamlining certificate and degree pathways, reducing time to completion and credit to completion, enhancing support technology and systems and overhauling student advisement to increase job placement.

As part of the grant process, higher-education officials reached out to business and industry to ensure that jobs would be available to workers who completed training at the state’s two-year colleges.
Tetra Technologies of El Dorado over the summer presented a ceremonial check representing a $7,000 donation by the company to the South Arkansas Community College Foundation in support of SouthArk’s new process technology program.

Launched in part because of requests from area industry leaders, the degree program is designed to train refinery operators, chemical operators and process technicians. These operators control and monitor the systems that run industrial plants.

The generous investment by Tetra is, ultimately, an investment in itself, as workers who graduate from the program will be attractive employee prospects for the local company.
With their lives dedicated to public service, Foundation donors JoAn and Charles Skinner often gave aid to the underserved and to disaster victims.

Their careers started when they worked together in their family-owned business for 13 years following Mr. Skinner’s two-year military service in the U.S. Army, when the couple spent 18 months in Germany.

In January of 1971, he began working as the chief probation officer for Union County and later for the 13th Judicial District. He left this position to begin his first term as Union County Judge in 1991 and served three terms, retiring at the close of 1996.

Mrs. Skinner began working for Union County in January of 1973 as the administrative assistant to the county judge and retired from that position also at the end of 1996. Prior to owning the family business, she worked for the treasurer of McAlester Fuel Company in Magnolia.

After retiring from Union County, the Skinners both worked for the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Mr. Skinner worked in community outreach during disasters until his death in 2007. She worked with U.S. congressional offices whose districts were affected in times of disaster and remains on the roster, although she has not been active for about two years.

Just a few of the disasters on which the couple worked were the Columbia Shuttle explosion; the Los Alamos, N.M., fires; the devastating Oklahoma City tornado of the late 1990s; Tropical Storm Allison; and Hurricane Katrina, which they worked for nine months.

The Skinners’ dedication and commitment to education led them to establish the JoAn and Charles T. Skinner Endowed Scholarship. Helping to make dreams come true for students was a motivating force when JoAn Skinner established this scholarship in her husband’s honor.

Charlotte Brown, a Skinner Scholarship recipient who graduated from SouthArk with a degree in registered nursing and now practices in the Junction City School District, speaks highly of the Skinners’ philanthropy.

“It is through your scholarship gift that I am able to be a positive influence, provide a caring touch, and give loving support to the children of our community,” Brown said. “Your support was much appreciated.”
he opportunity to place the name of an individual, family or corporation on a building, room, center, institute, professorship, or scholarship at SouthArk is a time-honored tradition.

Any and all combinations of gifts, pledges and irrevocable deferred gift arrangements are acceptable for naming commitments. Opportunities also exist to establish named endowment funds in support of faculty, student, or academic priorities.

The South Arkansas Community College Foundation seeks private funds to enhance the college’s ability to meet the higher-education needs of the community, particularly toward a level of excellence that otherwise would not be possible given state funding levels and restraints on student tuition and fees. The SouthArk Foundation desires to provide appropriate recognition to donors for their generosity.

A possible future naming opportunity is the proposed Heritage Plaza, a welcoming green space with benches, plants and a fountain, which via brick walkways would connect the Library (west) to the Administration Building (east) and the Health Science Center (south) to the Computer Technology Building (north).

We consider it an honor to recognize our benefactors who have significantly invested in SouthArk’s vision. Your name, or the name of someone you wish to honor, may be recognized in a special way for your support of the college. Additional naming opportunities may be developed at your request.

Education is the key to change, to progress, and to the economic viability of our community. Your commitment to supporting SouthArk allows us to prepare for the challenges of tomorrow and to better serve the needs of our community and students for generations to come.
WAYS TO HELP

You can make a difference

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 has risen 17 percent (unduplicated headcount) since 2008.

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.
## Financial Position

### Assets

#### Current Assets
- Cash and cash equivalents: $846,129
- Pledges receivable, current portion: $62,904
- Accrued interest receivable: $14
- Prepaid expenses: $3,322
- Investments: $596,361

**Total Current Assets**: $1,508,730

#### Fixed Assets, at cost
- Computer software: $6,365
- Property and equipment: $99,548

**Total Fixed Assets**: $105,913

**Less: accumulated depreciation and amortization**: $80,854

**Total Fixed Assets**: $25,059

#### Other Assets
- Antique furniture: $2,410
- Pledges receivable, non-current portion: $57,097

**Total Other Assets**: $59,507

**Total Assets**: $1,593,296

### Liabilities and Net Assets

#### Current Liabilities
- Accounts payable: $4,981
- Scholarships payable: $9,819
- Refundable advances: $9,175

**Total Current Liabilities**: $23,975

#### Net Assets
- Unrestricted: $965,293
- Unrestricted - Board designated: $30,000
- Temporarily restricted: $574,028

**Total Net Assets**: $1,569,321

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets**: $1,593,296

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ADDITIONAL DATA

**Student enrollment**
*Fall 2011*
- Headcount: 1,773
- Full-time: 859
- Part-time: 914
- Female: 1,277
- Male: 496
- Average age: 27
- HS receiving college credit: 266

**Tuition per credit hour**
- In-district: $74
- Out-of-district: $84
- Out-of-state: $152

**Revenue sources**
*Fiscal year 2011-2012*
- Educational and general
  - Tuition and fees: 37.70%
  - State: 59.87%
  - Federal: 0.73%
  - Other: 1.63%
  - Projected revenue: $11,531,781
- Restricted
  - Tuition and fees: 0.32%
  - State: 4.95%
  - Federal: 91.23%
  - Other: 5.50%
  - Projected revenue: $12,842,695
- Auxiliary
  - Projected revenue: $1,678,863

**Capital investment**
*As of June 30, 2011*
- Land: $1,272,499
- Improvement and infrastructure: $449,045
- Equipment: $2,778,883
- Buildings: $15,411,162
- Construction in progress: $8,974,066
- Library Holdings: $868,948
- Intangibles: $155,440
- Acreage: 55
- Buildings: 24
- Square footage: 279,622

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