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"For all the World to See" returns to A-State campus for 2020 Black History Month.

Arkansas State University Explores Partnership with Adtalem Global Education to Deliver First In-State Veterinary Medicine School

University is collaborating with Adtalem to provide workforce solutions to veterinary

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Arkansas State University announced an agreement to collaborate with Adtalem Global Education to explore the feasibility of creating the first in-state veterinary medical school, Chancellor Kelly Damphousse said Friday.

Damphousse spoke with Faculty Senate prior to announcing that the university is exploring a public-private partnership with Adtalem, a global workforce solutions provider based in Chicago, with expertise educating veterinarians to AVMA-accredited standards. Provost Alan Utter, who will be the lead contact for the 180-day exploration period, briefed the university deans.

"The demand for veterinarians is significant as more households enjoy pet ownership, and Arkansas livestock producers have acknowledged a shortage of veterinarians for large animals," said Damphousse. "This is a concern that our College of Agriculture faculty and others across the region have expressed to us. I am excited to begin the discussion on our campus. We plan to work closely with veterinarians throughout Arkansas as we move forward in the development of this new college."

"From practical experience, we know the need exists for more veterinarians, especially large animal practitioners, across our region and state," Professor of Animal Science and Interim Dean of the College of Agriculture Dr. Donald "Bud" Kennedy said. "With the current resources that Arkansas State can bring to this process, we believe we can have a tremendous positive impact for the veterinarian profession and our agricultural industry."



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Those participating in the announcement included (from left) Dr. Jerry Miller of Paragould, Dr. Bud Kennedy, Dillon Lechak of Hot Springs, Aubrey Miller of Hot Springs, Katherine McGinness of Little Rock, Caylee McGuire of Batesville, Dr. Alan Utter, and Dr. Kelly Damphousse.

Damphousse also announced to the university faculty the creation of a Veterinary College Task Force to work with him in the vetting process, and named Kennedy as the task force's chair.

"When Bud and our former dean Tim Burcham first approached me with the idea, I was very supportive because it speaks to our core mission for Arkansas and the region," Damphousse said. "I want to stress that we are at the beginning stages. Along with chairing our Task Force, I have asked Dr. Kennedy to assist with selection of participants and request that they return with a recommendation later this year." The proposed veterinary medicine program would enroll classes of approximately 120 students each year. Accreditation for any A-State College of Veterinary Medicine would be sought by the university, and graduates would have Arkansas State academic credentials. Adtalem, the parent company of AVMA-accredited Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine, would provide expertise related to veterinary program management and accreditation, as well as capital and operating expense funding.

VETERINARY, 4A

Happening at A-State

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Gov. Hutchinson Appoints A-State Alumnus Niel Crowson to Second Term on ASU System Board

Tuesday, Gov. Asa Hutchinson appointed Niel Crowson of Jonesboro, a 1975 graduate of Arkansas State University, to a second five-year term on the ASU System Board of Trustees.

Crowson, who is chairman of the board and president of E.C. Barton & Company of Jonesboro, was first appointed by Hutchinson in 2015 and served as chair of the ASU Board in 2019. His reappointment expires in January 2025.

ASU SYSTEM, 4A

Traveling Health Screening

The Delta Care-a-Van traveled to Harrisburg on Monday to offer free health screenings. The Delta Care-a-Van is sponsored by the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State University.

Holstein Selected to Lead A-State's Bradbury Art Museum

As it approaches its 20th anniversary as a vital facet of Arkansas State University, Bradbury Art Museum is welcoming a new director.

Garry Holstein becomes BAM director at the beginning of February. A practicing artist, educator and administrator, his main goals are to facilitate access to the arts for all ages through community engagement activities, student mentorship, exhibition development, and cultivation of the permanent collection.

BRADBURY, 4A

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Seven Undergraduate Students Earn Research Fellowships

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Seven students at Arkansas State University have received the prestigious Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) grant in the annual competition administered through the Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE).

Through the SURF program, undergraduate students conduct in-depth research projects in their specific fields of study, under the guidance of faculty mentors.

All seven of the students' projects are funded through ADHE's SURF grant program.

This year's recipients, academic major, project title, grant amount, and A-State faculty mentor are:

Lucianne Burner of Moscow, Pennsylvania, physical education, "The effects of acute exercise on an ACT prep test and profile of mood states," $2,750, Dr. Blair Dean, professor of physical education.

Bryce Dickerson of Jackson, Missouri, biological sciences, "Discovery of novel RNAs for diagnosis and treatment of heart disease," $4,000, Dr. Viswanathan Rajagopalan, assistant professor of biomedical sciences at New York Institute of Technology-College of Osteopathic Medicine, and holder of a joint appointment with A-State.

Krista Henderson of Hot Springs, mathematics education, "Differential expression and correlation analysis of histopathology and proteogenomics data for ovarian cancer," $4,000, Dr. Mohamed Milad, assistant professor of statistics.

Shannon Hughes of West Plains, Missouri, civil engineering, "Molecular dynamics simulations of dislocation dynamics in core-shell nanostructures," $4,000, Dr. Robert Fleming, assistant professor of mechanical engineering.

Amelia Singh of Jonesboro, mathematics, "Statistical analysis of DNA methylation data in a chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL)," $4,000, Dr. Mohamed Milad, assistant professor of statistics.

Lloyd Thomas of Hughes, computer science, "Secure inter-process communication in computer systems," $2,750, Dr. Donghoon Kim, assistant professor of computer science.

Samuel Whitmire of Jonesboro, mathematics, "Fractional derivatives, integrals, and the generalized fundamental theorem of calculus," $2,750, Dr. Jie Miao, professor of mathematics.

Apple Dennie Takes Miss ASU Crown



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Joined on stage with Miss Arkansas 2019 Darynne Dahlem (right), Former Miss ASU, Ellie Stafford crowns Apple Dennie as Miss ASU 2020. For more photos, go to The Herald's website at theherald.home.blog.

Take the A-State Polar Plunge for Special Olympics

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On Tuesday, join A-State students, faculty and staff in taking the Polar Plunge.

Participants will plunge into the cold water at the Wolf Creek Apartments pool to raise money for the Special Olympics.

Each plunger will get a free T-shirt after raising $50 and taking the plunge on Feb. 11. Registration begins at 5 p.m., followed by the event at 6.

Despite the low temperatures, supporters turn out for Polar Plunge fundraising events to get wet for a good cause.

According to the event website, "This "unbearable" event is a unique opportunity to show your bravery as you support local Special Olympics athletes by stepping into the frigid winter waters of the Wolf Creek pool."

The goal for this event is $4,000. Assuming each participant tries to reach the T-shirt goal, that means 80 plungers are needed to make the total amount. For more information, contact Theresa Book at theresa@specialolympicsarkansas.org.

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