

## Dean announces retirement after 26 years of service

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The College of Nursing and Health Professions will soon be searching for a new dean following the announcement of retirement from current dean, Dr. Susan Hanrahan.

Hanrahan, who has served as dean for the past 26 years, will retire effective June 30, 2021.

Hanrahan graduated with her Bachelor of Science in physical therapy and master's in public administration from the University of Kansas. From there, she went on to Temple University to pursue her doctorate in Health Education. She also completed summer work in epidemiology at the University of Michigan.

Hanrahan came to A-State in 1994 as a consultant for the development of the Bachelor of Science in physical therapy. When the dean of

the college left in 1995, she took over the job in an interim capacity. After a nationwide search, she was hired for the permanent position in 1996.

Over the years, Hanrahan saw the CNHP evolve into one of the top programs in the country.

"Besides many faculty and staff changes, we have had lots of curriculum and new program additions, space acquisition, and increased funding support through various fees, endowments, grants, federal funds and hospital support," she said. "All of this has positively contributed to the continued evolution of the college. We had strategically planned our growth and development over those years."

Under her guidance, the college has added programs in disaster preparedness and emergency management, EMT and paramedic, diagnostic medical sonography, radiation therapy, magnetic resonance

imaging, nurse anesthesia, doctorate in nursing practice, health studies, nurse practitioner, occupational therapy, physical therapy, athletic training and coordinated program in dietetics.

One of Hanrahan's greatest achievements for the CNHP was the gift of \$14.5 million from the Donald W. Reynolds Foundation. The money went to building a new academic health facility and establishing the Beck Center for Veterans.

The Beck Center provides educational programs and services such as counseling resources, personal rehabilitation and financial assistance to wounded combat veterans.

On top of her work as dean, Hanrahan also serves as a manuscript reviewer for the Journal of Allied Health, and she currently serves as the president of the Association of Schools of Allied Health Professions. In Arkansas, she has held the position of chair of the Steering

Committee for the Regional Board Area Health Education Centers, the Health Policy Board and Arkansas Center for Health Improvement.

Within the community, she was also appointed by Mayor Harold Perrin to the Comprehensive Planning Advisory Commission for the City of Jonesboro. She serves on the boards of various organizations including St. Bernard's Women's Health, Our Kids Count Coalition, YMCA and the Delta Symphony Orchestra.

Hanrahan said she's ready to make a change. "This is my 26th year in the same position. It is time to do something else with my life," she said.

As for what comes next, she hopes to find a new job that will allow her to learn new things and make a difference.



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Dr. Susan Hanrahan

## KASU debuts new radio program A-State students and faculty to be featured

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"In Performance at A-State," a new weekly radio program, will debut on KASU 91.9 FM, the public media service of Arkansas State University, on Oct. 14. The new series features recordings of musical performances from Arkansas State University Music Department students and faculty members.

The program is one hour and will broadcast on KASU

91.9 FM every Wednesday at 9 p.m. and on Sunday at 6 a.m.

"KASU continually strives to share with the public the many diverse and incredible things that are happening at Arkansas State University," said Marty Scarbrough, program director. "This radio series will be an outstanding showcase of the amazing musical talents of both the students and the faculty members in the A-State Music Department. I feel the series will not only be entertaining, but it will also encourage members of the public to attend A-State musical events in person in the future when the pandemic is over."

Dr. Lauren Schack Clark, Music Department chair, expressed her excitement for the program, "I'm delighted that we

have this opportunity to showcase A-State's talented music students and faculty to a wider radio audience and to have this partnership with the station.

"Personally, I'm a great fan of KASU and a sustaining member. I listen all the time in the car and at home, and I appreciate the KASU staff's work on this project. I know the listeners will enjoy the wide range of music offered, and I hope it will encourage them to attend live concerts and recitals once we are able to have these on a regular basis again."

Support for the production and promotion of this series is provided by grants from the Kays Foundation and the Arkansas Arts Council. The program host is Dr. Ed Owen, asso-

ciate professor of music. Nathan Taylor, KASU production engineer, produces the program.

In addition to the weekly radio broadcast on 91.9 FM, "In Performance at A-State" may also be heard via live-streaming through KASU's website, [kasu.org](http://kasu.org); through the KASU mobile app; and on smart speakers such as Amazon Echo and Google Home.

## CAMPUS CRIME

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Sept. 30 | 9:31 a.m.

University Police received a call from dispatch that a bike and a scooter had been stolen from Quince Apartments. Upon arrival, officers spoke to Ximai Shi. She told them the bike had been stolen on Sunday and the scooter was taken the day of the report. Shi normally leaves them outside her apartment under the staircase. She said the kids in the neighborhood have borrowed them before but have always returned them.

Oct. 3 | 1:47 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to the Embassy Suites parking lot in regards to a private property accident. Both drivers stated they were backing out

of a parking space when their vehicles bumped into each other. Photos were taken for documentation, and both drivers gave a statement.

Oct. 5 | 7:31 p.m.

University Police were dispatched to the baseball parking lot to meet with Zedarius Gray, who said his child was supposed to be at his house in Bono at 8:30 that morning per court order. He presented evidence that he had primary custody of the child dating back to January 2016. Essence Singleton, the mother of the child, has set visitation hours according to the court order.

Gray offered an address and cell phone number for Singleton, and officers attempted to make contact with no success.

## ASU-TV partners with KAIT to broadcast mayoral debates

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Photo by: Brad Brewer | Sports Editor  
Jacob Keene, ASU-TV student producer, takes the raw footage from the debate and adds graphics to broadcast on ASU-TV.

ASU-TV worked with KAIT on Tuesday to produce the Paragould mayoral debate.

Hatton Weeks, KAIT general manager, said their studio was not large enough to account for social distancing. They needed a space to host both the Jonesboro, which took place on Sept. 22, and Paragould mayoral debates. Since ASU-TV has one of the largest studio spaces in the state, it made sense to host the debate on campus, Weeks said.

"So we reached out to the university, and they were more than welcoming in partnering with us to host the debate," Weeks said. "And we're glad to do that again this year."

Jonesboro and Paragould are the two largest communities in the area, so the de-

bates are of great interest.

"For the first time in 12 and 20 years, they will both have new mayors," Weeks said. "So the future leaders of both of our communities are in the ASU-TV studio debating the issues for who will guide at least the next four years."

Having KAIT in the studio gave the A-State media students who work with ASU-TV a chance to see first-hand who professionals in the industry work.

"Unfortunately, with the pandemic, the debate this year does not really give an opportunity for those students to be around a lot of the staff and equipment to shadow just because of COVID protocol," Weeks said.

However, the debate was simultaneously broadcast on KAIT channel 8 as well as ASU-TV channel 18. Jacob Keene, ASU-TV producer and junior creative media

production major, was on hand to ensure the broadcast to ASU-TV went smoothly.

"I put up the graphics specifically for ASU-TV, and then that goes to our feeds on channel 18 and our YouTube and Facebook pages," Keene said.

KAIT partners with ASU-TV each year to host the United Cerebral Palsy Telethon, and they encourage students to come and get hands-on experience with professionals.

"It's the one time that they can be around professionals doing live TV in their own studio," Weeks said. "The opportunity for us to do that for the community through UCP and to have the students work with professionals in their own studio is a great opportunity for everyone."