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A-State Students and Their Pets

Annie Camp Junior High School visits Arkansas State

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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Invited Annie Camp Junior High School students to visit Arkansas State University as part of their “Go-To-High-School, Go-To-College” program.

The program was first established in 1922. The event began with members of the Theta Upsilon chapter of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc., Hosting a panel in the third-floor auditorium of the Carl R. Reng Student Union.

“This program basically in a nutshell is to educate and promote the importance of higher education in our community,” Izzeldin Ahmed, a senior biology and chemistry major from Sudan, said. “It also provides a mentoring program and success strategies for youth as well.”

Typically, the members go to the junior high to speak to the students but this year they invited them to campus.

“Some kids don’t get to see a lot. They just see school and home,” said Jaden Flanigan, a junior sports management major from Jonesboro. “Some people stay in Jonesboro and never get to see Arkansas State as a campus. Why would they want to stay in their school? They probably wanna go out and see more.”

Flanigan and Ahmed were members on the higher education promotion program as well as: Jamal Harper, a junior exercise science major from Jonesboro; Jamal Romes, a junior psychology major from Little Rock; Alexander-

Emmanuel Veasey, a junior exercise science major from Jonesboro; Eric Sappington a senior multimedia journalism major from Maryland.

Annie Camp students were divided into groups that were taken on tours highlighting different parts and services at A-State, ending at Unity Park where students were fed lunch.

Unity Park is a gathering place for students in National Pan-Hellenic Council fraternities and sororities.

Around the park are Nine flag poles with the flags of the NPHC organizations at A-State known as “The Divine Nine.”

“It is important to show the different types of resources that Arkansas State has and can provide for them. I know most of these kids will be first-generation college students and we want to show them they have options regardless of what background they may have,” Romes said.

Annie Camp’s principal, Reginald Murphy, is a member of Alpha Phi Alpha and attended Arkansas State University on an athletic scholarship for football and baseball.

“Our frat brother is the principal and having those connections are important,” Romes said. “If we were not part of the fraternity there is no way we could have made this happen. He knows what type of project this is and that his students will be able to benefit from this.”

Flanigan went to Annie Camp when he was in junior high. His father and uncles are also members of Alpha Phi Alpha. After the initial tour, he performed one of his



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Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc. Members (left) Alexander-Emmanuel Veasy and (right) Izzeldin Ahmed with some Annie Camp Junior High students and faculty for a tour of Arkansas State.

original songs to the students.

Flanigan, a rapper, came back from St. Louis two days before “Go-To-High-School, Go-To-College” after competing in the Coast to Coast rap showcase where he received second place.

“I remember being that ninth grader and now I’m a junior in college,” Flanigan said. “I’m able to say I was in your shoes at one point. I wanna show them they can go to college. I wanna put smiles on these kids’ faces. I performed for them and they got so happy when they found out I was a rapper.”

Members highlighted

different resources on campus on the tours like the Counseling Center and the Multicultural Center.

“No matter where you come from or what your background is, there is a place for you here on campus. There is a place for you at college. We would love for you to go to A-State, there’s always a home for you here,” Ahmed said. “The main point we wanted to highlight today was you belong in college. We want every person to pursue their higher education.”

For more photos and videos from this event visit astatetheherald.com



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Members of Alpha Phi Alpha passing food out to Annie Camp Students at Unity Park.

Spring semester registration opens soon

Here’s what you need to know

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Registration for the spring semester opens next week. Priority registration opens the week on Oct. 24. Registration opens for graduates, seniors, juniors and post-degree students on Oct. 26. Registration will be open for sophomores and first-year students on Oct. 28.

Before a student can register, they must meet with their adviser. Not only will they be unable to register for classes without being cleared by their adviser, they may also have problems and questions that can be addressed in their advising appointment.

“Advisers are here to advise, to guide through what can seem like a daunting process,” said Lindsay White, an adviser in the

Department of Communication Disorders. White said it is important that students ask their advisers questions.

Students can make advising appointments through Pack Support or by emailing their adviser directly.

Melissa Jackson, the director of the University Advising Center, said before meeting with their adviser, students should check to see if there are any holds on their account and check their degree plan and transcript. Students cannot register for classes if they have holds on their accounts, but students can check with their adviser to see if some can be waived.

Jackson said she encourages students to look at what classes they need and make a tentative schedule before

meeting with their adviser.

“We always want to make sure our students remember that advising is a shared responsibility,” Jackson said.

When students register early, they can build their schedule around their preferences and make sure they get into the classes they need.

Jesse Blankenship, the assistant director of records at the Office of the Registrar, said that registrar.astate.edu has resources that can help students during registration. On the website, there is a link to a registration guide that walks students through the process of registration and addresses common issues they might have.

Students can also use Banner Self Service to view their student records, class schedule and



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Spring 2023 registration dates: graduate, senior, junior and post-degree begins on Oct. 26; First year students and sophomore begins on Oct. 28.

personal information. They can also view Degree Works, which shows what requirements they have already met, classes they still need and other information such as their GPA and adviser.