

## Arkansas State University encourages faculty health Annual health benefits fair to be held on Oct. 27

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Arkansas State University will be hosting a health benefits fair for all faculty and their families with a valid insurance card. The fair will be held in Centennial Hall in the Reng Student Union on Oct. 27 from 10 a.m. through 2 p.m., featuring health screenings, various vaccinations and mammograms. "The fair is hosted by the Human Resources department and provides an excellent opportunity for A-State employees to visit with their various benefits providers and obtain up-to-date benefit information," said the Oct. 10 edition of the Daily Digest. In addition, the fair will feature A-State affiliated organizations such as the Food Pantry, Torchbearers, Santa's Wolves, the Black Faculty and Staff Association and the Latino Faculty and Staff Association. Woodsprings Pharmacy

will be providing flu shots and COVID-19 boosters. The boosters will be Pfizer and Moderna. In addition, Hepatitis A and B, pneumonia, shingles and tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis vaccines will be offered. There will also be wellness screenings, provided by St. Bernards. For accurate results, they recommend fasting 12 hours before the procedure. The benefits fair is held every October. Planning begins almost a year in advance, where those involved begin working on gathering a list of potential vendors and deciding upon a theme. This year's theme is "Through the Decades." Kristen Helms, university benefits coordinator, said if attendants can't find their insurance card, they can contact her to receive a temporary card. Helms encouraged people to prepare for the event by marking their calendars and getting their insurance cards ready.

COVID-19 and flu shots do not require an appointment. However, mammograms will require an appointment and those interested to complete a patient registration form by Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. Appointments are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Mammograms will take place in St. Bernards' Mobile Mammography Bus. "The mobile mammography unit features the latest in mammogram technology including breast tomosynthesis, a specific type of breast imaging that uses low-dose x-rays to detect cancer early," said a St. Bernards press release. "This equipment ... allows radiologists to view the breast in three dimensions, increasing cancer detection up to 20% in women with dense breasts. The fair has planned for 500 people to attend. The event will also have door prizes. Attendants are given a punch card and will receive a punch for each booth they visit.



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St. Bernards's Mobile Mammography Bus will be present at the annual benefits fair, in addition to booths for physicals, vaccinations and more.

"If you fill the card up and you turn it back into us, then we will give you our door prize," Helms said. "We will enter you for additional ones from the vendors that are going to bring door prizes to and we'll draw for those." For A-State employees that want to attend, they can email Helms at [@khelms@astate.edu](mailto:@khelms@astate.edu) or call (870)-972-3454.

## A-State releases annual security report

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The annual security report led to increased education opportunities for alcohol and drug use, among other improvements. Released on Oct. 1, it requires federally-funded universities to produce their campus crime statistics for the last three years. "One of the things that (the report) is intended to do is to have institutions look at their numbers and make appropriate adjustments," said Dr. Bill Smith, chief communications

officer. "That awareness can lead you to improvements that you might need to make." These reports are a result of the Clery Act, which was created after the rape and murder of Jeanne Clery, a Lehigh University student, in 1986. Following her death, her parents lobbied for college campuses to be required to report campus crimes. The bill was signed into law in 1990. To collect the statistics for the report, A-State works with the Counseling Center, University Police, the Environmental Safety Office,

the Office of Student Conduct and emergency management. "The annual security report has to include statements regarding crime reporting, our campus security and access and our law enforcement authority," said Heather Brake, director of student conduct. "(It also includes) evidence on alcohol and drug use and the prevention of and response to sexual assault, domestic or dating violence and stalking." The information collected in these reports has led to safety and awareness improvements at A-State in the

past. Smith said several years ago, A-State saw an increase in late night car burglaries. "That gave us a good indicator that we probably needed to increase the cameras and the lights," Smith said. "We needed to work on parking lot lights, because these (crimes) seem to be happening in the evening. That's how (the report) leads you to those kinds of conclusions." Brake said in the past year, the Office of Student Conduct worked to create more education and awareness for alcohol and drug use as a result of the report. "We now have a seminar

that's open to students that have not been seen by our office and students that have been seen by our office for those violations," Brake said. "We try to reeducate individuals on being found responsible criminally for alcohol (or drug) violations. We have to set our students up for success and success means knowing the ramifications of your decisions." Smith said the statistics are often reflective of social trends or governmental changes. "If you look back into our safety report and every university in the state of Arkansas, there is

a hockey stick spike one year for alcohol violations," Smith said. "It's the year that the state of Arkansas changed the minor-in-possession law down to 0.02." Smith added that campus crime statistics were greatly reduced in 2020 due to COVID-19. "It's important that you as a student know what we're doing as university to try to make sure that you're safe here on campus," Brake said. "(The report) is also a place for you to be aware of your resources."

2021 Campus Security Act Report - Arkansas State University												
Reported Offenses Of	2021				2020				2019			
	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Residence Halls (Subset of On Campus)	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Residence Halls (Subset of On Campus)	On Campus	Non-Campus	Public Property	Residence Halls (Subset of On Campus)
Murder	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Negligent Manslaughter	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Rape	4	0	0	4	3	0	0	3	4	0	0	4
Fondling	1	0	0	1	4	0	0	0	2	0	0	1
Incest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Statutory Rape	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Robbery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Aggravated Assault	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	3	2	0	0	1
Burglary	2	1	0	2	2	0	0	1	5	0	0	5
Motor Vehicle Theft	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0
Arson	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Unfounded Crimes (Crimes determined through investigation to be false or baseless)</b>												
There were no unfounded crimes in 2021.												
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One Sexual Assault case was determined to be unfounded in 2019.												
<b>Hate Crimes (Crimes committed with bias against the following: race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity/national origin, or disability)</b>												
There were no hate crimes reported in 2021.												
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<b>Violence Against Women</b>												
Dating Violence	4	0	0	4	4	0	0	2	8	0	0	7
Domestic Violence	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Stalking	3	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
<b>Arrests for Liquor Law, Drug Related, and Weapon Violations</b>												
Liquor Law Violations	10	0	4	3	1	0	0	0	12	0	4	3
Drug-related Violations	7	0	16	0	6	0	9	1	11	0	35	0
Weapons Possessions	2	0	1	1	4	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
<b>Referrals to Student Conduct for Liquor Law, Drug Related, and Weapon Violations</b>												
Liquor Law Violations	30	1	1	21	55	35	0	39	52	0	0	36
Drug-related Violations	13	0	3	9	28	0	0	17	53	0	5	33
Weapons Possessions	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	2	0	0	0
<b>Other Crimes</b>												
Larceny (Theft) (Offenses Of)	32	1	1	8	26	0	0	9	48	0	0	10
DWI/DUI (Arrests)	6	0	13	0	3	0	5	0	3	0	26	0
Public Intoxication (Arrests)	7	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	10	0	4	2

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This year's annual security report.

## CAMPUS CRIME



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Oct. 16 | 9:21 p.m.  
Officer Keith Gilliam was dispatched to 113 Dean St. in reference to a fire alarm. Upon arrival, the fire panel showed the smoke detector in room 105 had been activated. After entering the room, it was determined that the smoke detector had been set off by suspect one cooking bacon in the microwave. Jonesboro Fire Department arrived on scene and cleared the building for re-entry.  
Oct. 16 | 3:30 p.m.  
Officer Caleb Lawson was stopped on University Loop near Driver Street when he observed a vehicle turn north onto Driver Street off Cherokee Avenue. The vehicle spun out causing the tires to squeal on the pavement before continuing north on Driver Street. Lawson caught up to the vehicle at 2509 Aggie Road and conducted a traffic stop. He had suspect one step out of his vehicle. After speaking with suspect one, Lawson asked for his information. Suspect one

told Lawson his information was in the vehicle. He also told him there was a handgun inside. Lawson retrieved the handgun, ensured it had the safety on and secured it in his vehicle. Lawson also retrieved suspect one's wallet to allow him to produce his drivers license. After running all information through dispatch, Lawson completed a persona non grata form, which forbids entry on campus. He also issued a citation for careless or prohibited driving. The gun was returned to suspect one prior to clearing the stop.  
Oct. 12 | 12:57 p.m.  
Officer Jeremy Oswalt was dispatched to the Education Leadership building in reference to a theft report. Upon his arrival, he met with victim one who stated her teal Huffy mountain bike had been stolen from the Student Union. Victim one stated she had locked her bicycle up in front of the Student Union approximately three weeks ago before she went on a trip out of the country. Victim one stated she noticed her bicycle missing today at approximately 11 a.m.

Oswalt attempted to locate the bicycle on Arkansas State University cameras but was unsuccessful. Due to the distance of the camera from the front of the Student Union, Oswalt was unable to make out any characteristics of the bicycles parked in the area.  
Oct. 12 | 12:31 a.m.  
Officer Dustin Mitchell was dispatched 101 N. Driver St. for a parking lot accident. On scene, he made contact with complainant one, who said she was attempting to back out of her parking space and hit the vehicle behind her. He collected her and suspect one's information and gave it to dispatch. Dispatch said suspect one had a suspended driver's license and that she showed a failure to appear in court warrant with the Jonesboro Police Department. Suspect one was placed under arrest and placed into the back of Mitchell's marked patrol unit. Officers took pictures of both vehicles and took a statement from suspect two. Suspect one was transported to the Craighead County Jail and booked for the JPD warrant.