

SHADRACHS, CONTINUED

Others have mixed feelings about the situation. "Shadrachs is somewhere I enjoy going to with my friends and getting a good pick me up, but I don't support the owners'

decision to petition for the defunding of the library," said Ann Long, a junior political science major from Jackson, Missouri. "I also know that most of the workers don't

support the defunding of the library and I still want to support them, so there's a lot of conflicting emotions." MacDonald implored people to get out and vote.

"This is not the Library vs. Shadrachs," MacDonald said. "Regardless of where you buy your coffee, get registered to vote and vote NO this November."

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Jefferson
Erin Byrd, exploratory, Pine Bluff (White Hall)
Kacie Byrd, nursing, Pine Bluff (White Hall)
Anna Falls, biological sciences, Pine Bluff (Watson Chapel)

Lawrence
Kailey Moody, clinical science, Ridge (Hoxie)
Lee
Mollie McClain, chemistry pre-professional, Marianna (Lee Academy)
Gavin Hargrove,

chemistry, pre-pharmacy, Cabot High (Ward)
Abigail Roper, biological sciences pre-professional, Cabot
Ouachita
Cade Goldsmith, mechanical engineering, Camden (Fairview)
Poinsett
Candon Argo, exploratory, Lepanto (East Poinsett County)

Paige Fithen, electrical engineering, Lepanto (East Poinsett County)
Pulaski
Krystal Smith, strategic communication, Little Rock (Central Arkansas Christian)
Sharp
Abrianna Franke,

wildlife, fisheries and conservation, Cave City
Yell
Jade Fox, biological sciences, Dardanelle
Emma Shields, radiologic sciences, Jackson, Mo.
Tennessee
Nellee Mae Rohrer,

agricultural business, Dyersburg, Tenn.
In addition, the 2022-23 CLC interns are sophomores Addy Middleton of Bay, a political science major and Anna Lauren Thompson of Poyen, a wildlife, fisheries and conservation major. They are alumni of the 2021-22 leadership class.

2022 Distinguished Alumni recognized at Alumni Banquet

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As part of the Homecoming festivities, Arkansas State University celebrated the 2022 Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner last Thursday. The Distinguished Alumni were Gilbert Fowler Ph.D., Chad Niell and the late Herman W. Strickland Jr.

Fowler majored in journalism in 1971, then worked as a television reporter. In 1978, he became an A-State professor, before serving as interim dean of the Honors College, Graduate School and the College of Communications. After a 43-year-long career, he retired in 2021.

In addition, Fowler obtained grants that funded more than 25 student enrichment trips to the Middle East. He also serves as president and founding director of the American Business Leadership Institute, which works with students

and businesses in Pakistan. "It's a distinct honor to be recognized as one who has had successes and can relate a lot of that to Arkansas State University," Fowler said.

Niell majored in marketing in 1991. He served in the United States Marine Corps and as a sales trainer for Lanier, a Fortune 100 company. After leaving Lanier, he founded Tiger Correctional Services in 1999 with five employees. It is now a multi-million dollar company and employs more than 250 people across 30 states.

Niell is also involved with the community, having served on the boards of Lemoyne-Owen College, the Urban League, Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Jonesboro Economic Development Corp and the Downtown Jonesboro Association. He has also served as chairman of the American Red Cross Northeast Arkansas chapter.

"I owe (my success) from what happened at A-State and the support I got from this university," Niell said. "I didn't really think I'd get (the award)... so when I got

it I was pretty shocked. It's a pretty humbling experience. It's an unbelievable honor."

Herman Strickland majored in management in 1981 and earned a master's in finance at the University of Memphis. He served as senior vice president of First Tennessee Bank, with a career spanning 34 years. He then served as senior vice president of Pinnacle Bank for five years, as well as being an instructor at the Barrett School of Banking.

Herman Strickland was deeply involved in the community, serving on the boards of Lemoyne-Owen College, the Urban League, Benjamin Hooks Institute and Rise Foundation. He was also involved with the Arkansas State University and Southwest Tennessee Community College foundations.

Herman Strickland passed away in 2020. "He was one that was very involved with community service," said Rhonda Strickland, Herman Strickland's wife. "Not just here at A-State,



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Top left: The late Herman Strickland Jr.

Top right: Chad Niell

Bottom left: Gilbert Fowler, Ph.D.

Strickland, Niell and Fowler are the 2022 Distinguished Alumni. Their accomplishments were recognized at the annual Distinguished Alumni Awards Dinner and at halftime during the Homecoming game.

but also in Memphis as well as all over the United States."

Every year, A-State alums are nominated for the Distinguished Alumni award. After being voted on by a selection committee, the final alums are voted on by the Alumni Association Board of Directors. There can be up to three

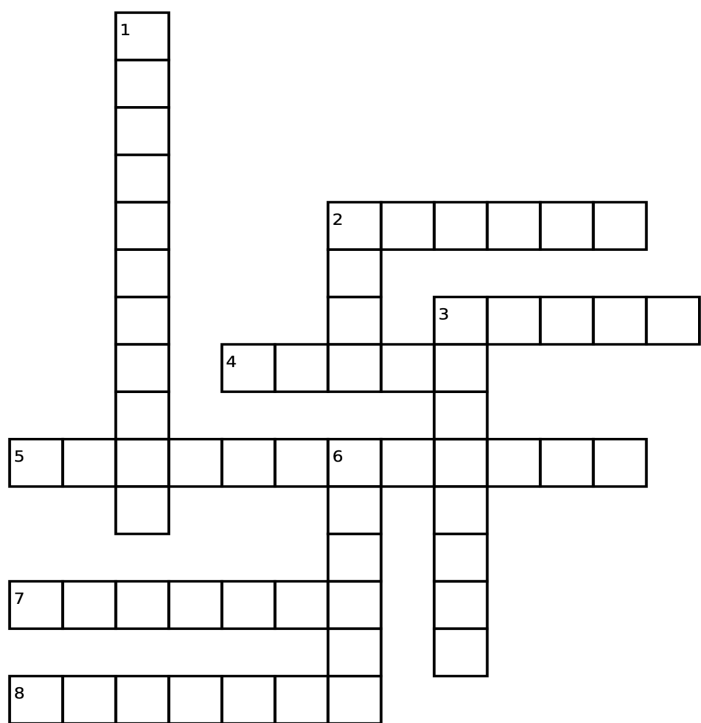
Distinguished Alumni each year.

"It's an average of their success within their career, as well as giving back to their community and what they have done to give back to the university," said Lindsay Burnett, executive director of the Alumni Association, when describing the recipient selection process.

Along with the presentation of awards at the dinner, the alumni were also recognized at halftime during the Homecoming game.

"It's a nice event to recognize these alumni and their achievements," said Amanda McDaniel, director of alumni events and affinity relations.

This week's crossword puzzle



Down:

1. the iconic weapon used by Link in the Legend of Zelda video game series
2. a small vessel propelled on water by oars or an engine
3. typical of or peculiar to the tropics
6. lie sit or stand in a relaxed or lazy way; a public room in which to sit and relax

Across:

2. piece on the chessboard that can only move diagonally
3. a tall narrow building either freestanding or forming part of a church or castle
4. outside; external
5. a common fall treat; a fruit covered in a thick, sweet glaze
7. strong and barely controllable emotion
8. the feel, appearance, or consistency of a surface or substance

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