

Savvy Shields speaks to A-State students

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Miss America 2017 Savvy Shields Wolfe spoke to students on the Arkansas State University campus Monday night.

Wolfe came to speak to young women about her experiences, struggles and becoming Miss America. Her speech was a story about overcoming self-doubt and learning to appreciate that life is about growth.

Wolfe discussed the fact that some days as Miss America, she didn't feel like others saw her as worthy of the title. But that ultimately led her to the realization that it wasn't so

much her looks that mattered, as the way she made people feel.

Wolfe said she wanted to be remembered for how she made others feel, not what she looked like.

“I wanted to be a Miss America that made other people feel like they were Miss America,” she said.

After her speech, Wolfe took questions from the audience. Wolfe said many small steps along the way helped her overcome her negativity.

“For me, it was journaling and reading scripture. So much to the point that it was all I talked about,” she said.

A student asked what advice Wolfe would give to her younger self. Wolfe said she would tell her younger self not to put so much stress on herself.

“I liked how she was honest about her time in college, just be okay with the highs and lows of college and just chill out,” said Olivia Farish, a sophomore strategic communications student from Jonesboro.

The National Panhellenic Conference, a national organization dedicated to promoting sorority life throughout college campuses, organized and sponsored the event.



Savvy Shields Wolfe on A-State campus.

Photo by Jack Douglas | Staff Writer

Accounting student wins public company accounting oversight board scholarship

A-STATE NEWS

PRESS RELEASE

An Arkansas State University accounting major has received a prestigious award.

Senior Christian Russell of Jonesboro has been awarded the 2023-24 Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB) student scholarship. The \$10,000 award will help cover tuition, fees, books and supplies.

Russell joins 368 other winners from across the country and is the only scholarship awardee from Arkansas.

“To receive this scholarship means that I have been on the right track with my studies and that hard work doesn't go unnoticed,” said Russell.

This scholarship program recognizes academic achievements of students who are studying accounting and auditing.

The goals of this scholarship are to benefit outstanding students who are likely to become auditors and to make a financial difference to qualifying students. Those considered for the award are nominated by their schools.

“It made me feel extremely grateful to be a recipient of this scholarship and to know that someone at A-State believes in me that much is very rewarding in itself,” said Russell.

He was nominated by Dr. James Doering, chair of the Department of Accounting.

“We are extremely proud of Christian's accomplishments and his dedication to academic excellence,” said Doering, who also is HCJ CPAs and Advisors/Louis and Ann Schaff Distinguished Professor of Accounting in the Neil Griffin College of Business.

With a planned graduation date of May, Russell plans to continue his education, seeking a master's degree in accounting with data analytics. His goal is to become a certified public accountant and work in public accounting as an auditor.

“This scholarship will help me continue my education by allowing me to have an easier time affording graduate school and continuing toward my

CPA license,” Russell added.

The students who have been awarded scholarships this year are the largest number of recipients in the program's history. Since 2011, PCAOB has awarded more than \$22 million in scholarships to 2,242 students.

PCAOB is a nonprofit corporation established by Congress to oversee the audits of public companies in order to protect investors and the public interest by promoting informative, accurate and independent audit reports.

The PCAOB oversees the audits of brokers and dealers, including compliance reports filed pursuant of federal securities laws, to promote investor protection.



Christian Russell

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Library Tower Salute: Dystonia Awareness



Photo by Rebecca Robinson | News Editor

The Dean B. Ellis Library clock tower will be lighted blue this evening as part of the “Shine a Light on Dystonia” campaign. Dystonia is a neurological disorder that causes excessive, involuntary muscle contractions. September is Dystonia Awareness Month and Chi Omega is raising awareness.

Dystonia is a disorder that affects the nervous system. Abnormal signaling from the brain causes muscles to contract excessively. This results in involuntary body movements and postures. Dystonia can affect a single body area or multiple muscle groups.

There are numerous types of dystonia, and dozens of diseases and conditions may include dystonia as a symptom. Dystonia is the 3rd most common movement disorder. For more information or to donate visit www.dystonia-foundation.org.

CAMPUS CRIME



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Sept. 23 | 8:03 p.m.

Officer Takeem Bowman observed Suspect One urinating on a bush at 2720 A St. Officer Colby Drope was dispatched to Centennial Bank Stadium in regard to prisoner transport. Upon arrival, he came into contact with Bowman, who had taken a male into custody prior to Drope's arrival. The male was identified as Arrestee One. Arrestee One was escorted to Drope's patrol unit and handcuffed. Arrestee One was transported to the Craighead County Detention Center with no further incident. Upon arrival at the Detention Center, Arrestee One told jailers he wanted pictures taken of his wrist due to redness. Drope obtained pictures of Arrestee One's wrist.

Sept. 23 | 6:22 p.m.

Officer Caleb Lawson was dispatched to the football stadium for a report of a stolen vehicle. He made contact with Complainant One, who said her son had told her at approximately 5:44 p.m. that the vehicle had been stolen. She said all she knew was that the vehicle was stolen sometime the night before and a window was broken. Two days later, while working dispatch, Officer Sadie Magee was informed while working dispatch that the vehicle had been located by the Memphis Police Department. No other information was released to University Police.

Sept. 22 | 8:27 p.m.

Officers were dispatched to the area of 1115 University Loop E. Building #1 in reference to a suspicious person. Dispatch

advised officers via radio that the “suspicious” person was a male with baggy shorts, a t-shirt and was carrying a towel. Upon arrival in the area, Officer Colby Drope could not locate a male matching the description given. At approximately 8:53 p.m., the assisting officers spotted a male walking between Northpark Quad Building One and Two, matching the description. Drope made contact with the male and identified himself, department and the reason for the contact. The male was identified as Arrestee One. Dispatch said Arrestee One was found to have an active PNG for the whole university, which bans him from campus. Arrestee One was handcuffed and transported to the Craighead County Detention Center without incident.