

Overview of the NYIT Medical Clinic

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Instructors from the New York Institute of Technology College of Osteopathic Medicine (NYITCOM) provide students with medical services at a reduced cost at the NYIT Medical Clinic.

The clinic provides care for Arkansas State University students and members of the community. Students can access these services for a discounted price upon showing their A-State ID.

Ashlynn Hopkins, the clinical office manager at the clinic, said students should know services are not free at the clinic.

"There's nothing in the tuition that covers payment here for the services. We would bill your insurance," Hopkins said. "We can place those discounted prices on your student account."

The clinic bills A-State, so students do not have to pay the

day of their services and can pay later on their A-State account.

Hopkins recommended students to make an appointment before coming into the clinic by calling 870-972-2054. This ensures the student will be seen by the appropriate physician, since their hours vary because many of them teach at NYITCOM.

Students should bring their A-State ID and health insurance card when visiting the clinic. They should also know their current medications and allergies.

The NYIT Medical Clinic, a multi-specialty clinic, employs a variety of specialists including primary care physicians, an OB-GYN and a pediatrician.

Dr. Amanda Deel, the associate dean of academic affairs at NYITCOM, practices family medicine at the clinic.

She recommended students to visit the clinic because of its location and because the

physicians there are used to working with students.

"We're familiar with the needs of students and with what they're going to be asking for," Deel said. "Just the convenience factor of having it just right there on campus also helps."

She also said the staff at the clinic ensure a good quality of care.

"We have a great nursing staff and front office staff. They're very efficient. We're able to provide most of our immunizations there in house, which is very convenient for our patients," Deel said, "We don't run all of the lab work in our office, but we do draw it there. So, I don't have to often send patients somewhere else to get lab work done."

The NYIT Medical used to be the A-State Student Health Center until 2020 when NYITCOM began operating there.

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Dr. Amanda Deel, associate dean of academic affairs at NYIT College of Osteopathic Medicine at Arkansas State, reviews a medical chart with Student Doctor McKenzie Dwyer, a third-year medical student at NYITCOM at A-State. Dr. Deel is a board-certified Family Medicine physician and in addition to her role as associate dean of the medical school, she sees patients at the NYITCOM Medical Clinic on the A-State campus.

and marketing at NYITCOM, said both the medical school and A-State benefit from this partnership.

A-State no longer pays for the management of the clinic and NYITCOM instructors keep up with medical practices.

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Rocco Hicks to attend 2023 Harvard Public Policy Leadership Conference

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PRESS RELEASE

Arkansas State University student Rocco Hicks will attend the 2023 Harvard Public Policy Leadership Conference (PPLC) this month.

Hicks, a sophomore political science major from Prattsville, is the recipient of a scholarship to attend the conference.

"I am honored and blessed to receive the opportunity to represent Arkansas State University at such a prestigious conference. I am thankful to the Emerging Scholars staff for helping me with my application over the summer, and to the

entire A-State community for supporting me," Hicks said.

The Harvard PPLC is designed to inspire talented and driven undergraduate students to pursue careers in public policy and become future leaders in government, nonprofits, international institutions and social enterprises.

"The A-State Department of Political Science is proud to have Rocco attending this prestigious leadership conference. His list of accomplishments is amazing already and we only expect that trend to continue," said Cameron Wimpy, chair of the Department of Political Science.

Hicks has served as part

of the 2022-23 Chancellor's Leadership Class, is a member of the A-State Debate Team, is active in the Student Government Association, and is philanthropy chair of Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity.

"He is an outstanding student and has aspirations of running for president in 2056. Our goal as a department is to help get him there," said Natasha Neal, academic adviser and instructor in political science.

To qualify for this opportunity, students had to meet several requirements including being enrolled in a two or four-year U.S. undergraduate institution, having a 3.0 or

higher GPA, and demonstrating a commitment to public service through being active on campus or in the community.

The 23rd annual PPLC will be held at the Harvard Kennedy School campus. The award will cover all costs for Hicks including conference costs, transportation, accommodation and meals.

"I am thrilled to make lifelong connections at this conference and help A-State leave a mark at Harvard," said Hicks.

Following graduation, Hicks plans to attend law school and have a career in public service.



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Rocco Hicks

New scholarship announced at campus-wide meeting

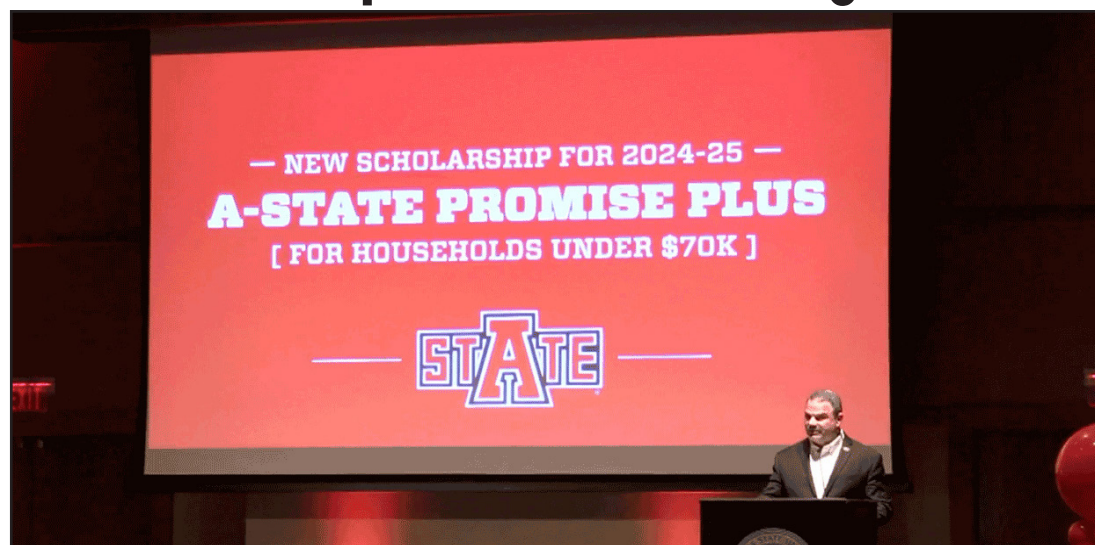


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Chancellor Todd Shields announced the A-State Promise Plus scholarship at a meeting Sept. 27 in Centennial Hall.

The A-State Promise Plus scholarship is designed to help incoming first-year students by covering the leftover tuition cost after all other scholarships have been applied.

"Arkansas State University is committed to easing the financial burden for hard-working families as they seek to send their kids to college, or seek to attend college themselves," Shields said.

The scholarship will benefit students in households with a median income of \$70,000 or less, provided they meet the other requirements.

According to the A-State website, students must, "Complete 30 hours of coursework at Arkansas State University and maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA as well as annually completing the FAFSA and any Arkansas Challenge or Lottery Scholarship requirements."

Recipients must be a 2024 high school graduate, be an Arkansas resident and U.S. citizen, have a 19 or above on the ACT or a 990-1010 SAT score and have a 3.0 high school GPA.

A-State Promise Plus also includes a \$2,500 housing scholarship for first-year students living on campus. This amount increases to \$4,500 for students in their sophomore through senior years.

Two early education students teaching their own classrooms of students

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PRESS RELEASE

Two senior elementary education Arkansas State University students are pulling double duty this school year; as students and as teachers.

Darby Stotts of Little Rock and Taylor Drew of Paragould are the first two A-State students to participate in the Aspiring Teacher Permit program.

"This initiative is beneficial in many ways for all involved, but mainly it helps K-12 school districts fill classrooms with quality teachers when they otherwise would not have the ability to do so," said Dr. Lacy Baker, assistant superintendent of curriculum and assessment at Nettleton Public Schools.

Drew said she got a call from Baker about interviewing for a teaching position about a week before school started.

"Usually, you get an entire summer to prepare your classroom and to be familiar with the curriculum. I didn't get any of that. You just get kind of thrown in. They've been doing great getting me acclimated into the classroom," said Drew.

The newly minted teachers met all of the requirements

including clearing background checks, passing Praxis II content exams required for licensure, and being eligible for a capstone internship.

"While traditional interns have a teacher in the room leading instruction, planning and all other responsibilities that are required by a teacher in a classroom, the aspiring teacher takes on all of those responsibilities and has a mentor in the district to support them," said Dr. Rusty Young, assistant professor of teacher education at A-State.

This year, Stotts is teaching a classroom of fourth-grade students at STEAM Intermediate School while Drew has 20 first-graders at Fox Meadow Elementary.

"I am seeing firsthand that the students in those classrooms are benefiting from this initiative. Instead of the likelihood of having a long-term substitute or another individual in the classroom, Nettleton Public Schools was able to provide their students with two senior elementary education majors from A-State who are well-qualified and engaged in the educational

process to serve their students," said Young, who serves as the advisor for both students.

Both Drew and Stotts are graduating in December.

"Most of the time in December they don't give contracts because teachers work on contract for a year, so they give contracts in the summer right before school starts," said Drew.

She said, thanks to this program, they both will have jobs when they graduate.

"Given that there are many more teaching positions available than certified applicants to fill them, it is helpful to have another group of individuals that school districts can look to, to lead instruction and support students within the classroom," said Baker.

Baker said it is especially true as both Stotts and Drew have nearly completed their degrees and are excited and ready to enter the classroom.

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