

POTTERY, CONTINUED

She said the six-week class is open to beginners and to those who would like to learn more. The sessions will be taught using demonstrations and hands-on practice. "Students will learn the fundamentals of wheel-throwing and hand-building, including but not limited to cylinders, bowls, jars, and plates. Students will also learn to evaluate form and how form serves the function of the vessel," said Just Emerson, who is the instructor for the course.

The cost for the class is \$300 and will be held on Thursday nights beginning on Nov. 2, excluding Thanksgiving. The deadline to sign up is Oct. 26. She said they plan to offer more classes for the community and will also begin offering one-day workshops in the future including animation and screen printing for adults and children. To register for the class, one may visit RedWolv.es/CommunityPottery.

A-State Privately Funded Scholarship Portal now open

The Arkansas State Privately Funded Scholarship Portal opened on Monday. The portal will be open from Oct. 1 through Feb. 1. The portal allows students to complete one application for all privately funded scholarships. Once submitted, the software will match students' applications against various scholarship criteria. "This portal is a one-stop application that will make each student a candidate for a portion of more than \$1 million in privately funded scholarships," Aimee McDonald, senior director of Advancement

Services said in a press release. "These scholarships are offered each year to current and incoming Red Wolves." Criteria can be based on country of origin, extracurricular activities, GPA, major and more. There are also scholarships for single parents, minorities and more. If a student receives a scholarship, they must send a thank you note to their donor(s). Failure to write a thank you note could result in loss of the award. If students have questions, they can email privatescholarships@astate.edu.

Carmen Lanos Williams appointed director of Honors College

A-STATE NEWS

PRESS RELEASE

Carmen Lanos Williams was named director of the Honors College program at Arkansas State University, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor Calvin White Jr. announced. A native Arkansan and four-time graduate of A-State, Lanos Williams steps into the role of leading the university's Honors College after serving for several years as an instructor and then assistant professor in English and heritage studies. "I was pleased to confirm Dean Nesbitt and the selection committee's recommendation for Dr. Lanos Williams as she represents not only our commitment to higher education for all Arkansans, she is an individual that traveled away, but returned home for her career," White said. "I am looking forward to her leadership as we revitalize our Honors program here at A-State. Lanos Williams well understands that her job is to make A State's Honors College one of the best in the state. We have undergraduate research opportunities in the Arkansas Bioscience Institute, an on-campus medical school, a soon-to-be college of veterinary medicine, coupled with growing graduate enrollment that we believe will attract the

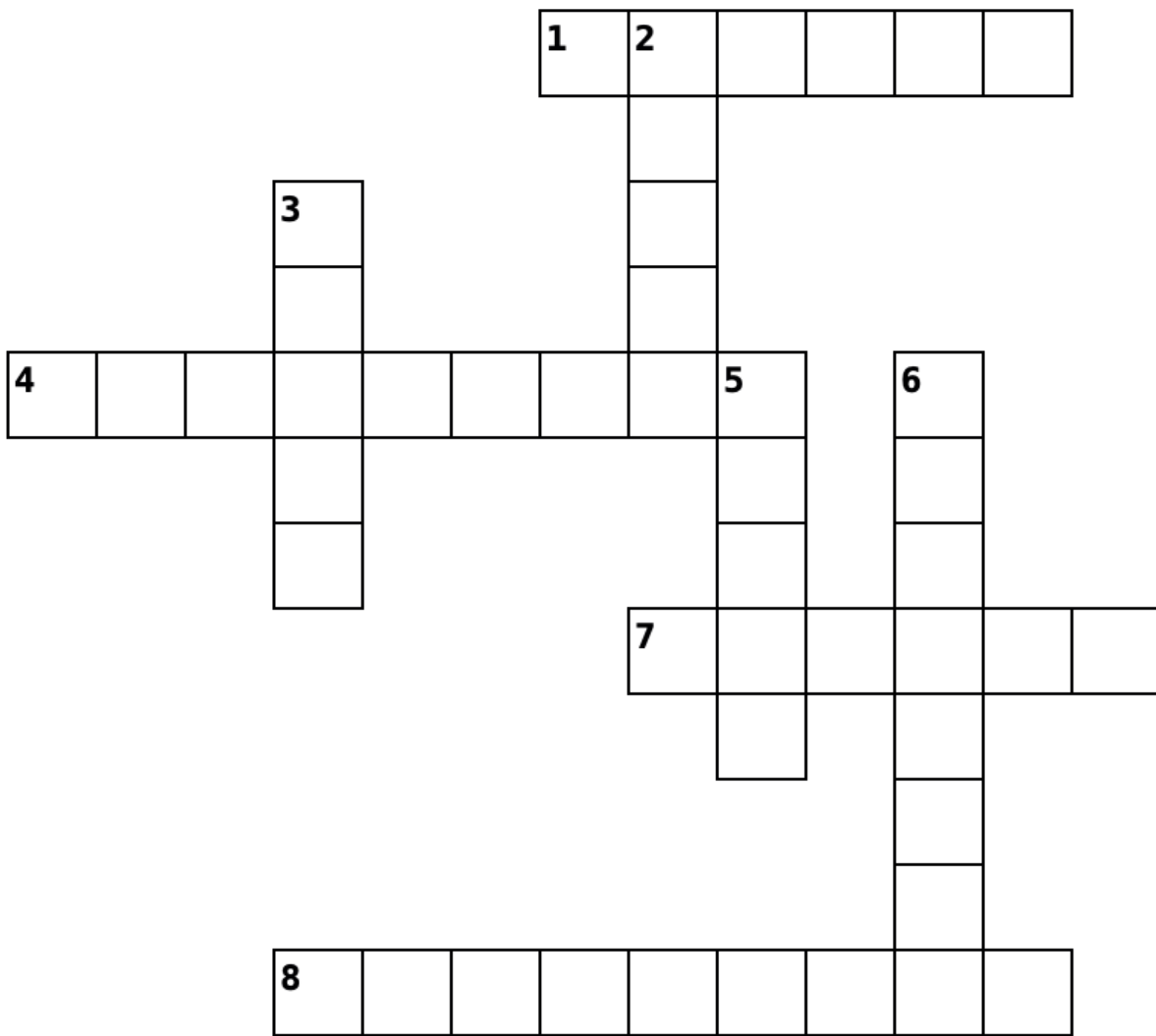
best and brightest students from every part of Arkansas." Williams was selected for appointment by Dean Nikesha Nesbitt of A-State's University College. As an integral part of UC, A-State's Honors College program has a more than 40-year history of providing the opportunity for special experiences to enhance and expand their knowledge and abilities in their chosen majors or fields. "Dr. Williams is a great addition to University College," Nesbitt said. "I am excited and look forward to working with her and watching her build on and advance our work in support of student success, transformative learning, and engagement in the Honors College. I am confident that her leadership skills and remarkable ability to inspire students will serve her well in this new role as she helps usher in the next era of the Honors College." Lanos Williams completed her Ph.D. in heritage studies at A-State, completing her program with her dissertation, "Arkansas in the African American Imaginary: A Rhetoric of Place." She has numerous publications and presentations related to both her work in heritage studies as well as creative works as an English professor. "I want to thank the search

committee, Dean Nesbitt and the University College for considering me for this position," Williams said. "But most of all, I want to thank the students of the Honors College for their service to the college in recruiting and student engagement. I don't think the campus community knows that both existing students and transfer students can be admitted to Honors. So my first job is to find eligible Honors applicants right here on our campus." She earned the First-Year Experience Award for Outstanding Teaching at A-State in 2014 along with other honors related to her classroom skill, including the William Wiggins Award for Outstanding Associate Instructor Teaching from Indiana University. She began her career as the outstanding bachelor of science in education graduate from A-State, returning to her home town of Forrest City as a teacher at Forrest City High School. Twice named teacher of the year at FCHS, she returned to A-State to complete her second degree with a masters in English, and became a full-time instructor for A-State in English. Lanos Williams spent time in the graduate program for African American and African diaspora studies at Indiana University. She was an associate instructor in English



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Carmen Lanos Williams, Ph.D. and later associate instructor in the African American studies program at Indiana. She returned home to Arkansas to pursue her master's then doctorate in heritage studies, and in 2020 became an assistant professor for English and heritage studies. "I am excited about this position because I am passionate about student success and retention," Lanos Williams said. "Determination and persistence were the values I inherited from my parents, who were lifelong learners. I see the position of Honors College director as an opportunity to take all I have learned from being an educator, researcher, mentor and colleague and to apply it strategically to grow and to improve the Honors College."

The Herald Crossword



Across

- 1. Who the NPHC raised money for in their benefit walk
- 4. What the food pantry needs
- 7. The currency that Bankman-Fried is accused of embezzling.
- 8. What does the E in SEF stand for

Down

- 2. The stage of life between being a child and a teenager.
- 3. The only person who scored for the Red Wolves
- 5. Night of ____
- 6. ____ Heritage month

Gambill Speaker Series to feature sports columnist Rick Fires

A-STATE NEWS

PRESS RELEASE

Rick Fires, award-winning sports columnist for the Fayetteville-based Northwest Arkansas Democrat-Gazette, returns to his alma mater Oct. 18-19 as this year's honored guest in the Dr. Joel Gambill Distinguished Alumni Speaker Series. He will talk to students and faculty during classes, especially in the School of Media and Journalism, about his education at A-State and how it impacted his career, why he chose A-State, and the importance of journalism not only in sports but in the health of the U.S. democratic society. Fires, who graduated in 1984 with a bachelor of science degree in journalism and a minor in sociology, also will tour A-State athletic facilities.



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Rick Fires

During a career of almost 40 years in the newspaper business, he was a general assignment reporter covering city council and school board meetings for the Courier News in Blytheville before moving into sports writing full-time. For the past 25 years he has worked for the Democrat-Gazette, where he has won first place for Best Sports Column for large dailies in the Arkansas Press Association newspaper contests four of the past five years. This year he won first, second and third place in the sports column category. Fires and his wife Rhonda live in Prairie Grove with their rescued three-year-old Brittany spaniel, Rally. The endowed series is named after Dr. Joel Gambill, who devoted his career to the journalism program at his alma mater. His numerous awards and recognitions include being named Outstanding Educator by the Arkansas Press Association as well as recipient of that organization's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. After retirement in 2010, he became emeritus associate professor of journalism.