

Art + Design offers community art classes

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The Arkansas State University Department of Art + Design is offering a pottery class open to the community for the first time.

The class began Nov. 2 and will continue weekly through Dec. 14.

Zach Tate, an instructor of ceramics, said “I don’t know, to my knowledge, if there are any other organizations doing this with adults in town,” said Zach Tate, an instructor of ceramics. “We thought this was a glaring need in our community to offer a space for folks to come and create and to have an opportunity to make mistakes and have fun.”

Just Emerson, the studio technician for sculpture and ceramics, teaches the class. He also teaches ceramics for non-majors.

“I’ve taught these kinds of classes a lot. It’s actually a little bit more comfortable for me to prepare for a class like this than it is for the non-majors,” Emerson said. “It’s a younger group who isn’t quite as interested as the people who sign up for classes like this.”

He said he will begin each class with a short demonstration of a basic form of ceramics.

In the class, students will learn to make items such as mugs, bowls and plates. Emerson will also teach the students how to carve clay by hand and use a pottery wheel.

He added that he will accept suggestions from the class if they want to learn anything else.

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Just Emerson, the studio technician for sculpture and ceramics and teacher of the pottery course, demonstrating how to weigh clay.

A-State Celebrates the Day of the Dead

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Arkansas State University observed Día de los Muertos, also known as Day of the Dead, this year with festivities and celebrations meant to honor the dead.

For students, the events began Nov. 1 with activities taking place in the foyer of the Reng Student Union. Students painted ceramic skulls, had their faces painted in the style of calaveras and gave gifts and notes to the departed on an altar known as an ofrenda. According to Student Activities Board Representative Natan Gomez, a senior biotechnology major from Irapuato, Mexico, in Mexico and

other parts of Latin America, Day of the Dead celebrations are individualized and deeply personal to each family.

“Each family will create their own altar or ofrenda,” Gomez said. “They will honor those who have passed away by putting plates like their favorite food, their favorite objects and some candles to lead the way into the next life.”

On Nov. 2, the A-State Museum hosted a Day of The Dead event open to the public, their first since the COVID-19 pandemic began. Museum staff showed people how to create marigold flowers out of tissue paper, create and decorate cut-out masks and how to sing a traditional

Mexican Day of the Dead song. The museum’s old town square exhibit included costumed individuals portraying dead townsfolk.

The museum also hosted its own ofrenda and encouraged the public to display pictures of their lost loved ones for everyone to see.

“Anybody who comes in, if they bring a picture of a lost loved one, we welcome them to set that on the ofrenda,” said the museum’s Director of Education Jill Kary. “This way everyone can see their loved one.”

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Photo by Jack Douglas | Staff Writer

A banner for Dia De Los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, hanging in the Carl Reng. Student Union.

Camryn Ross crowned Miss A-State



Photo by Rachel Rudd | Editor-in-Chief

Camryn Ross of North Little Rock was crowned Miss Arkansas State University 2024 in the 49th edition of the scholarship competition, held Thursday evening in Riceland Hall at Fowler Center on the A-State campus. Ross captured the title with her jazz dance to “Hey Pachucol!” Her community service initiative is “The Fight to Win the Fight: Domestic Violence Awareness.”

The senior exercise science major also was winner of the People’s Choice Award and the Talent Award. Among her many prizes, Ross received a \$5,000 scholarship from Arkansas State University.

The first runner-up was Zhanian Hall of Bryant, a senior nursing major, whose community service initiative is “Restart the Heart.” Her talent performance was an original monologue.

Audriann Mae Wolfe of Enola, a laboratory sciences major, was second runner-up and was named Miss Congeniality. Her community service initiative is “Persevering Through P.O.T.S.”

Mary-Keaton Render of Pine Bluff, a sophomore social work major, was third runner-up. Her community service initiative is “Promoting the Pantry: Combating food insecurity on college campuses.”

CAMPUS CRIME



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Nov. 4 | 12:39 a.m.

All units were dispatched to 101 N. Driver St. (Unity Park) in reference to a fight. Officer Heidi Custodio arrived on the scene and was told there were more fights and that the crowd from the event had dispersed. Student patrol said he was unsure of where the parties of the fight had dispersed to. Sgt. Dustin Mitchell and Officer Chad Hall had Victim One separated from the rest of the crowd and asked what happened. Victim One said it was a misunderstanding and Suspect One was being disrespectful toward him and pushed him. Victim One said Suspect One hit him first and Victim One had hit him back in self-defense. Victim One added that he struck Suspect One in the ribcage. The officers could not locate Suspect One and were not given a name for the individual. Victim One refused

emergency medical services. Nothing further was reported.

Oct 23 | 3:50 p.m.

Victim One came to the University Police Department to report an incident that occurred while she was in the cafeteria. Victim One said while eating lunch she received an anonymous AirDrop containing a photograph of a nude male buttocks. Victim One stated there was a group of male subjects sitting behind her at the time. She observed the group of guys had their phones out looking at her laughing. UPD was unable to determine the subjects.

Oct 23 | 8:58 a.m.

Officer Chase Barnett was running radar at the intersection of Academic Circle / University Loop / University Loop West. He observed vehicles traveling at a high rate of speed. The speed was confirmed and locked on radar at 39 in the 20 mph zone. Barnett conducted a stop of the vehicle and made contact with the driver Suspect

One. During the course of the stop, Officer Barnett learned Suspect One license was suspended via Arkansas Crime Information Center return. A citation was issued to Suspect One for driving on a suspended license and speeding.

Oct. 21 | 9:04 p.m.

At 3205 Aggie Road, Sgt. Dustin Mitchell was dispatched to a suspected assault in progress. On the scene, Mitchell made contact with both Suspect Two and Suspect Three, who said no assault had taken place. Suspect Two said Suspect Three had too much alcohol and kept trying to get in the road. Suspect Two said he stopped Suspect Three from walking in the road. Mitchell spoke with Suspect Three and she said she was wanting to go home and nothing physical had taken place and that she was just waiting for a ride. Suspect One arrived on scene and gave Suspect Three a ride back home.