

Area high school students to compete in Thrown to the Wolves competition

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The Delta Center for Economic Development (DCED) on the campus of Arkansas State University will host its second annual Thrown to the Wolves competition from 9:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 28. This competition for high school students will be held in Centennial Hall of Reng Student Union. "Thrown to the Wolves" is designed to further build the innovation and entrepreneurial culture and

skillset of high school students as well as their connection and familiarity with Arkansas State University," said Andrea Allen, DCED executive director. The event will feature high school teams from Riverside High School, Buffalo Island Central High School, Hoxie High School, Walnut Ridge High School, Cross County High School, and Jonesboro High School. "The teams are expected to submit a business plan prior to the competition and pitch their product or idea at the competition while also answering probing questions

from the judges," added Allen. First-round judges include Jarrett Free, director of financial services for the East Arkansas Planning and Development District; Charles Walker, director of workforce development for ASU-Newport; and Rajesh Sharma, director of engineering technology and associate professor of renewable energy technology at A-State. "It takes a lot of courage for high school students to pitch their product ideas on a university campus in front of judges, but once they do, their confidence increases and it better prepares them

for the future," said Allen. In a "Shark Tank"-style delivery, the teams will pitch their ideas and be judged on how their product or idea will solve a problem, products that already exist, and how they would move forward. "We will see projects that range from products that help individuals with disabilities to apps and software development," she continued. Teams that reach the second round of competition will face local celebrity judges who return for a second year including Chad Neill, CEO of Tiger Correctional Services,

Kristi Pulliam, owner of Ktizo Coaching and Consulting, and Manu Nair, CEO and founder of Aceone Technologies. Winners of the Thrown to the Wolves competition will take home cash and scholarship prizes. First, second and third place winners will receive a \$500 scholarship for each team member, free workspace and a one-year membership to A-State Innovate. In addition, first-place winners will receive \$1,000 for the team and \$1,000 for their teacher sponsor. Second-place winners take home \$500 for the

team and \$500 for their teacher sponsor. Third-place winners will receive \$150 for the team and \$150 for their teacher sponsor. Teams are also eligible to win a Pack Pick Award where attendees can vote for their favorite team. The award is \$250, free workspace and a year-long membership to A-State Innovate. Sponsors of the event include The Solutions Group, Arkansas Manufacturing Solutions, Craighead Electric Cooperative Corp., Jonesboro Unlimited, and Entergy.

CAMPUS CRIME, CONTINUED

Feb. 12 | 4:08 a.m.

Officer Daniel Bradway was foot patrolling the Dean B. Ellis library in reference to an extra patrol request from the cleaning staff. The staff reported that they had located a male sleeping on the fourth floor, in one of the study rooms. Upon arrival, Bradway began checking floor by floor in each of the study rooms. When he got to the fourth floor he located a backpack with a brown ball cap, a cell phone on a charger and purple set of earbuds that were also plugged into the charger. Bradway gathered all the belongings onto the bag and began to check the floor. Bradway located Arrestee One hiding in between the

bookshelves. He was then taken into custody without incident. Bradway placed Arrestee One in handcuffs behind his back and escorted him downstairs to the caged and marked patrol unit. Arrestee One was searched and placed in the rear passenger seat for transport to the Craighead County Sheriff's Office. Bradway was unable to buckle the seat belt due to the size of Arrestee One, so he had to sit sideways in the rear of the car. Officer Jacob Foster transported Arrestee One to the jail. When asked how he entered the building, Arrestee One stated that he walked through the front doors around 10:30 p.m. Upon review of the cameras, Bradway saw him enter

the building via the first floor south entrance at 10:52 p.m. Arrestee One's bicycle was recovered from the scene, brought to the University Police Department and stored in the outside evidence cage. Feb. 12 | 10:05 p.m. Officers were notified by Complainant One that subjects in a white pickup truck had shot at their students with airsoft guns while they were at the Intersection of Aggie Road and North Caraway Rd. On Feb. 9 at 10:20 p.m., Sgt. Barnett was notified by patrol officer Jacob Foster he had a walk-up complaint from two individuals stating a white truck shot at them with an airsoft gun. Foster had dispatch attempt

to find it on video but they were unable to. Barnett reviewed the video of the incident via the Humanities and Social Sciences Building roof cam at 10 p.m. and believed he located the truck in question pulling around the circle turn when the alleged offense occurred. Following the incident, Barnett observed the truck drop off two unknown males in front of the Red WOLF Center, who got into a Ford Fusion and proceeded eastbound on Aggie Road, turn southbound on University Loop, then westbound on Delta Center at about 10:06 p.m. The two males then proceeded into the library before returning

to the vehicle and leaving campus. They were last observed pulling into the McDonald's on Johnson at 10:56 p.m. The white truck, which was the original suspect vehicle, left campus on Aggie, passing Red Wolf Boulevard after dropping off the two unknown male suspects. Officer Andrew Thrasher was advised of this incident Feb. 12. Police Chief Martin said he found what he believed was the vehicle on camera. At that time Thrasher began checking the Flock Safety License Plate Recognition Database and located a tag for the suspect vehicle. A check of that vehicle revealed the vehicle returned out of Brookland.

Thrasher found the vehicle on the Flock database in the area of Brookland School. Through further investigation, it was determined the driver of the vehicle was Suspect One. Thrasher made contact with Suspect One's mother. Thrasher advised her of the situation and that he needed to speak with Suspect One. She stated she was just getting back into the country and that she could bring him to the police department but that it would be around 10 p.m. Thrasher told her she could bring him to the police department the next day when he gets out of school. She stated she would have him at the police department at that time.

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE



EVOLVE, CONTINUED

"It's been years since I've been on stage, so it was exciting to actually get out there and work the runway," said Tatyana Herrien, a first-year biology major from Bryant, Arkansas. Shyne Kelly, a first-year exercise science major from Jonesboro, said she modeled in the show because her sister, Carlaja Kelly, encouraged her to participate.

"The Evolve fashion show was an amazing experience that was filled with positivity," Kelly said. "My favorite part of the event was being able to make new friends and get to know so many new people on campus. It helped boost my confidence and educate me in many different aspects." For model Alyssa Willie, a sophomore middle school

education major from Jonesboro, said she loved seeing the audience's reactions to her outfits. "I loved seeing the smiles on people's faces, the shocked responses, the all around outgoing cry of excitement and love from the people I go to school with," Willie said. "I feel that I can now reach spaces in my modeling experience that I couldn't before."

International Programs holds town hall for Nepalese Students



International Programs hosted a town hall meeting to answer questions and clarify issues for students from Nepal. Over 30 students attended the event. A variety of issues were covered, from admissions and documents issues to campus jobs and activities. Leah Lewert-Taylor, associate director of International Programs, led the town hall. Concerns from the Nepalese students included travel documents exchanged with the school. Some students noted that it took a long time to get their travel documents from Nepal back from the school, with some still waiting to get their documents back. The town hall addressed confusion with general education courses. Many students in attendance were first-years and colleges in Nepal do not require gen-ed courses for first-years. "One of the things brought up today was the general education requirements in the United States, which many of them (Nepalese students) do not understand because it is not like this back home," said Oshin Thaba, a junior biology major and international ambassador for the international program from Butwal, Nepal. The students also mentioned being unsatisfied with the food. "We grew up eating Nepali food for 18-19 years, so it is very hard for us to adjust to the food here," Thaba said. International Programs will be hosting town hall meetings for other sections of the international student population at A-State. Next Tuesday, a meeting will be held for Vietnamese students. Brief by Will Livingston | Staff Writer