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Helping hands at A-State

## Student Government Association passes scholarship committee resolution

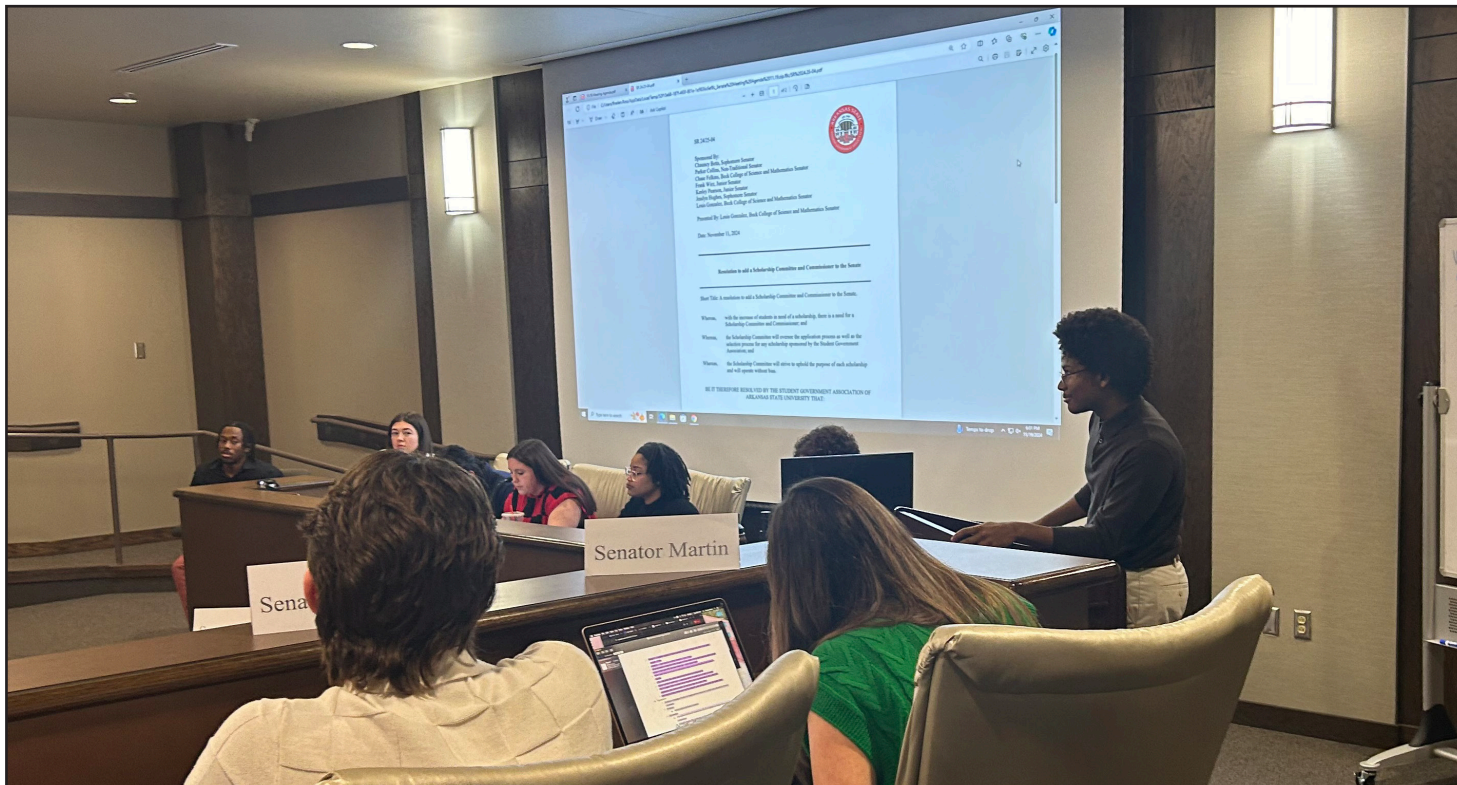
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The Student Government Association (SGA) voted to pass resolution SR 24/25-06 to add a scholarship committee and senate commissioner.

Louis Gonzalez, a sophomore biology major from Kansas City, Missouri, created and presented the resolution. He said it feels great to finally have passed the resolution, but there is still a lot of work to do before an SGA housing scholarship can be granted to students.

Gonzalez said the next steps will be finding donors, forming a scholarship committee and adding a subsection on the SGA website with scholarship guidelines. He said there is no concrete plan yet on how to get donors for the scholarship and some senators still oppose the scholarship committee.

"It's gonna take some time to build up some confidence from the senate and from the senators to have a functioning scholarship committee," Gonzalez said. "If I'm not working on it constantly and making consistent progress, I believe that it might end



**Louis Gonzalez, a sophomore biology major from Kansas City, Missouri, presenting resolution SR 24/25-06. The resolution proposed the creation of a scholarship committee and was passed unanimously.**

up like the previous housing scholarship, abolished." Micayla McGowen, president of SGA and a senior marketing major from East End, Arkansas, said the resolution passing is great news because it means SGA is moving in the right direction to make a substantial impact.

"Considering that this is something that has started, I want to say, fall of 2023, this is honestly fantastic," McGowen said. "It's getting to a point where we're going to make some progress and there's going to be something that actually happens now." Gonzalez said he thinks the

reason the resolution didn't pass unanimously is because some senators believe the scholarship will be a detriment. He said this is because the former housing scholarship resolution proposed pulling from the SGA budget.

"We kind of formed it this way, to where it's not taking anything away from SGA. Rather, it's just

giving to the student body," Gonzalez said. "It's a donation-based scholarship so we're hoping for donations from alumni and local businesses we can give to students."

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### Traditions Without Borders Thanksgiving Dinner set for Thursday

SGA, in partnership with International Programs, is hosting a Thanksgiving dinner at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Spring River Room of the union.

### Christmas Tree Fundraiser held throughout week

The Minority Association of Pre-Medical Students is raffling off a Christmas tree ornamented with over \$300 worth of gift cards. To purchase a raffle ticket, stop by the MAPS table in the student union this week.

### Friday is the last day to drop a course or withdraw from the University

For more information regarding course withdrawal, contact the Office of the Registrar at 870-972-2031.

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## First-year students present their creative projects at Academic Expo

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First-year students presented their creative projects at the First-Year Experience (FYE) Academic Expo, expressing philanthropy, research and connections.

The FYE Academic Expo is a showcase consisting of first-year students participating in group presentations through their Making Connections courses. Their research, campus and community connections and creative works center on degree-specific explorations and hands-on learning.

The categories were research, philanthropy, and connections. Those with the top three projects in each category won a prize and certificate.

The expo, held Nov. 13 at Centennial Hall, was organized by first-year students from different majors across campus who represented their Making Connections class.

Shaquita Renelique, director of nontraditional students and FYE coordinator, facilitated the event. She said her goal for the event was to give every student a pathway, not only improving their college experience but also their future prospects.

"As you think about life and how it goes, you'll always engage in research, you'll always need to make connections with people and you'll always need

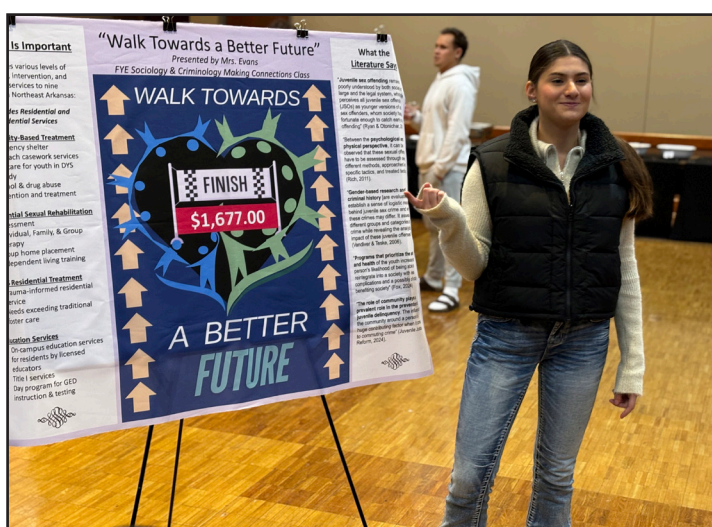


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**Abigail Acosta, a first-year criminology major from Chicago, presents a presentation, titled, "Walk Towards a Better Future."**

or deal with philanthropy," Renelique said. "So these are three platforms that'll allow them not only to go through college, but in life as well."

These students were presented with an opportunity to create projects which not only impact those on campus, but their community as well.

Kylie Sledge, a first-year criminology major from Cabot, Arkansas, presented her project on a fundraising walk for Consolidated Youth Services, which aimed to provide fun activities like playing sports or fun board games for youth with difficult backgrounds.

"I think it'll have a huge impact because they're nonprofits, so they already have

a certain amount of money from donations they set aside into certain different aspects of the program, but they know they don't necessarily have 'fun' money that they can spend on what they want to do and just like have like fun activities in the program," Sledge said.

Many participated in different donations and charities within the community to ensure their projects will have a real-world impact.

Allison Clark, a first-year political science major from Cabot, Arkansas, said her project aimed to educate young voters about the voting process. She said many young people are uninformed about voting, so she sought to educate her peers

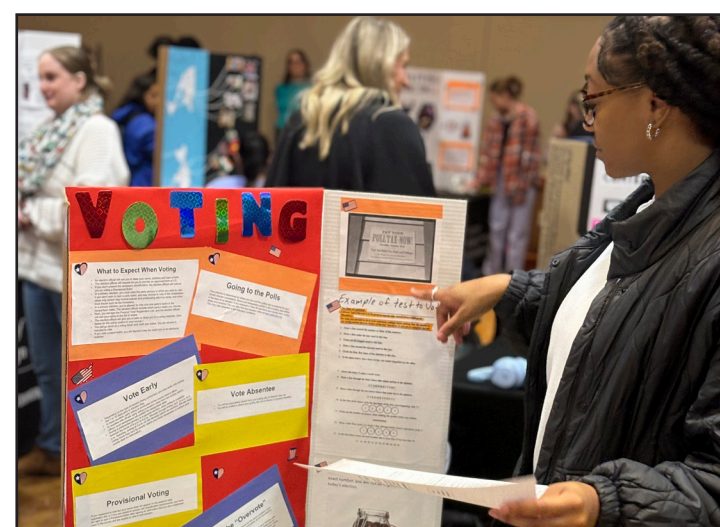


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**Kysia Montgomery, a first-year political science major from Marion, Arkansas, presents her poster about voting.**

and provide resources such as voter registration cards and copies of the U.S. Constitution.

She said the project emphasizes the ease of voting today compared to the past and aims to make information accessible to ensure voter engagement in national and local elections.

"Having this information on the national level will definitely help with local stuff that affects you as a voter," Clark said. "So it's important to exercise your right, so your voice can be heard in some way or another, even if you don't feel like it is nationally, locally, or publicly. It can affect you, your parents' home life, friends, or anybody."

In addition, some projects

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