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Wrapping the Semester Up!



Multimedia students finish the semester with the presentation of their senior portfolios.

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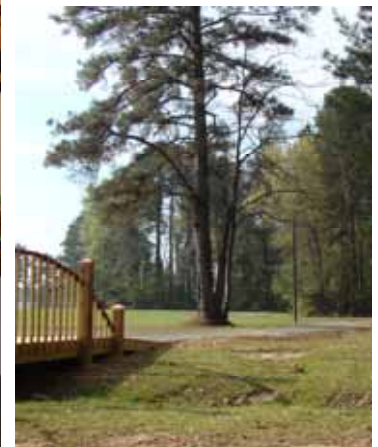
General Dynamic Supports SAU Tech



General Dynamics General Manager, Dave Chilcote, made a corporate donation of \$1,500 to the SAU Tech Foundation with \$500 designated for the Foundation's annual mud volleyball tournament on April 30 and \$1,000 for the Technology Fund.

Walking Trail Officially Opens for Walkers

Despite the rainy weather, SAU Tech proceeded with its plans to dedicate the college's new walking trail that was made possible with funds and services from Arkansas Parks and Tourism, Ouachita Electric, Calhoun County and SAU Tech. Dr. Lamkin, Chancellor for the college, thanked all the people involved and presented awards to members of the college that have participated in the college's wellness program by walking at least thirty minutes a day. The walking trail, complete with a paved trail, lights and benches, is located to the left at the main entrance of the college and is open to the public.



Front Row: John Rogers, B&F Engineering; Gaye Manning, SAU Tech; Dr. Diane Betts, SAU Tech; Dr. Lamkin, SAU Tech; Anita Chouinard, Arkansas Parks & Tourism; Floyd Nutt, Calhoun County Judge; Mark Cayce, Ouachita Electric; Wayne Banks, SAU Tech; Gene Hill, Highland Industrial Park.

Multimedia Program & Lockheed Martin Partner



Calvin Bramlett

Due to a growing need by Lockheed Martin for video editing, graphics, and photography, Lockheed Martin's Site Manager for the Camden Operations, Glenn David Woods, and Ashley Moore, SAU Tech's Graphic Design Instructor, have created an internship for an SAU Tech graphic design student that will benefit both Lockheed and the college.

The internship will be for the summer months and the student will work closely with Bruce Eppinette with Lockheed Martin. Eppinette currently takes care of the local site's media needs but needs assistance with video editing, photography and graphics. The internship begins May 9 and is for 40 hours a week in the summer and 20 hours per week during the regular academic year. Woods stated that, "this internship opportunity is intended to assist in the development of students with a series of challenging multimedia assignments. These assignments will provide exposure to key business functions, multimedia solution paths and networking opportunities all aimed to enhance their educational experience while partnering with Lockheed Martin."

Calvin Bramlett, of Romance, Arkansas, will be the first student to participate in this program. Bramlett just finished his first year in the college's graphic design program and has already designed billboards for the City of Camden, and is working as a photographer/ videographer for the college's communications office. This past March, Bramlett and classmate, Jessica Farmer, team taught students, from across the nation, in a Photoshop training session at the National EAST conference in Hot Springs. Bramlett is a self-starter and already runs his own photography business. You can see his work at <http://www.calvinleecreationz.com/>.

Instructor Moore stated that she is thrilled with the opportunity to work with Lockheed Martin and notes that this type of internship benefits the student and the industry.



Jessica Farmer

Jessica Farmer, graphic design student, was honored on Saturday, April 30 by the City of Camden for her involvement in the Great Camden Clean-Up Campaign. She designed the posters and newspaper ads for the City of Camden's campaign to clean-up Camden. Jessica will be working this summer for Foree Photography in Batesville, Arkansas as a photographer/designer. Jessica worked this past semester as a photographer for the college's communications office.

Utsey Nominated



Dr. Edgar, with the Masters in Public Administration Program at Southern Arkansas University, nominated SAU Tech staff member, James Utsey as this year's Outstanding Graduate Student for the College of Liberal & Performing Arts. Edgar wrote this regarding his nomination of Utsey. "James has demonstrated outstanding qualities as a student the entire time he was in the MPA program. His written assignments showed a conscientious exploration of the literature and application of his experience. He was recognized by his peers as a valuable member of the team in their presentations and consistently conducted himself in a professional manner. One project that is particularly worthy of note was in his Non-Profit Fundraising class. Mr. Utsey developed a grant application to place smoke detectors in the homes of low income seniors. This grant was ultimately funded and smoke detectors have been installed in homes in the Camden area as a result. Mr. Utsey used his Professional Project as an opportunity to improve the strategic plan of the Fire Academy at SAU Tech. The faculty of the MPA program have been pleased to have worked with James Utsey and are very proud to bestow this well deserved honor. We are proud to have James as one of our MPA graduates and know that he will represent SAU extremely well in the future." James Utsey is a long-time employee of SAU Tech working at the Arkansas Fire Training Academy.

Work & Learn

Two students from SAU Tech's Film & Video Production program have been selected to work on a feature film shooting in Shreveport. The film, *"Playing the Field"*, stars Uma Thurman, Jessica Beil and Gerrard Butler. Carly Cooper from Crossett and Taylor Seaman from Harrison are working in the wardrobe and camera departments on the film. "I am so excited to get to work on such a big film with a director of photography like Peter Menzies", Seaman said. *"Playing The Field"* will be filming in Shreveport until the end of May. Steve Taylor, instructor for the SAU Tech program, believes that students learn more when they can experience the job hands-on. He has spent much of his teaching career creating connections with the film industry in order for students to have



opportunities to learn. Pictured above are Taylor Seaman, on the left, along with former SAU Tech student, Neal Bryant, while working on a music video for the group Belair in Little Rock.

IPT



January's IPT Winner is Regina Ellis
Regina was nominated by Temeke Butler
Temeke had this to say,

"If you open up a dictionary and look up the word nurse you will see a picture of Regina by it. She exemplifies everything that a good nurse should be. She cares for everyone of her students and goes out of her way to make sure that they are well taken care of academically as well as personally. NOTHING is too hard or outside of her job description when it comes to doing her job. Whether it is taking a sick student to the doctor's office, coming to a faculty/staff member's office to check their blood pressure or give them a shot, or letting you come by her office so that she can look at your aches and pains; she never turns down an opportunity to help someone. She is intelligent, patient, a good listener, has a pleasing personality, and above all else is a woman of God and a woman of integrity. It is these reasons why Mrs. Regina Ellis is well loved among her students and colleagues. You are true real life example of SAU Tech's slogan. I would just like to say thank you Regina for being a friend, confidante, and most importantly being a part of our SAU Tech family."

Congratulations to Regina!!



February's IPT Winner is Amy Perrin
Amy was nominated by Patricia Sindle
Patricia had this to say,

"To say that this young lady exceeds the expectations of the Department of Enrollment Services is an understatement. Her service to this department has far exceeded the requirements of the job. Her attitude is that everyone, pulling together, can make SAU Tech a wonderful place to work and a wonderful place for students to get a true education. She maintains excellent relations by assessing and responding to constituents' needs. She never lets the "not me" syndrome get in the way of excellent service. Regardless of whose job it is, she takes each challenge as her own responsibility and follows through until it is resolved. A great example is when she discovered that she was the contact person for a whole new program. In this particular case instead of throwing in the towel, she jumped in with both feet and helped to get around 500+ packets in the mail as well as following up with numerous phone calls. She also postponed vacation time as well as working many hours of overtime to get candidates selected for this program. Therefore, if attitude makes the difference between getting tasks done and making them enjoyable, she is the epitome of great attitude. She inspires everyone around her with her dedication and caring. It is with great honor to nominate Amy Perrin for this award."

Congratulations to Amy!!

Students Provide Support for Local Pageant



Left- Ricky Parr (Harmony Grove High School) ,
Right- Camron Terry (Stephens High School)

Camron Terry and Ricky Parr, Students of the SAU Tech Career Academy Radio/TV program, provided live audio production for the Miss Greater Camden Pageant on Saturday, Feb. 26. Terry and Parr made sure the MC's, entertainers and contestants had a great sound presentation for the audience. Instructor LaVant Randall explains, " They really showed great professionalism, worked very well under pressure, and most of all, worked as a team."

Arkansas Career Coaches Meet for Legislative Day



Ophelia Lindsey

Temeka Butler



SAU Tech career coaches, Ophelia Lindsey and Temeke Butler, are pictured here with state legislators and the governor along with other career coaches. The career coach program is a state initiative that places career coaches in local high schools to encourage application to college and provides students added support when it comes to obtaining career and financial aid information. Neatrice Strickland, SAU Tech's third career coach, is pictured on the left.

Red Dress Luncheon



SAU Tech's Annual Red Dress Luncheon was attended by several SAU Tech ladies who enjoyed a presentation by Candace Carrie with the Ouachita County CO-OP Extension Office. New this year to the event was the addition of several SAU Tech male staffers who provided entertainment and served lunch to the ladies. The event is to raise money and awareness of women's heart health.

PBL

FBLA-PBL is the largest and oldest business student organization in the world. A quarter of a million high school and middle school students, college and university students, faculty, educators, administrators, and business professionals have chosen to be members of the premier business education association preparing students for careers in business. SAU Tech's PBL is an active organization that raises funds for charities and competes in statewide competitions in areas such as computer and networking concepts. On April 14-16, SAU Tech students competed in the PBL State Leadership Conference and the results are as follows:

Networking Concepts:

David McCord- 3rd Place

Amanda Allred- 4th Place

Gayle Brock- 5th Place

Largest Increase in Local Chapter Membership- 2nd Place

Largest Local Chapter Membership- Associate- 3rd Place

Arkansas Children's Hospital Support- 3rd Place

Computer Concepts

Amanda Allred- 3rd Place



Employee Service Awards

5 Years

Faith Schalchlin
Tammy Larkins
Paula Bergstrom
Mike Bashford
Danny Williford
Sarah Mitchell
Beverly Ellis
Jenny Sanders
Jonathan Ward
Patricia Box
Gary Meadows
Janet Everett
Amy Perrin
Laura Camp
Charles Barnes

10 Years

Janet Covington
Sandy Neely
Mike Larkins
Debbie Beasley
Cliff Burroughs
Olivia Clack
Debbie Tucker
J. C. Rhinehart
Teresa McLeane
Lisa Oden
Kay Hudman
Steve Taylor
Eddie Horton
David Offutt
Johnie Sue Hall

15 Years

Terry Harcrow
Allison Malone
Glen Ferguson
Pam Turner
Patricia Sindle

30 Years

Rachel Nix
Diane Betts
Steve Candler

20 Years

Kilatha Steelman
Terry Hutson

25 Years

Letitia Rusch
Glenn Bailey

Employee Appreciation
Friday, May 6
10:45 am-1:00 pm
TAZ Hill (Ross Center)



IPT



March's IPT Winner is Robyn Meadows

Robyn was nominated by Wayne Banks

Wayne had this to say,

"I would like to nominate Robyn Meadows, Administrative Specialist in the Registrar's Office for the IPT award for demonstrating her leadership and skill abilities in helping complete the tasks necessary in the Registrar's Office as the office was shorthanded with the Assistant Registrar being off on leave. The Registrar's Office staff members have continually cross-train the office duties and responsibilities so that if a staff member was out, someone else could somewhat step in for a short period of time and keep the office running effectively. Mrs. Meadows stepped up to the plate and did an excellent job. She not only helped perform the duties of the Assistant Registrar, but also helped train the person that was hired as temporary clerical support. While I am glad that the Assistant Registrar has return from leave, I am proud and happy with the job that Mrs. Meadows did during this stressful time. Thank you Robyn! Robyn also does an outstanding job daily as the Administrative Specialist for the office. Robyn always has a positive attitude and is definitely a great asset for the Registrar's Office and Southern Arkansas University Tech!"

Congratulations to Robin!



April's IPT Winner is Cynthia Hendrix

Cynthia was nominated by Georgia Womack

Georgia had this to say,

"Cynthia is always a breath of fresh with her outgoing attitude and the way she jumps right on any new project or way of doing day to day business in the Bookstore, never questions or argues about doing the old way.

She is always there for support and especially when my husband died, she took charge and made sure all was well and ship shape in the Bookstore.

Cynthia never fails to great everyone with a smile in her voice and on her face even when she does not feel very well herself. She always goes that extra mile for all who enter the Bookstore. She is very meticulous and precise with her work and I never have to redo any of her work. She takes on extra tasks without being asked to do so and is the perfect example of what a great employee should be."

Congratulations to Cynthia!!

College Calendar

- May 5 Graduation
- May 6 Employee Appreciation
- May 23 Registration Begins
- May 24 Classes Begin

Spring Fling



Mud Ball Winners



1st Place- Harmony Grove Thunder Cats

Left to right: Daniel Keithley, Jacob Wright, Samantha Rogers, Laura Hopkins, Kyle Wallingsford, and Ryan Stripling

2nd Place- Lockheed Martin Team Boom

Back Row, left to right: Scott Cook, Marc Borton, Jared Stotts, Mike Reynolds, Brent Launius, Andy Olsen

Front Row, left to right: Jocelyn Stotts, Laura Gunter, Vicki Taylor, Tabatha Bell, Megan Launius