Guest Speaker for Black History Celebration

Mr. Pearlie Reed with the USDA speaks to the crowd that attended the Black History Celebration at the Ross Center on Feb. 18, 2010.

(Left) Valerie Wilson, SAU Tech’s VC for Information Technology.

The event was well attended and several thousand dollars was raised to benefit the Betty J. Lewis Minority Scholarship Fund.
SAU Tech to Host Miss Greater Camden Pageant

2010 Miss Greater Camden Pageant
A Miss Arkansas Preliminary
Sponsored by SAU Tech in Camden

Miss Division is restricted to participants from:
Ouachita, Calhoun, Neveda, Union and Dallas Counties.

Miss (18-24 years old) Winner receives an SAU Tech Tuition Scholarship and will be eligible for the Miss Arkansas Pageant.

*Competition categories for this division includes: interview, swimsuit, talent and evening wear.*

All other age divisions are open to participants from all counties.

Age Divisions:
- Girls- Baby Miss (0-11 mon.)
- Tiny Miss (1-2 yr.)
- Petite Miss (3-5 yr.)
- Princess Miss (6-9 yr.)
- Young Miss (10-12 yr.)
- Teen Miss (13-17 yr.)
- Boys- Baby Mister (0-11 mon.)
- Tiny Mister (1-2 yr.)
- Little Mister (3-5 yr.)

Entry Fee: $30.00  Photogenic Contest: $10.00 per photo

**ENTRY DEADLINE: March 25, 2010**

The winner of each division will receive a crown and trophy. 1st and 2nd place winners in each division will receive a trophy. The winners of the Photogenic contest and People’s Choice will receive a gift. All other participants will receive a participation medal.

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www.sautech.edu/community/pageant.aspx

April 10, 2010
Harmony Grove School Auditorium
1:00 pm (Ages 0-12 years) - 6:00 pm (Ages 13-24 years)
Adults- $3.00- Students- $2.00
Admission is free for children under school age.
Black History Contest

Dan Milam, SAU Tech History Instructor, and Allison Malone, SAU Tech Librarian, draw the winner's name for the Black History Quiz. The students participated in a scavenger hunt based on student posters and library exhibits that qualified students to win prizes. Three of Milam’s history students won the Black History Quiz Drawing.

$20 First Place went to Sean Reynolds
$15 Second Place – Cesar Obugase
$10 Third Place – Kali Highsmith

SAU Tech Idol Competition

SAU Tech hosted its Idol Competition on Tuesday night and the following students placed in the competition.

Briana Jones - 1st place winner of $100
Steven Howard - 2nd place - $75
Krista Newton - 3rd place - $50

The funds raised from this event go to the Betty J. Lewis Minority Scholarship Fund.
SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY TECH’S DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES

COLONEL MIKE MULLANE, former NASA astronaut

SAU Tech is proud to announce Colonel Mike Mullane as it’s third annual distinguished speaker. Mullane was selected as Mission Specialist in 1978 in the first group of Space Shuttle Astronauts. He served in the US Air Force and Vietnam and is a member of the International Space Hall of Fame.

March 15, 2010 at 6:00 pm
Charles O. Ross Center
Call For a Complimentary Ticket - 870.574.4521
NCCER Students Get Hands-On Demonstration

The NCCER or National Center for Construction Education and Research provides a core curriculum that, once completed, allows for students to test and receive certification and entry into a national registry for employers. The training helps ensure quality and helps the students locate employment. Eddie Horton, Instructor for the Industrial Maintenance Program, is a certified trainer for NCCER. Horton arranged for Dean's Heating and Air of Camden to bring a TEREX crane on campus, Thursday, Feb. 26, to demonstrate to students how to use the large piece of equipment. The students will be able to test for their NCCER certification once they finish all of the required coursework. Horton stated that the hands-on training is essential to the program’s effectiveness and he is very appreciative to Dean's Heating and Air for the demonstration.

Dr. Atchison Awarded

Diane Atchison received the Volunteer of the Year Award from the Arkansas Festivals and Events Association for many years of work and service to the BPW Barn Sale held each year in Camden. A Volunteer who has provided significant enthusiasm and specific expertise while showing initiative and providing leadership, dependability and a positive attitude for your event for at least 3 years without having received remuneration for services.

In other news, Dr. Atchison took her vacation time in New Orleans to marry Dr. George Betts! Congratulations on both “awards”!

Dr. Diane Atchison, Chief Officer for Planning, Assessment and Development for SAU Tech is pictured on the left.
IPT Awards

January's IPT winner is Faith Schalchlin. Faith was nominated by Wayne Banks. Banks had this to say, “I would like to nominate Faith Schalchlin, SAU Tech's Assistant Registrar, for the IPT award for primarily overseeing the Registrar's Office as I went through a recovery period from having surgery on my Achilles tendon. She, was and still is, a large reason for the success of our office. Faith comes to work everyday with a cheerful smile on her face and is very helpful to students as she displays a positive attitude. Faith is very professional and takes pride in the work she does for the college. She has an uncanny ability to handle the variety of tasks associated with the Registrar's office and does so with a sense of humor. It is a good feeling to know that I can take a day off and know that the office is in good hands with Faith. I am glad to have Faith on my team!”

February's IPT winner is Rita Givens. Rita was also nominated by Wayne Banks. Banks had this to say, “I would like to nominate Rita Givens, Administrative Assistant in the Registrar's Office for the IPT award for her help in completing the tasks necessary in the Registrar's Office as I went through the recovering period from having surgery on my Achilles tendon. The office effectiveness did not skip a beat while I was down. Rita exhibits exemplary job performance and works well with other employees. She is dedicated to the “greater good” of SAU Tech, and always has a positive attitude and is willing to take on a variety of additional tasks. Rita is friendly, gracious and attentive to all who seek her assistance. She serves in a position that requires strict attention to detail, and has displayed the understanding necessary to provide excellent service to the college. Rita is definitely a great asset for the Registrar's Office and Southern Arkansas University Tech!”

Governor Mike Beebe honored career and technical student organizations, including Arkansas Skills USA, at the state capitol on February 24, 2010. Governor Beebe signed a proclamation that designated February as “Career and Technical Student Organization” month in the state. Prior to meeting with Governor Beebe, Skills USA state officers met with William L. Walker, Jr., Director of the Arkansas Department of Career Education and Mr. Jeff Parks Arkansas Skills USA State Director.
Mrs. Keyes, continuing education trainer at Ouachita County Medical Center, talked to the ladies of SAU Tech at the Red Dress Luncheon in February. The Luncheon is an event held each year during the American Heart Association’s Heart Awareness Month. The funds raised by the event went to the American Heart Association. The ladies enjoyed a healthy lunch during the event as Mrs. Keyes reminded them that diet and lifestyle as well as genetics contribute heavily to heart health.

Wayne Banks, Registrar for SAU Tech, holds a plaque given to him by the SACRAO Executive Committee. Banks is now a member of the Membership Relations, Recognitions and Awards, and Evaluations Committees for 2010-2011.

Jessica Bryant and Bryan Brickley, SAU Tech Student Ambassadors, pose with Zoe Goss after giving Zoe a check for $350 to go toward expenses associated with her cancer treatment. The SAU Tech Student Ambassadors raised the funds by selling Candy Grams.
College Calendar

March 9
Transfer Fair– TE Building

March 10
Mid Term Grades Due to Registrar

March 15
Distinguished Speakers Event at Ross Center

March 22-26
Spring Break (4-day work week for staff)

April 6
College Day/ Spring Fling

Bill Crumpler

Bill Crumpler will be working with Camden Fairview Schools to participate in their new lecture series. Peggy Burton, Principal at CFHS, is coordinating the event. Crumpler will speak on “Why Write?”. Crumpler will also be at the Daffodil Festival on March 12, for a meet the author afternoon from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm.

Helping Others

SHOW LOVE TO A HAITIAN CHILD

DONATING A STUFFED ANIMAL

Please bring stuffed animals of all kinds to the Career Pathways office (Career Academy Building). We will deliver the stuffed animals to OTC the following week.