Progress Continues on the New Student Center

Rodney E. Slater to Speak at Black History Celebration

Rodney E. Slater, a native of Marianna, Arkansas and former US Secretary of Transportation under Bill Clinton, is the guest speaker for the 2014 Black History Celebration. Slater now spends his time assisting clients with transportation system needs and promoting safe, efficient international transportation infrastructure. During his time with the US government, he worked on the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century which guaranteed a record $200 billion in surface transportation investment through 2003. He also served as the administrator of the Federal Highway Administration and was the agency’s first African-American administrator. Slater is married and has one daughter, and he and his family currently reside in Washington, D.C. The SAU Tech Black History event will be held on February 21, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Charles O. Ross Center on California Avenue in Camden, Arkansas. For ticket information call 870.574.4495 or by email at rgivens@sautech.edu.
AATYC Recipients

Sharon Scott, SAU Tech Arts & Sciences Faculty member, accepts the AATYC Outstanding Faculty Award.

Caleb Wagnon, SAU Tech Alumnus, accepts the AATYC Outstanding Alumnus Award.

SAU Tech AATYC Academic All-Star

SAU Tech Multimedia student, Constance Washington, accepts the AATYC Academic All-Star Award.
Aerojet Continues Support for Summer Program

GenCorp Foundation via Aerojet-Rocketdyne made a donation of $4,000 to SAU Tech for a summer camp for secondary students that focuses on teaching through project-based learning.

Photo: Dr. Corbet Lamkin, SAU Tech Chancellor, and Connie Wilbur, Human Resources Aerojet-Rocketdyne

SAU Tech Career Coach Receives Arkansas Works Award

Temeke Butler, an Arkansas Works Career Coach housed at SAU Tech, recently received the Arkansas Works Career Coach of the Year award during a ceremony held in Hot Springs. Temeke received the award for helping raise the college-going rate at Bearden High School from 31.8 percent to 65.9 percent.

The Arkansas Works Program, in partnership with SAU Tech and local public schools, provides assistance and information to students and their parents in the areas of academic tutoring, career counseling, mentoring, financial aid guidance, and other supports necessary for career and educational access and retention. Temeke serves as a career coach at Bearden and Stephens high schools.
SAU Tech Registrar Speaks at TACRAO Event

Wayne Banks, SAU Tech Registrar, attended the Tennessee Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers (TACRAO) annual meeting on November 20 in Memphis Tennessee as the college’s SACRAO Representative. While there, Banks spoke to the TACRAO membership on the benefits of SACRAO and Higher Education in general. He delivered a presentation on FERPA, the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. Banks is on the SACRAO organization’s executive committee filled the position as their Vice-President for Records and Registration.

VC for Information Technology Speaks at MLK Event

Valerie Wilson, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology at SAU Tech, was invited by Cledis Stuart at Southern Arkansas University to be the guest speaker during the Martin Luther King Jr. events on January 20, 2014. Valerie said, “It was a real honor to be invited to speak at an event celebrating the life of Martin Luther King Jr.”

Blue & You Foundation Award Funds CNA Scholarships

The Arkansas Blue and You Foundation recently funded the college’s Caring for the Elderly Project for the second time in the amount of $109,620. The funding is solely used for student nursing assistant scholarships. Regina Ellis, SAU Tech Allied Health Instructor said, “The Arkansas Blue and You Foundation has funded this effort at SAU Tech once before, and the project was very successful in training a large number of nursing assistants. We are hoping for another successful round. This is a great opportunity for anyone wanting to work in the medical field.” For more information call, 870.574.4585 or go to www.sautech.edu.
GED Testing Now Cost a Fee

SAU Tech Adult Education services are offered in five counties (Calhoun, Ouachita, Columbia, Dallas and Cleveland) and provide GED preparation, basic skill improvement, job readiness training, and training in Microsoft programs through the Microsoft IT Academy. The GED exam now costs $16. However, the GED prep classes are FREE. For information on adult education in your area, call 870.837.4001 or go to www.sautech.edu

SAU Tech Nationally Ranked

Southern Arkansas University Tech was recently included in the Washington Monthly’s 2013 Community College Rankings for the following areas: Active & Collaborative Learning, Student Effort, Academic Challenge, Student-Faculty Interaction, First-Year Retention Rate, Three-Year Graduation/Transfer Rate and Credentials Awarded per 100 Full-Time Equivalent Students.

The Washington Monthly cited Southern Arkansas University Tech as number 37 out of the top 50 community colleges nationwide. Southern Arkansas University Tech was the only community college from Arkansas on the list that included community college giants such as Miami Dade Community College. Dr. Corbet Lamkin, Chancellor of SAU Tech, had this to say, “We are pleased with the national recognition of the hard work and effort put forth by our students and our faculty and staff.” Southern Arkansas University Tech is a public two-year college with an enrollment of around 2,000 students. The college was created in 1968 as a technical trainer for the area, and it maintains that mission today as well as offering transfer and online degrees. For more information about SAU Tech, go to www.sautech.edu.

The Washington Monthly uses data from the national Community College Survey of Student Engagement (CCSSE) and the United States Department of Education measures of student retention and completion over a three-year period to determine which colleges make the college ranking list. For more information on the rankings or on how the rankings are developed see below.

The Listing:

How the Community Colleges are ranked:
http://www.washingtonmonthly.com/magazine/september_october_2013/features/
Employees’ Volunteer Work Makes for State Recognition

SAU Tech was recently awarded the Spirit of 110 Award given by the Arkansas Human Services Division of Volunteerism. The award is in special recognition of the college’s commitment to engaging volunteers to provide better services to the people of Arkansas. Give yourself a pat on the back if you volunteer! You are making a difference in someone’s life!

Adult Education Director Certified

Barbara Hamilton, Director of SAU Tech Adult Education, successfully completed the National Adult Education training program as a Certified Manager in Program Improvement (CMPI). This training is part of the Leadership Excellence Academy offered by the National Adult Education Professional Development Consortium. Barbara is now among the select few in the nation with the CMPI certification.

SAU Tech Student Designs Consortium Logo

The Southwest Arkansas Community College Consortium selected SAU Tech Graphic Design student Alan Vargas’s logo design to represent the consortium. The Presidents & Chancellors of the five colleges chose the logo from a group of logos submitted by students in SAU Tech’s graphic design program. Alan is a second year student at SAU Tech and works in the college’s communications office. Alan is from Lake Village.
Nerd Day at SAU Tech

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This is an example of the endearing words said by Jerry “The Beaver” Mathers, who remains an American institution. Mathers is known by people throughout the world and was named by People Magazine as one of the most well-known individuals in television history. Born on June 2, 1948 in Sioux City Iowa, Jerry’s television and show business career began at the tender age of two when he did a Pet Condensed Milk commercial on the “Colgate Comedy Hour.” He continued to work on many of the early ’50’s television shows and in 1954, he made his movie debut co-starring with Linda Darnell in “This Is My Love.” He then caught the attention of Alfred Hitchcock who signed him for the 1955 film, “The Trouble With Harry.”. The budding young actor next appeared in two Bob Hope movies, “The Seven Little Foys” and “That Certain Feeling.” Two movies with Alan Ladd followed, “The Deep Six” and “Men of the Fighting Lady.”

It was in 1957 however with the debut of the series “Leave It To Beaver” that Jerry entered the hearts and homes of America. An immediate success, the show gained national attention and ran for six seasons, totaling 234 episodes. When it celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 4, 2007, the show became the longest running scripted show in television history. Currently shown on TV Land and in countries throughout the world, “Leave it to Beaver” has made Jerry an American Icon. His television movie, “Still the Beaver”, was one of the top ten movies of the week for 1982 which led to the development of a new series entitled “The New Leave It To Beaver.” Jerry successfully completed filming 108 episodes which were syndicated and aired in all major domestic and foreign markets. As well as starring in the series, Jerry also directed multiple episodes. Jerry’s legitimate theater credits include “Hairspray”, Neil Simon Theater, “Boeing, Boeing”, “Who’s On First”, and the national debut tour of “So Long Stanley” which played to standing room only houses across the country for 18 months.

**Complimentary tickets for the March 17, 2014 event will be available starting February 17, 2014.**