Bring on the fall!!!!

The fall semester is coming on fast with just a few days until the halls are filled with students and faculty. The college has been busy this summer with the North Central accreditation check-up visit and preparing buildings and classrooms for students. The accreditation visit was a great success due to all of SAU Tech’s employees and their hard work and dedication to the college.

Some changes you will find this fall include Sandy Neely as the new face to community education and Robert Gunnels becoming the Vice Chancellor for Academics. Mike Bashford and Tammy Larkins with business and industry training are now in the TE building offices that once belonged to the former vice chancellor for academic affairs. Jamie Norris, PACE grant coordinator, is now located in Tammy Larkin’s previous office. The tutoring center has a new home in the second floor of the admin building.

The college’s gym renovation project now has funding and the construction completion date will be less than two years away. The building will house student life, the bookstore, and more. The building will provide a space large enough to hold SAU Tech’s graduation ceremony.

Other news for the campus includes the implementation of the statewide PACE grant through the United States Department of Labor. The project focuses on the development of an engineering technology program for SAU Tech, the redesign of both developmental math and language arts, career planning services, college entrance test prep and assessment of prior learning. The grant involves all the state’s two-year colleges, AATYC and ADHE.

You will see several new faces on campus this fall, so be sure to give new staff and faculty a big SAU Tech welcome!
“Lee has such a “can do” attitude. He is quick to help in any way possible with SAU Tech activities and committees. During this year’s Mud Ball event he was an official, but behind the scenes he helped prepare and set up for the event. He also participates in the Black History Celebration, Student Orientation, and many other campus events. He is a mentor to our students and has past graduates that come by the office just to say hi or ‘thank you’ for the kindness and support he has shown them. He shows us what it truly means to put STUDENTS first. He is ALWAYS at work early and stays late. He is a crucial part to the PAD office operations and continues to raise the bar on employee excellence.”

Patricia Lewis

“On Saturday, March 10th, SAU Tech hosted, for Camden Fairview High School, the AAIMS AP Exam Prep Workshop for approximately 240 area high school students. The event went very well and was well received by the AAIMS presenters, CFHS staff, and all participating students. All of the presenters used SAU Tech’s technology for their presentations. Technology issues had occurred at the previous two workshops in south Arkansas which delayed the presentations and caused CFHS administrators to request ITS tech support for the SAU Tech workshop. Thanks to Keithan Mosley there were no technology issues Saturday! Not only did Keithan “patrol” the REL Tech building the entire workshop time, he “tested” all the technology equipment on Friday, March 9th, to make sure everything was working. It is remarkable how Keithan made the presenters feel at home at SAU Tech. He eliminated their “feeling like a fish out of water.” He made personal contact with each of them Saturday morning before 8:30 am to make sure they were logged in, had the appropriate LCD remote control for their assigned room, properly installed their jump drive, and answered any other questions/concerns they had. Not only did Keithan provide technology support, he assisted with directing students to their assigned classrooms, helped serve breakfast and lunch, picked up trash, and made sure everything was picked up and shut down at the end of the workshop. He was a true ambassador for SAU Tech . . . making everyone feel welcome and at home! Thanks Keithan for going the “extra mile” for SAU Tech!”

Paula Bergstrom
Dr. Betts Awarded

A Star in our midst...

Dr. Diane Betts
was named the
2012 Outstanding State Employee

and was honored by the Arkansas State Employees Association Friday evening in Little Rock!
Hats off to Diane for her exemplary accomplishments and outstanding commitments supporting, promoting, and providing economy, education, and fine arts throughout the State of Arkansas!

Employee Appreciation

Dan Milam
SAU Tech Faculty Excellence Award

Kimberly Coker
SAU Tech Professional Staff Excellence Award

Veronica Bush
SAU Tech Support Staff Excellence Award

Others awarded included; Faith Elliot, SAU Tech Adjunct Faculty Excellence Award; Jackson Jones, SAU Tech Concurrent Faculty Excellence Award; and Steve Parke, SAU Tech Outstanding Alumni Award.
Did You Know?

Did you know that our own faculty member, Brannon West, is the pilot of one of the only two remaining flyable QU-22s used to fly over the Ho Chi Minh trail? It's true! Brannon currently repairs and flies the plane that once flew hundreds of combat missions over Southeast Asia from Nakhon Phanom Air Base in Thailand. To find out more about this historical plane, contact Brannon West at 574-1019.

Steve Taylor has recently joined the board of the Arkansas Motion Picture Institute. The group is a non-profit founded in 2011 and is focused on providing leadership in film education in Arkansas. Steve says that this is an honor as he is the only education person on the board at this time. For more information you can check out the web link below.


Lee Sanders has been elected as Member-At-Large to the Southern Association for Institutional Research (SAIR). SAIR consists of over 14 states in the southern region of the US and is an organization dedicated to the advancement of research leading to improved understanding, planning, and operation of institutions of post-secondary education.
Student Appreciation Day

WEDNESDAY
09.05.2012
11AM - 1PM

SAU TECH
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DAY

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WWW.SAUTECH.EDU
This past spring the LRC hosted Lavana Kindle and her collection of flutes from around the world. Lavana demonstrated her collection by playing each one for the audience.

SAU Tech aviation maintenance students received award letters and checks from NASA. The scholarships are part of the Arkansas Space Grant Consortium, a project funded by NASA and also connected to the Arkansas Aerospace Training Consortium, of which SAU Tech belongs. The goal is to provide local aviation maintenance schools with academic scholarships for students. The scholarships are based on GPA, attendance, and community work.

Pictured left to right: Jalan Box, Adam Hamrick, Tony Dagostino, and not pictured, Paul Cameron.
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