

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS HOPE-TEXARKANA ANNUAL REPORT

2023-2024



MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Thank you for your continued interest in the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana (UAHT).

For nearly 60 years, UAHT has been a pillar of opportunity, serving over 3,000 students annually across campuses in Hope, Texarkana, Historic Washington, Arkansas, and through our growing online programs. What began as the Red River Vocational-Technical School in 1965 has flourished into a community-focused institution dedicated to empowering our students and fostering growth across Southwest Arkansas.

At UAHT, we truly have something for everyone—from cradle to career. Through our youth summer enrichment programs, early college offerings, over 50 certificate and degree programs, adult education, and robust business and industry training, we are committed to helping each person realize their potential.

Our Hope campus is also home to Hempstead Hall, a premier cultural and event venue that enriches our students and community alike. Hosting Grammy-winning musicians, educational workshops, and a range of events, Hempstead Hall is a space where lifelong memories and connections are made. Located on the Texarkana campus, the Farmers Bank & Trust Workforce Center is a 14,754-square-foot facility that houses the welding program, the Secondary Career and Technical Education Center, the Arkansas High Collegiate Academy, community meeting spaces, and more.

Affordability is another cornerstone of UAHT's value. With one of the lowest tuition rates in Arkansas, a unique book rental program costing only \$20 per credit hour, and over 120 private scholarships funded by our UAHT Foundation, our students are able to pursue higher education without the burden of overwhelming debt. Thanks to our donors' generosity, many of our students enjoy financial support that opens doors to a debt-free future.

Beyond academics, UAHT offers a vibrant, supportive environment where students can thrive socially and academically. With small class sizes, engaging student organizations, and dynamic campus events, our students build lasting relationships and lifelong skills. Every initiative at UAHT is designed with one goal in mind: student success.

We are proud of the impact UAHT has made, and we invite you to continue supporting our mission. Whether by giving to our foundation, attending events, or simply sharing our story, your involvement strengthens UAHT's ability to be a bridge to brighter futures.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Together, we can achieve even more.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christine Holt, Chancellor

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WILCOX NAMED AS NEW DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT AT UAHT

UAHT named Kelly Wilcox as the new Director of Institutional Advancement and the UAHT Foundation. Wilcox is a graduate of UAHT and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences. "As a Hope native, I understand the hardships rural students face in achieving their higher education goals," Wilcox said. "As a product of both UAHT and the UAMS off-campus BSN program in Hope, I am aware that high-quality educational opportunities are critical to ensuring a thriving economic future for all UAHT students and our communities. After many years of nursing, I look forward to serving our community in a new capacity as the Director of Institutional Advancement and ushering our UAHT campuses into the future."

Kelly is married to Mark Wilcox, the Paramedic Program Director at UAHT. They share three sons: Gage Burns, Wyatt, and Carter Wilcox. Kelly manages "Carter's Class" with her youngest son, a program that allows every student at his school the opportunity to choose a book at the Scholastic Book Fair. During the summer, she is an assistant coach for the Hope Piranhas Swim Team. Kelly is also an avid Arkansas Razorback fan.



For more information about Institutional Advancement and the UAHT Foundation, please contact Kelly Wilcox at 870.722.8516 or kelly.wilcox@uaht.edu.

UAHT SPRING AND FALL ENROLLMENT INCREASES

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana welcomed 1,183 students in the spring semester. This spring enrollment number represents a 10.4% increase from last spring and the largest spring enrollment since 2020.

This fall, 1,307 students attended UAHT. This number represents an increase in fall-to-fall enrollment for three straight years and the college's largest fall enrollment since 2019.

Among the factors for enrollment growth at UAHT include affordability, time to completion, and an increase in dual enrollment high school students.



BEADS, BAGS, BANGLES, & “LEAP BACK TO THE FUTURE” KIDS’ COLLEGE FUNDRAISER A HIT

The UAHT Foundation held the 17th Annual Beads, Bags, and Bangles Kids’ College fundraiser on February 29 at Hempstead Hall. This year’s event theme was “Leap Back to the Future.” The fun-filled evening, made possible by generous donor support, featured food, drinks, prizes, and busting moves on the dance floor to live music from Chasing Rita of Texarkana! Attendees turned back time and channeled their inner Marty McFly and Doc Brown as they took an unforgettable journey. Thanks to your contributions, we were able to make a significant impact on Kids’ College, Camp Save-A-Life programs, and the UAHT Foundation. Stay tuned for information about BBB 2025 coming soon!



Pictured back row left to right: Allison Wilson, Anna Powell, Kathy Struckman, Debbie Malek, Robin Hickerson, Kim Hollis, Charlotte Bradley, front row left to right: Allison Sitzes, Carol Ann Milam, Mikki Curtis

WELDING STUDENTS FABRICATE AND DONATE BIKE RACK TO LOCAL NONPROFIT

Three UAHT Secondary Career & Technical Education Center welding students recently fabricated and donated a bicycle rack to the Hope Connexion Outreach Center (HCOC), a local nonprofit. Gavin Smith (Spring Hill High School), Micah Hardee (Spring Hill High School), and Wesley Almand (Nevada High School) created the bike rack from concept to final product in their MIG/TIG welding course at the UA Hope campus. The students said that building the rack helped them learn and practice valuable skills, such as designing and finishing a project from an initial idea to a final product and how to work together as a team to get the job done. Eddie Thomas, UAHT Welding Instructor, said, “The students did a fantastic job fabricating the bike rack, and he appreciates the effort they put into the project and how well they followed instructions in the classroom and welding shop to create such a fine product for Hope Connexion.”



Pictured left to right: Eddie Thomas (UAHT Welding Instructor); Gavin Smith (Career Center Student from Spring Hill High School); Micah Hardee (Career Center Student from Spring Hill High School); Wesley Almand (Career Center Student from Nevada High School); Janie Head; Adam Perry (HCOC Board President); Phillip Lewis; Bonnie Lewis; Jennifer Martinez (HCOC Assistant Director)

Adam Perry, HCOC Board President, expressed the profound impact of this donation. The bike racks, he said, are a blessing for the many consumers and sojourners who visit Hope Connexion and rely on bicycles as their primary mode of transportation. These racks will not only provide a safe and designated area for parking but also contribute to the overall organization and aesthetics of the center, preventing bikes from being placed in various places on the lawn.

FARMERS BANK & TRUST GIVES \$10,000 TO SUPPORT YOUTH PROGRAMS AT UA TEXARKANA

Farmers Bank & Trust donated \$10,000 to support youth programs at the UAHT Texarkana campus. The donation was given to the UAHT Foundation, making Farmers Bank & Trust the presenting sponsor of "Casino Night," presented by the Women of UAHT. "Farmers Bank & Trust is excited to support UAHT in increasing higher education opportunities for youth in our region," said James Bramlett, Texarkana Market President at Farmers Bank & Trust. "Partnerships with UAHT help everyone in our region be more successful." This donation follows a \$100,000 gift from Farmers Bank & Trust to support the Farmers Bank & Trust Workforce Center on the UA Texarkana Campus.



Pictured left to right: Jade Evans, Kim Holcomb, Nicole Raley, McKenzie Teel, Carol Ann Milam, Rachael Potter, James Bramlett, Robin Hickerson, Mikki Curtis, Misty Hughes, Rene Love, Nikki Johnson, Dee Page, Whitney Boykin, Leigh Cheek, Kevin Johnson, Carol Waldrum

CASINO NIGHT: A RESOUNDING SUCCESS FOR UA TEXARKANA PROGRAMS

The UAHT Foundation hosted Casino Night on October 5 at Crossties in Texarkana, Arkansas, where \$44,212.14 was raised to provide long-term funding support for youth programs such as the Collegiate Academy at the UA Texarkana campus. Attendees joined in prohibition style, donning their finest 1920s attire, and made sure to 'speakeasy' about this thrilling evening of casino games and more. The atmosphere was filled with joy as everyone enjoyed cutting a rug to the music of the Robert St. John's Psychedelic Radio Band, and, of course, drinks, food, and fun.



Pictured left to right, Misty Hughes, Chelsea Tucker, Amy Overton, Megan Brown, Shelby Brown, Prissy Hickerson, Rochelle Gray, Caroline Harris, Whitney Ribble, Kelsey Kuhn, Mikki Curtis, Wendy Jones; On stage: Robin Hickerson

The success of this unique celebration was made possible by the dedicated efforts of the Women of UAHT. Led by Morgan Bennett, Tracey Boyles, Lindsey Brown, Megan Brown, Shelby Brown, Mikki Curtis, Rochelle Gray, Caroline Harris, Jamie Harris, The Honorable Mary P. "Prissy" Hickerson, Robin Hickerson, Misty Hughes, Lekia Jones, Wendy Jones, Kelsey Kuhn, Carol Ann Milam, Amy Overton, Rachael Potter, Whitney Ribble, Carrol Selph, Allison Sitzes, Farren Stover, and Chelsea Tucker, the event was a testament to their commitment to the cause.

UAHT COLLEGIATE ACADEMIES LEAD THE STATE IN HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS GRADUATING WITH ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS SIMULTANEOUSLY

Two local high schools that partner with the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana to offer collegiate academies rank number one and two in associate degree producers in Arkansas. According to data released by the Arkansas Department of Education, the top two high schools in Arkansas for students graduating with their high school diploma and Associate of Arts degree simultaneously are Arkansas High School in Texarkana and Hope High School in Hope, Arkansas.

The two high schools partner with the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana to offer the Hope and Arkansas High Collegiate Academies, which allow students to earn their associate degree and high school diploma at the same time at no cost to the student. For the graduating class of 2024, UAHT was responsible for a remarkable 20.5% of all high school graduates in Arkansas who graduated with an associate degree. "We feel this is one of the best opportunities ever afforded to students in Arkansas," said Dr. Christine Holt, UAHT Chancellor. "The collegiate academies give many students who may not have otherwise had the opportunity the ability to attend college while saving them thousands of dollars in tuition, fees, and other costs. We are thankful for the desire of these school districts to partner with the college to provide this unique and life-changing opportunity to their students. The program is also a testament to our staff and faculty who provide these opportunities and help guide our students to success."

This year, UAHT celebrated the fourth graduating class of the collegiate academies. The class of 2024 consisted of 23 graduates from the Hope Collegiate Academy and 16 from the Arkansas High Collegiate Academy. Since the program's inception, 111 students (75 from Hope High School and 36 from Arkansas High School) have simultaneously graduated with their high school diploma and associate degree. "The Hope School District and the Hope community are proud of the Collegiate Academy students," said Dr. Jonathan Crossley, Hope Public School District Superintendent. "The partnership with UAHT has been a cornerstone of the district's strategic plan. Our



Hope Collegiate Academy: Front row left to right: Dr. Mikki Curtis (Dean of Secondary Programs), Payton Rhodes, Katie Arroyo, Priscila Moreno, Amber Cisneros, Guadalupe Montalvan, Araceli Torres, Sallie Nix. 2nd row left to right: Riley Ennis, Makenzie Cox, Edith Dominguez, Aaliyah Washington, Marissa Zaldivar, Vincent Marks. 3rd row left to right: Tara Henry, Charles Ford, Jose Martinez, Axel Yhoss, Jessie Hernandez. 4th row left to right: Jordan-Michael Brooks, Alex Alvarado, Grace Trauger, Kayla Wyatt, M. Shaun Temple. Not pictured: Brandy Chapa

long-term plan has multiple supports built in for HHS students to gain enrollment and, ultimately, an associate's degree from UAHT. This partnership is life-altering and community-affirming. We are so proud of our students!"

With twenty-three graduates from the Hope Collegiate Academy, Hope High School claimed the top spot in the State of Arkansas, with the most high school graduates also graduating with an associate degree. Arkansas High School was close behind in the second spot statewide, graduating sixteen students with a high school diploma and associate degree. "The Texarkana Arkansas School District is proud of the partnership between Arkansas High School and UAHT," said Dr. Lloyd Jackson, Texarkana Arkansas School District Superintendent. "This collaboration offers our students a unique opportunity to get a head start on their college education while providing significant cost savings to families. We are committed to providing our students with the tools and resources to succeed academically and professionally. By fostering a solid foundation through programs such as this, we prepare our students for the challenges of higher education and set them on a path toward long-term success. Our partnership with UAHT is a testament to our dedication to creating opportunities that empower our students and support our community."

The collegiate academies are the only full college immersion programs of their kind in Arkansas, where students take classes full-time on the college campus while still participating in extra-curricular activities on their high school campuses. The academies set students up for success by saving them time and money. On average, collegiate academy graduates save \$19,738 compared to the cost of the first two years at an Arkansas public four-year university. Of the academy graduates who transferred to four-year universities, 100% received scholarships and began at four-year universities taking junior-level courses. Many took advantage of the Arkansas Transfer Achievement Scholarship, which allowed them to attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville at UAHT's tuition rate. In addition, 100% of collegiate academy students moved from an ACT 16 to an ACT 19 or higher between 10th and 11th grade. These students are prepared to succeed at a four-year university or the workplace by learning to adapt to the rigor of college courses.

For more information about the Hope or Arkansas High Collegiate Academy, visit <https://www.uaht.edu/academics/high-school-programs.php> or call Dr. Mikki Curtis at 870-722-8133.



Arkansas High Collegiate Academy: Bottom Left: Dr. Mikki Curtis (Dean of Secondary Programs), Diana Hernandez, Bailey Pettit, Deborah Dillard, Ariana Thompson, Salome Rainauli-Driver. Top Left: Sadie Coleman, Logan Campbell, William Lawson Stone, Jenna Dupree, Sarabeth Wheeler, Zoe Tarbill. Not Pictured: Corbin Atchley, Destiny Argo, Jared Lee, Mariagna Casco and Sarah Massey

LOERA SELECTED AS ACADEMIC ALL-STAR AT UA HOPE-TEXARKANA



Pictured left to right: Bentley Wallace, President ASU-Mountain Home and ACC Board Chair and Anita Brissa Lorea

Anita Brissa Loera of Texarkana, Texas, was selected as the 2024 Academic All-Star at UAHT. In her time at UAHT, Loera has been a member of Phi Theta Kappa, an EDGE Scholar, and named to the Chancellor's Honor Roll. "One thing I will always remember from my time at UAHT is the help and encouragement I received from my College Life Skills professor, Mrs. Agnes Tirrito," Anita said. "Early on, I became worried about passing one of my science classes. However, Mrs. Tirrito encouraged me and taught me study and time management skills that helped me succeed in all my classes. Had it not been for her help and encouragement, I don't think I would have made it. She taught me skills I can carry with me for the rest of my life." Loera is also active in the community. She volunteers in the local community garden and serves as a faith-based youth group leader. Anita will graduate from UAHT in the spring of 2025 with an

Associate of Arts degree. She plans to transfer to the University of Arkansas in Little Rock to pursue a degree in nursing. Her long-range goal is to own a mental health nursing practice.

HENRY RECEIVES ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY'S MOST PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP

Tara Henry, a 2024 graduate of the Hope Collegiate Academy, was announced as a recipient of the Arkansas State University A-State Scholar Scholarship. The scholarship is an Arkansas State University Honors College Scholarship; only 35 are awarded yearly. To qualify for the scholarship, students must have a minimum 31 ACT Superscore score and a high school minimum GPA of 3.500. The A-State Scholar Award provides up to \$14,000 annually.

Henry said this award gives her an opportunity to pursue higher education in a way she had only dreamed of. "This will significantly aid in my ability to afford college," she said. "I never thought I would be able to achieve something like this, and it feels so rewarding to see all the work I have put in over the years pay off. The instruction and support I received at the collegiate academy helped me immensely in my academic progress to achieve this award."



VANHOOK NAMED OUTSTANDING FACULTY MEMBER OF THE YEAR AT UAHT

Each year, the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana honors an outstanding faculty member. UAHT is proud to announce that this year's winner is Pamela Vanhook. Vanhook has served as a member of the health professions faculty at the college since 2021.

According to her nomination letter, "Pamela's unwavering dedication, passion, and commitment exemplify the qualities we value in outstanding faculty members at UAHT. She approaches her work with diligence and compassion and is never one to complain. Her positive attitude and willingness to go above and beyond is worthy of emulation. She truly has a servant's heart. Even when faced with odd and unusual work schedules, she supports others, always smiling brightly. Her love for her job and students shines through in every endeavor, from active participation in campus activities, committees, and clubs to promoting our college within the community. Pamela's positive attitude, compassionate heart, exceptional work ethic, and unwavering support for others make her deserving of this award."



COOK NAMED OUTSTANDING STAFF MEMBER OF THE YEAR AT UAHT



Each year, the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana honors an outstanding staff member. UAHT is proud to announce that this year's winner is Jolane Cook. Cook began her career at the college in 1999, serving as the Coordinator for Continuing Education and Industry Relations until 2012, when she became the Executive Director of the Texarkana campus.

According to her nomination letters, "Jolane is a problem solver and a person you can always depend on. She pays attention to detail and always keeps the Texarkana campus running smoothly. She cares about her fellow employees and always makes sure their needs are met. Most importantly, Jolane is always there for our students. She will find a way to help if a student is in need."

Please join UAHT in thanking Jolane Cook for her dedication to serving students at the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana and wishing her well in her retirement.

FIBER OPTIC TECHNICIAN PROGRAM LAUNCHED AT UAHT



UAHT launched a new Fiber Optic Technician program this fall. In partnership with the Arkansas Fiber Academy, the program offers students a unique opportunity to gain hands-on field experiences, in addition to classroom learning. This practical approach equips students with the knowledge, skills, and abilities that employers look for when hiring fiber optic technicians. These skills include the installation, maintenance, and troubleshooting of fiber broadband to homes and businesses. Upon completion of the program, graduates will be eligible for the Fiber Broadband Association OptIC Path 3-year certification.

The program consists of nine weeks of evening classes, with new classes beginning approximately every twelve weeks. It is free to eligible students, with the cost paid for by the Office of Skills Development.

Pictured: Keegan Johnson, Fiber Optic Technician for local employer Hope Water & Light.

HOPE COLLEGIATE ACADEMY GRADUATE RECEIVES ARKANSAS GOVERNOR'S DISTINGUISHED SCHOLARSHIP

Axel Yhoss, a 2024 graduate of the Hope Collegiate Academy, has received the Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholarship. The Governor's Distinguished Scholarship is the most academically rigorous scholarship program for graduating seniors in Arkansas. Axel is the second Hope Collegiate Academy student to receive this prestigious scholarship in the last three years. "This scholarship means everything to me," Yhoss said. "It shows me the results of the work and effort I've put in these past couple of years are worth it and helps me worry less about affording my education and career." Only 64 students across nineteen counties in south Arkansas received the scholarship, and Axel was the only student in Hempstead County who received it.

Axel attributes his success to the Hope Collegiate Academy, a testament to its academic excellence. "The collegiate academy has been instrumental in my journey, providing me with a strong support network, imparting crucial academic skills, and pushing me to excel. I would recommend the collegiate academy to others without a doubt! I believe anyone can benefit from the environment and support here and achieve greatness."



Axel now attends the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville, majoring in Computer Science with a concentration in Cybersecurity.

UA TEXARKANA LPN GRADUATES ACHIEVE 100% PASS RATE

The class of 2023 University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana campus Licensed Practical Nursing graduates achieved a 100% first-attempt pass rate on the NCLEX board exam. *The national average pass rate for all candidates is 89.82%.

Jessica Schroeder, UAHT LPN Director, said the success of LPN students at the college is a testament to the high-quality instruction that UAHT teachers strive to provide. "Our faculty are determined to prepare our students to succeed," Schroeder said. "We take time to ensure our students are prepared academically and clinically to succeed on their exam and in the real world once they go to work. Our students are also top-notch. The UAHT nursing programs have an exceptional reputation that helps us attract quality students. We hope to continue training excellent nurses to provide skillful employees for our healthcare facilities and quality care to our community for years to come. Everyone at UAHT is proud of these students and would like to congratulate them on their accomplishments."



Pictured: Front Row left to right: Gladajah Haynes, Kaleshia Butler, May Emphasis, Olyvia Davis, Second Row left to right: Cara Pogue, Ainslee Doggett, Danielle Purifoy; Back Row left to right: DiAisha Allen, Jenna Bolster, Haley Malone, Lisa Rhodes

UA HOPE-TEXARKANA COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY HELD MAY 14

The 2024 University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana commencement ceremony was held on Tuesday, May 14, at Hempstead Hall. This year, 413 students graduated (a 15% increase from last year) with 618 degrees and certificates (a 25% increase from last year).



LOCAL HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR EARNS DIPLOMA AND ASSOCIATE DEGREE FOR FREE, SETTING STAGE FOR FUTURE ENGINEERING CAREER



In 2022, Clay Walraven of Bodcaw, Arkansas, chose to enroll in the Secondary Career and Technical Education Center at UAHT. Clay said he decided to attend the UAHT Secondary Career Center because he was presented with the chance in his junior year of high school to take the free career center classes along with my regular high school classes, and he could not turn down the opportunity. "This was an excellent opportunity to get a feel for how college would be early on," Walraven said. "After my junior year, I greatly enjoyed the classes at UAHT, and I was given the opportunity to take all college-level classes at UAHT during my senior year. I accepted the opportunity without hesitation, and in 2024, I graduated with my high school diploma and Associate of Applied Science Degree in Electromechanical Technology simultaneously."

Clay said he greatly enjoyed his time at UAHT. He found the campus inviting, and all the staff and instructors were kind and helpful. "They were always willing to help and guide me where I needed to go if I ever had a question. The instructors always taught in a professional and efficient manner. They never wasted time and always taught me what I needed

to know. All the instructors were knowledgeable in the subject matter and extremely familiar with all the tools and equipment. The small class sizes significantly increased my learning efficiency and helped ensure that all the students completed the class with the necessary knowledge and skills."

According to Clay, the main reason he was able to take the classes and earn his degree early was due to the UAHT Secondary Career Center, which offers the courses free of charge, and the Nevada School District "Blue Jay University" program that helped him with other classes. "Without them, I would not have had this wonderful opportunity. These great programs help students get a head start in their college education and career." Clay's future goals are to attend Southern Arkansas University to pursue a master's degree in engineering. "The courses I took at UAHT have helped me build a solid foundation for success at SAU and in my future career," he said.

Walraven highly recommends UAHT to high school students and traditional college students. "UAHT is a great place to get started in your college career or train for a good job, whether you're just graduating high school or someone starting many years after high school. UAHT's early college high school programs and affordable tuition rates make it possible to earn a degree without stressing over the potential debt that can come with it. I would also recommend UAHT to others because of the small class sizes. This allows students to gain one-on-one instruction and helps ensure they achieve all the knowledge they need regarding the subject matter."

UAHT MARKETING DEPARTMENT WINS NATIONAL ADVERTISING AWARDS

The UAHT College Relations Department was selected as the winner of six educational advertising awards at the 39th Annual Educational Advertising Awards competition in Atlanta, Georgia. The Educational Advertising Awards is the country's largest educational advertising awards competition. This year, over 2,000 entries were received from over one thousand colleges and universities from all fifty states and numerous foreign countries. Judges for the Educational Advertising Awards consisted of a national panel of higher education marketers, advertising creative directors, and marketing and advertising professionals.

Casey Curtis, UAHT Communications Coordinator, and Carol Ann Milam, UAHT Social Media Coordinator, won the following awards:

- Gold Award Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Category: Explore Nontraditional Careers by Gender
- Gold Award Publications Category: Program Spotlight Magazine
- Gold Award Radio Advertising Series Category: UAHT Programs Radio Series
- Gold Award Television Advertising Series Category: UAHT Programs TV Commercials Series
- Silver Award Student Viewbook Category: UAHT College Guide
- Bronze Award Social Media Content: TRiO Karaoke Cab Video Series



UAHT SECONDARY CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CENTER STUDENTS PLACE 3RD IN WELDATHON

Three welding students from the UAHT Secondary Career and Technical Education Center recently competed in the annual Weldathon held at South Arkansas Community College. Caden Hall of Arkansas High School, Natalie Tuttle of Fouke High School, and Clayton Bullard of Arkansas High School took home third place in the competition.

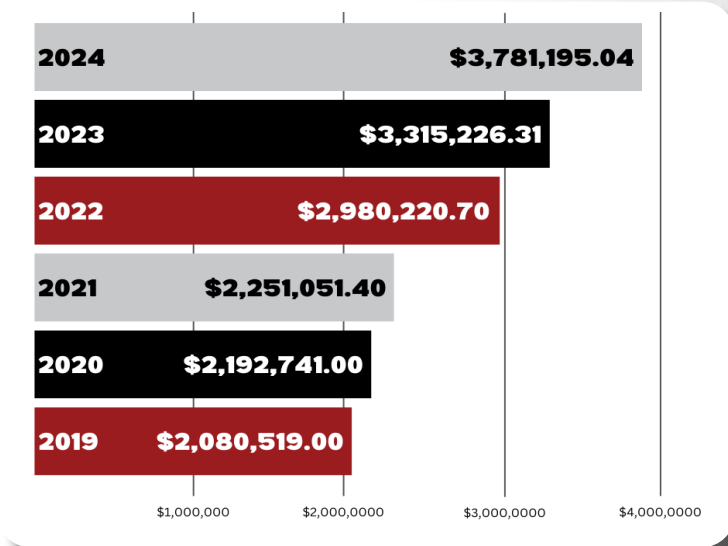
UAHT welding instructor Bob McFarland commended the students for their remarkable achievement in a highly competitive event. "Placing in this tough competition is a significant milestone," McFarland said. "These students have not only demonstrated their talent and hard work but also their commitment to a promising career path while still in high school. The secondary career center is indeed a valuable program for high school students. Every student should consider the career center as at least a path to explore their career options."



Pictured left to right: Caden Hall (Arkansas High School), Natalie Tuttle (Fouke High School), Clayton Bullard (Arkansas High School), Bob McFarland (UAHT Welding Instructor)

UAHT FOUNDATION

ENDOWMENT GROWTH



\$105,000

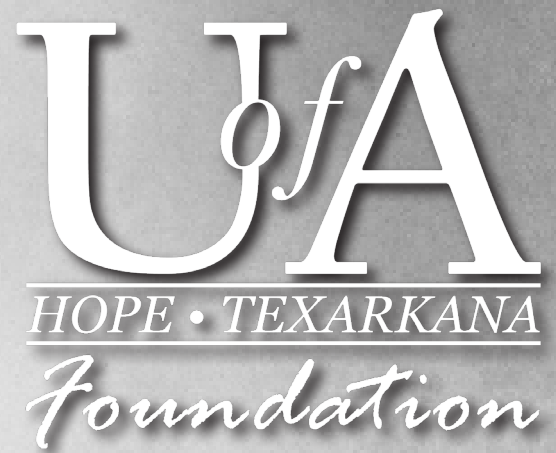
In Annual & Endowed Scholarships
in Spring & Fall of 2024

ANNUAL AWARDS:

Internal Giving Bridge Builder Scholarships: \$5,000

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"The help provided by UAHT Foundation scholarships, such as the Commercial National Bank and Douglas-Cartwright Brown Endowed Scholarships, greatly helped me eliminate the financial burden of college so I could focus on pursuing my dream of becoming a nurse. Without help like this, it would be extremely difficult to be successful. I am thankful there are generous donors out there to help students like me succeed"

- Victoria G.

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

UAHT succeeds because of the continued support of individuals, foundations, and corporate gifts. Maintaining strong alliances with community partners ensures we are building our bridge to the future with a strong and ready workforce to meet the demands of local industry. Your generosity and support of UAHT allow us the opportunity to positively impact the lives of our students and community. If you would like to support UAHT, please contact me, Kelly Wilcox, Director of Institutional Advancement at (870) 722-8516 or by email at kelly.wilcox@uaht.edu.



Over **150** orders each semester!

UAHT Foundation Underwritten Programs

Kids College Program: **180 Students**

Camp Save-A-Life: **11 Graduates**

Baby Sitting Basics: **6 Graduates**

Technology Camp: **15 Graduates**



MISSION

The primary purpose of the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Foundation is to advance higher education by securing private financial support for all units and activities of the college.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Foundation supports students through scholarships and special projects to advance the institution. The most common giving opportunities are annual and endowed scholarships. The Foundation currently has over 125 privately funded annual and endowed scholarships awarded to students each year. Additionally, the Foundation supports \$10,000 yearly in "U-Can" scholarships for students who have not been enrolled in college in the past two years and have not completed an associate degree or higher.

University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana employees strongly support the Foundation by giving internally to the UAHT Bridge Builder Scholarships each year. Other opportunities for giving include naming of buildings, estate planning, securities, life insurance, matching gifts, event sponsorships, and memorial or honorarium donations. Your investment in the education of University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana students is an investment in your community and the future of our region.

NEW ENDOWMENTS

- The Carruthers' Family Endowment
- Sue Huckabee Endowment

The Foundation Gas Card Program

9 Student gas cards issued in 2023-24



UAHT QUICK FACTS



What is an Iron Horse?

The Iron Horse reflects the history of the railroad in the development of Hope and Texarkana and ties local rural history to the advancements that have brought the area from relying on horse power to today's modern technology. **His name is Spike!**

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