

2021-2022

ANNUAL REPORT



MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Thank you for your interest in the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana.

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana, also known as UAHT, has served students and the community for almost 60 years. From our humble beginnings as Red River Vocational-Technical School in 1965, UAHT now serves over 3,000 students each year on campuses in Hope, Texarkana, Historic Washington, Arkansas, and online.

At UAHT, we have something for everyone, from cradle to career. UAHT offers youth summer enrichment programs, early college programs, over 60 certificate and degree programs, community education courses, and business and industry training.

The presence of Hempstead Hall on the Hope campus provides students and the community with many cultural enrichment opportunities, as well as space to host trainings and events. In addition, it hosts chart-topping Grammy Award-winning musicians and entertainers. This past year, Hempstead Hall was nominated for the prestigious Arkansas Country Music Awards Venue of the Year.

Another great reason to attend UAHT is that it saves students money. UAHT has one of the most affordable tuition and fee costs in Arkansas, making our college one of the best values in higher education. UAHT offers institutional scholarships and a book rental program that costs students only \$20 per credit hour or about \$60 for many courses. Through the generous gifts of our donors, the UAHT Foundation also offers our students over 120 private scholarships. Combined with federal and state financial aid opportunities, most of our students graduate college debt-free.

The environment at UAHT is open and friendly, allowing our students to thrive socially and academically. UAHT has small class sizes ensuring that students have the opportunity to ask questions and get individual attention from instructors. Our campuses have a variety of student organizations and on-campus activities, including student events and intramural sports.

Every aspect of the UAHT mission revolves around student success. From our state-of-the-art facilities and technology to our quality student services and world-class instruction, our purpose is to help our students reach their educational goals.

I hope you will consider allowing UAHT to be ***YOUR BRIDGE TO THE FUTURE.***

Sincerely,

Dr. Christine Holt, Chancellor

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- Anna Powell, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement
- Misty Hughes, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness

UAHT QUICK FACTS

One of the most affordable tuition rates in Arkansas!



Accredited by the Higher Learning Commission

77% of our students received financial aid in the 2021-22 semesters!



2 Convenient Locations

15:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

\$20 Cost of student rental textbooks per credit hour!

110+

REGIONAL EMPLOYER PARTNERSHIPS



100% EMT & Paramedic Placement Rate

100% LPN Placement Rate

92% Funeral Services Placement Rate

720 Average Degrees Awarded Annually



50+ Programs of study

1548 Students

Last Academic Year

WORLD CLASS

U of A

SYSTEM EDUCATION

25 CERTIFICATES OF PROFICIENCY

18 TECHNICAL CERTIFICATES

23 ASSOCIATE DEGREES

Early College Programs:

- Concurrent Credit
- Collegiate Academies
- Secondary Career Center

Students can transfer to U of A Fayetteville and pay UAHT's low tuition rate with the

Arkansas Transfer Achievement Scholarship



Students can earn an AA Degree

100% ONLINE!



HEMPSTEAD HALL

21 COMMUNITY EDUCATION CLASSES

45 ACADEMIC K-12 EVENTS

72 WORKFORCE EVENTS

TOTAL EVENTS: **249**

TOTAL ATTENDANCE: **28,536**

\$127,250

DONATED IN WAIVED FEES & MAN HOURS WORKED

UA TEXARKANA CASINO NIGHT

The UAHT Foundation hosted a special “Casino Night” to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the Texarkana campus. The event featured casino games, music, dancing, and, of course, drinks, food, and fun. The celebration was hosted by friends of UA Texarkana, including Shelby and Mayor Allen Brown, Prissy and Dr. Randy Hickerson, Robin and David Hickerson, Morgan and Dr. Brent Bennett, and Dr. Christine Holt.

The University of Arkansas at Texarkana has become an integral part of the Texarkana landscape and has served over 2,700 students since 2012. In the past ten years, UA Texarkana has partnered with local high schools to offer many concurrent credit and early high school degree and certificate programs, including the Arkansas High Collegiate Academy and the Secondary Career and Technical Education Center. UA Texarkana has awarded 2,247 degrees and certificates since its inception and increased the number of students from Miller County, Arkansas, from 10 to 215.

UAHT is committed to the Texarkana community. Since 2012, UA Texarkana has constructed three buildings representing a total investment of over \$10,000,000.00 in Texarkana, Arkansas.



FARMERS BANK & TRUST CONTRIBUTION

The Farmers Bank Foundation has committed \$100,000 to UAHT to fund the construction and development of a new Workforce Center at the Texarkana campus. The building will be called the Farmers Bank & Trust Workforce Center and is set to open for the 2023 spring semester. The new 14,754-square-foot facility will serve as a modern employment training center for students in the southwest Arkansas region and house the Arkansas High School Collegiate Academy and the Secondary Career and Technical Education Center.

“We are excited to partner with the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana to provide a state-of-the-art facility for workplace education. Preparing students with hands-on employment training is the future of education and benefits local communities for years to come. We are humbled and grateful to support the efforts of UAHT.”

Elizabeth Burns Anderson,

Executive Director of the Farmers Bank Foundation



BBB SUPPORT FOR YOUTH PROGRAMS

In 2007, UAHT established the UAHT Kids' College program. That same year, the UAHT Foundation, along with a local committee of ladies from the community, began raising funds for the program with the first annual Beads, Bags, and Bangles (BBB) Bazaar. Now, fifteen years later, the "BBB Committee" is proud to announce the establishment of a \$200,000 Kids' College Endowment. "It's been a privilege for me to be a member of the BBB committee since its first fundraiser many years ago," said Deborah Malek, Founding BBB Committee member. "Because of our community's enthusiastic response to our BBB fundraising event each year, we are able to give this lasting gift to the UAHT Foundation to continue enriching the lives of students through education for many years to come."

Since its inception fifteen years ago, Kids' College has served over 10,000 students and has grown to offer other programs, including Camp-Save-A-Life, Engineering and Manufacturing Camp of Creativity, Junior Ranger Summer Camp, and Safe Sitter. "Kids' College is a great opportunity for kids to explore new horizons, try new things, and make new friends," said Kim Hollis, Founding BBB Committee member. "Starting early is a wonderful way for kids to realize how important college is, and there is no greater way of demonstrating respect for students' curiosities in college than endowing scholarships toward their interests. I am very proud to have been a part of fundraising efforts over the years to benefit students along with the other many ways UAHT brings value to the community."

"As a former director of Kids' College, I know first-hand how wonderful these programs are and how impactful they are on introducing students to education," said Anna Powell, UAHT Executive Director of Institutional Advancement. "Many students we have served over the years would never be introduced to a college campus if not for Kids' College. These programs help open students' eyes to the fact that college is attainable for them and will improve their lives. I want to thank all of the ladies who have served on the BBB Committee over the years and the former UAHT Foundation directors, including Stacy Keith, Dolly Henley, and Jill Bobo, for making this program possible for the thousands of students who have attended over the years. Without them, none of this would be possible."

The UAHT Foundation held the 15th Annual Beads, Bags, and Bangles Kids' College fundraiser this past year at The Barn at Willow Oak Acres in Prescott, Arkansas. The theme of this event was "Beads, Bags, Bangles, and Boatin'." The Foundation raised \$35,000 dollars at the event to be used for scholarships and supplies to benefit youth programs.



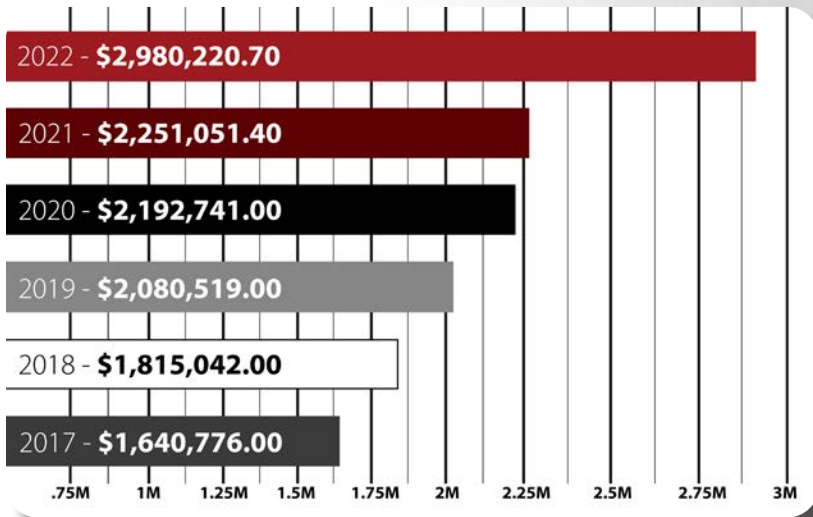
BBB Committee members since 2007:

Jamie Pafford Gresham, Allison Wilson, Betty Jo Hayes, Bitsy Carter, Charlotte Bradley, Christi Whitlock, Deborah Malek, Suzie Barham, Jennifer Tyree, Kathy Struckman, Kim Hollis, Lindy Franks, Penny Thomason, Mikki Curtis, Allison Sitzes, Tonja Hayes, Amanda Lance, Laura Clark, Anna Lee Powell, Megan Cox, Samantha Gummesson, Robyn Carter, Mendy Wright, Mandy Welch, Jennifer Methvin, Jill Bobo, Dolly Henley, Stacy Keith, Lindsey Powell Townsend, the late Bonnie Routon



UAHT FOUNDATION

ENDOWMENT GROWTH



\$86,000

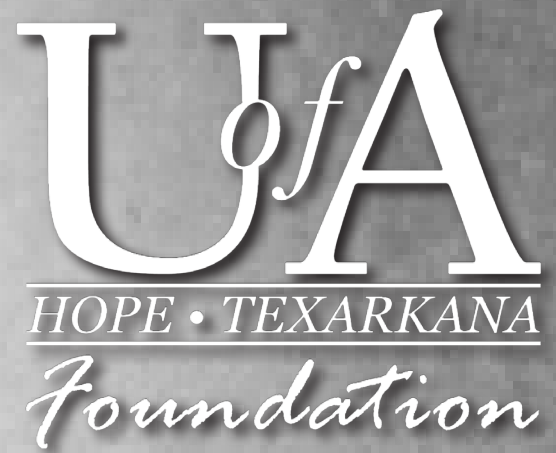
In Annual & Endowed Scholarships
in Fall 2021 - Spring 2022

ANNUAL AWARDS:

Internal Giving Bridge Builder Scholarships: \$4,000

Ambassador Scholarship: \$5,000

U-Can Scholarship: \$10,000



UAHT Foundation Board Members:

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Jerry Pruden

Ned Ray Purtle

Freddie Smith

DONATE



"I am extremely thankful to those who make the Foundation Scholarships possible. As a student with big dreams, I genuinely appreciate every bit of help that I can get. It is very encouraging for me to see the community giving back and caring so much for the students here at UAHT!"

-Allison Bonner, UAHT Student

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As a result of your generosity, we have been able to continue to address the needs of our institution and students. None of this would be possible without our exceptional donors who have turned their philanthropy into better educational opportunities for students in the Ark-La-Tex.



It is the ongoing support of individuals, businesses, community members, and those who are dedicated to helping keep our community college vital that makes the difference in so many lives each and every day. Every gift can truly change a student's educational story. We are forever grateful to receive donations as an investment in the education of UAHT students. Furthermore, your investment is in your community and the future of our region. To be a part of UAHT's story through a donation, contact Anna Powell, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement, at 870-722-8516 or anna.powell@uaht.edu.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

10-15 Scholarships awarded annually



Over **150** orders
each semester!

UAHT Foundation Underwritten Programs

Kids College Program: **200-225** Students

Camp Save-A-Life: **20-30** Graduates

Engineering/Manufacturing Camp of Creativity:
10 Graduates

"For the 2023 school year we are expecting bigger and better learning opportunities thanks to the support of the UAHT Foundation and BBB Committee."

Akili Moses Israel,

Director of Community Education/Business & Industry Training/Kids' College



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 University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana.

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, and the Foundation currently has over 125 privately funded annual and endowed scholarships awarded to students each year. Additionally, the Foundation provides \$10,000 each year 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

- Angela Faye Henderson Memorial Scholarship
- Dorothy McFadden Hoover Endowed Scholarship
- Doug Marcaida KEAL Club Annual Scholarship
- Dr. Marilynn Harris Wallace Endowed Scholarship
- Gladys Pedron Nursing Endowed Scholarship
- Kids' College Endowment
- Klipsch Heritage Museum Association Annual Scholarship
- Phillips Family Endowed Scholarship
- Reverend Frank Ehrman Memorial Annual Scholarship
- Walnut Hill Communications Endowed Scholarship

**The Iron Horse Depot Foundation
Store serves **200+** Students annually**

**UAHT Foundation established a
\$10,000 Student Emergency Fund**

**The Foundation Gas Card Program
10-15** Students served annually



NEW ACADEMIC PROGRAMS

- Arkansas Trucking Academy (ArkTA)
- Electromechanical Technology
- Cybersecurity
- Construction Technology
- Online Medical Office Assistant Certificate

JAMES BLACK'S BOWIE HERITAGE FESTIVAL

The UAHT Foundation partnered with the City of Washington, Arkansas and Historic Washington State Park this year to host the Inaugural James Black's Bowie Heritage Festival. The festival welcomed over 2500 attendees and was held at several venues throughout the City of Washington, including the James Black School of Bladesmithing and Historic Trades. Special guests at the festival included History Channel's 'Forged in Fire' judge and edged weapons combat specialist Doug Marcaida and 'Forged in Fire' Judge and Mastersmith James Neilson. To cap off the events, Doug and Joelle Marcaida established the Doug Marcaida K.E.A.L. (Keep Everyone Always Learning) Club Scholarship at the James Black School of Bladesmithing and Historic Trades. For every purchase made on Dougmarcaida.com, a donation will be made to the Doug Marcaida K.E.A.L. Club Scholarship Fund.



DOROTHY MCFADDEN HOOVER ENDOWMENT

The UAHT Foundation is proud to announce the establishment of the Dorothy McFadden Hoover “Hidden Figure” Memorial Endowed Scholarship. The \$20,000 endowed scholarship was funded by gifts from Ozaree Twillie, Ellen Turner, and donors to the Giving Tuesday 2021 Campaign. The purpose of the scholarship is to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a certificate or degree from UAHT with preference given to an African American female with a minimum 2.5 GPA. The scholarship is named in honor of Dorothy McFadden Hoover to commemorate her life and accomplishments as a local African American hero.

To learn more about Dorothy McFadden Hoover, please visit uaht.edu/dorothy-mcfadden-hoover.



COLLEGIATE ACADEMY VISITS UA FAYETTEVILLE

Each year the UAHT Foundation funds a trip for the Arkansas High and Hope Collegiate Academy juniors to visit the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. This year the students were led on a campus tour by last year’s collegiate academy graduates and attended a Razorback football game!





BE A MODEL, BREAK THE MOLD

UAHT held the first-ever “Be A Model, Break The Mold” career exploration event this year for young women in Southwest Arkansas schools. The event was an opportunity for female students to gain hands-on experience in nontraditional career fields. A total of 82 young women were allowed to learn about three different industries. The entire UAHT Technical and Industrial Division participated and highlighted industries including welding, industrial maintenance, electricity, diesel mechanics, information technology, coding, business, solar power, and HVAC.

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR IRON HORSE PANTRY

The UAHT Iron Horse Pantry began operation in December of 2019. Since then, over 5,214 food and nonperishable items have been donated and over \$2,305 donated by the community and UAHT employees. One local organization has made it a priority to donate to the pantry. Red River Credit Union (RRCU) Hope Branch has donated 242 items. “RRCU loves to be involved in the community and being able to help support local students on the back end as they pursue their educational goals is important to us,” Kishanda Beasley, Hope Branch Manager, said. “Sometimes students just need help with things like food and toiletries to take a little more financial burden off them to help them succeed.” Kristin Hilburn, RRCU Teller Supervisor, added, “Our branch loves being a part of this community, and being able to help people here in any way we can is an awesome feeling.”

IRON HORSE PANTRY WALL OF HOPE



46TH ANNUAL WATERMELON FESTIVAL CONCERT

The UAHT Foundation, in partnership with the Hope-Hempstead County Chamber of Commerce, brought in genre-crossing hitmaker and chart-topper Uncle Kracker to headline the 46th Annual Hope Watermelon Festival. The concert was a huge success, with the largest crowd ever in attendance at the festival concert.

BELLWETHER AWARD FINALIST

UAHT was named a top 10 national finalist for the highly coveted Bellwether Consortium Awards this year in the Instructional Programs & Services category for the college’s innovative collegiate academy high schools. Community colleges from 19 states submitted entries for the 2022 competition, and UAHT was the only community college finalist from Arkansas. Bellwether finalists represent leading community colleges whose outstanding and innovative programs and practices were selected among competitive submissions as exemplary. According to the Consortium, the award “focuses on cutting-edge, trendsetting programs worthy of replication.”





ACADEMIC ALL-STAR

The 2022 UAHT Academic All-Star, Allison Bonner, was recently recognized at the annual Arkansas Community Colleges Conference in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Governor Asa Hutchinson presented the keynote address at a brunch honoring the 22 student scholarship winners from across the state. The students were awarded a full-tuition transfer scholarship to any Arkansas public, four-year university to complete their bachelor’s degree, with a combined total for the scholarships estimated to be more than \$500,000.

WELDATHON AWARD

Three UAHT Secondary Career & Technical Education students won second place at a team “Weldathon” competition at South Arkansas Community College. The three-person high school team representing UAHT included Clayton Brantley (Fouke High School), Mason Garrett (Fouke High School), and Joseph Brown (Arkansas High School). Seven teams from secondary career and technical centers across Arkansas competed in the Weldathon.



MALCO PRODUCTS AWARD

UAHT student Christian Hart of Mineral Springs, Arkansas, was named “Head of the Class” through a student recognition program by Malco Products, SBC, the nation’s leading manufacturer of tools of the trade for trade professionals. Hart was selected based on his attendance, participation, grades, and internship experience. He was presented with a certificate, Malco cap, and tool kit. After graduation, Christian was immediately employed at Weyerhaeuser in Dierks, Arkansas.



ARKANSAS GOVERNOR’S SCHOLARSHIP

Sydnie Booker, a senior at the Hope Collegiate Academy, received the Arkansas Governor’s Distinguished Scholarship. This scholarship is the most academically rigorous scholarship program for graduating seniors in Arkansas. Only 64 students spanning nineteen counties in southwest Arkansas and just three in Hempstead County qualified for the scholarship.



STUDENT LIFE ON CAMPUS

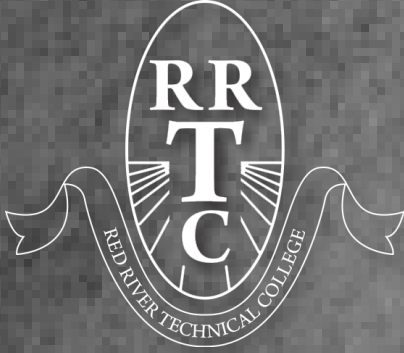
UAHT takes pride in the fact that there are many opportunities to complement classroom learning and expand personal interest. These activities offer opportunities for social growth and for the development of values, appreciations, and insights. The intramural program is designed to provide students and staff an opportunity to participate in athletic recreational activities in a fun and safe environment. At UAHT, intramural sports promote physical fitness, social interaction, and campus involvement. In addition to sports, there are currently 15 active student organizations that give students an opportunity to interact with their peers and enrich their college experience.





RED RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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1991



your bridge to the future

1996



Community College at Hope

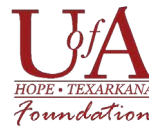
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