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## Student Affairs Bi-Weekly Newsletter

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This bi-weekly newsletter is meant to inform you of important events, announcements, acknowledgements and deadlines in the [Division of Student Affairs](#) over the next two weeks.

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### Feature

Check out the Instagram feed of UA Productions. On Tuesdays we feature a #TimelapseTuesday post from around the University of Arkansas campus. [https://www.instagram.com/ua\\_productions/](https://www.instagram.com/ua_productions/)

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### Events:

#### Monday, March 14

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. - RESPECT and No Woman Left Behind will host the grass roots, visually striking photo project, Art as Activism - Guarded, Pat Walker Health Center room 283

#### Tuesday, March 15

5:00 p.m. - Art as Activism-Guarded Photo Project, PWHC room 283

7:00 p.m. - Music Trivia Night, International Connections Lounge

#### Thursday, March 17

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. - 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Egg-Tastic Egg Hunt, Union Mall

5 p.m. – Associated Student Government Election Results Announcement, Union Mall

7:00 p.m. - Based on a True Story Movie Series: *The Theory of Everything*, UP Video Theater

### Announcements:

#### University Career Development Center

Mar. 14 – Mar. 18 is the Freshmen Engineering Program's Mock Interview Week. The University Career Development Center and the College of Engineering

are collaborating to provide all 600 plus freshmen engineering students with a 30-minute, individualized mock interview. To facilitate this event, over 60 employers from the engineering field and University Career Development Center career counselors have volunteered to interview the students and provide valuable feedback. This experience will help in the professional development of the students as well as give them an opportunity for some friendly competition as they vie to win the interviewing competition.

&#8226 The office is closed due to electrical repairs Tuesday, March 22-24. However, we are providing limited career services via phone or Skype. Please call (479) 575-2805 if you would like to schedule an appointment. We will be closed Friday, March 25, for Spring Break and will reopen Monday, March 28.

### **Campus Dining Services**

- ? Chartwells will add a dietetics Intern Position to staff beginning in the summer. This student will work with Chartwells Registered & Licensed Dietitian Kay Gay and Marketing Director Kim Johnson to develop more communication channels with students and drive awareness about eating healthy and navigating dining locations to accommodate specific diet needs. During orientation, the student position will allow Chartwells to provide touch points with parents and students beyond the information fair.

### **Center for Community Engagement**

- ? Registration now open for the [National Food Waste and Hunger Conference](#) Saturday, April 16, and Sunday, April 17, here at the University of Arkansas hosted by Campus Kitchens and the Center for Community Engagement Campus Hunger Initiative.
- ? The Full Circle Food Pantry is offering SNAP Outreach. SNAP is the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, formerly known as Food Stamps, that helps low income individuals buy groceries. SNAP assistance is typically available at the pantry on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., or by appointment. [Sign up here](#) for more information on SNAP application assistance or email Courtney at [snaphelp@uark.edu](mailto:snaphelp@uark.edu).
- ? The Full Circle Food Pantry will be offering a Cooking Matters cooking class, which "teaches participants to shop smarter, use nutrition information to make healthier choices and cook delicious, affordable meals." The class will be offered Mondays from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. at the Walton Residence Hall kitchen on March 28 – April 25, with the final class being held at a local grocery store on May 2. [Sign up here](#) for more information on Cooking Matters or email Courtney at [snaphelp@uark.edu](mailto:snaphelp@uark.edu).

## **Development**

- ? The Nola Holt Royster Scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis to undergraduate students who have graduated from an Arkansas high school. Qualifications include demonstrating financial need, showing excellence in the classroom, contributing efforts to diversity the student body, being active in campus extracurricular activities, and maintaining a 2.75 cumulative GPA. One recipient will be awarded \$1,000 in the spring for the upcoming academic year. The amount will be split between Fall 2016 and Spring 2017 semesters. A student may be nominated by a faculty member, instructor, advisor, staff member, administrator, employer, or fellow student. The deadline for nominating undergraduate students for this scholarship is Friday, April 1 at 5:00 p.m. If you have questions, please contact Carolyn Collins at (479) 575-5007 or [cdc008@uark.edu](mailto:cdc008@uark.edu).

## **Greek Life**

- ? On Saturday, March 5, the Panhellenic Council interviewed 240 women to be potential Gamma Chis recruitment counselors for the Fall 2016 Panhellenic Recruitment. There will be 125 women selected to be Gamma Chis. Selections will be shared immediately following spring break.

## **New Student and Family Programs**

- &#8226 Spring Family Reunion, taking place on April 22-23, packages are now on sale at <http://parents.uark.edu>.

## **Off Campus Connections**

- ? Off Campus Connections will change its department name to Off-Campus Student Services effective Monday, May 16. A formal announcement, including new web and email addresses, will be forthcoming to assist in updating any publications or resources.
- ? Off Campus Connections will be working from an alternative location March 22-24 due to electrical panel work and construction. While the Commuter Lounge will be closed during these dates, staff will be available via phone and email.

## **Pat Walker Health Center**

- ? Flu cases on campus continue to rise at a significant rate — 10% of patients seen have been flu-related. Students, faculty and staff should seek medical treatment if

experiencing flu-like symptoms, and should stay home until they are fever free for 24 hours.

- ? The Wellness Center is officially open and classes are now taking place. An open house is scheduled for later in the semester.

### **Student Activities**

- ? The 2016-2017 Associated Student Government General Election will take place March 14-16. In this election, students will vote on a number of issues. More information about the election can be found on the [ASG website](#). The ballot issues are ASG Executive Officers, President/Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer; ASG Legislative members, Senators and GSC Representatives.
  - o Three referenda items also on the ballot: Constitutional amendment to formally add the GSC Speaker to the ASG Executive; Constitutional amendment to transfer legislative representation of the Law School from Senate to GSC; Presenting the “Old Main Oath”, a campus creed drafted by ASG and partners, for approval by the student body.

&#8226 A friendly reminder that any member of the UA community may nominate an outstanding RSO member, advisor, or event to be recognized for SOOIE’s “Of The Month” award. One nominee in each category is recognized every month; additionally, all nominees are automatically entered in selection for Outstanding RSO Member/Advisor/Event of the year. To nominate a person or event, please visit <http://osa.uark.edu/registered-student-organizations/forms.php>.

### **Veterans Resources and Information Center**

- ? The Center will be closed for electrical repairs from March 22-25. During this time, please contact the VRIC staff through email at [vric@uark.edu](mailto:vric@uark.edu). VRIC will reopen on Monday, March 28. We apologize for any inconvenience.

### **Deadlines:**

#### **University Programs Applications**

Applications for the eight committee chair positions are due in the Office of Student Activities Wednesday, March 16, at noon.

### **Arkansas Kickstart Mentors**

Applications for Arkansas Kickstart Mentors available at [nspf.uark.edu](http://nspf.uark.edu) and are due Saturday, April 9.

### **Volunteer Leader Applications for National Food Waste and Hunger Conference**

Volunteer Leader Applications for the National Food Waste and Hunger Conference are now open. The conference is co-hosted by the Center for Community Engagement and Campus Kitchens April 15-17, on the U of A campus. The applications can be found for this “short term” leadership opportunity at [service.uark.edu](http://service.uark.edu).

### **Acknowledgments:**

#### **Center for Community Engagement**

Razorback Food Recovery Student Volunteers recovered their 50,000<sup>th</sup> pound of food Tuesday, Mar. 8. 50,000 pounds of food recovered equals 41,667 meals for clients with Salvation Army, LifeSource and Yvonne Richardson Center. The partnership with Chartwells and the Center for Community Engagement campus partners – Kappa Kappa Gamma, Alumni Association, and Honors College – are all critical to the success of the program and made reaching the 50,000 mark a reality.

#### **Campus Dining Services**

On Wednesday, Mar. 9, Chartwells associates Robert Edmonson, Sheri Skelton, and Greg Blubaugh were honored with merit awards for years of service at the Lift Styles, Inc., “There’s No Place Like Home” Annual Awards Luncheon. The event, which took place at the Fayetteville Town Center, began with a plated and served meal that was donated by Chartwells. Life Styles, Inc., works with Northwest Arkansas companies, including Chartwells, to find the right employment fit for hundreds of individuals with disabilities each year. Currently, 15 Life Styles clients are working in various food service capacities on campus. Many of these workers have maintained their positions 16 years. Chartwells is proud to represent the University of Arkansas through partnership with and continued support of Life Styles, Inc.

#### **Greek Life**

On Thursday, Mar. 10, Greek Life Facilitators in partnership with the four Greek councils – Interfraternity Council, Panhellenic Council, National Pan Hellenic Council, and United Greek Council – hosted Greeks Gives Day. Chapters leading up to the day have been doing various community service projects. Members from each chapter handed out free scantrons to students to promote academics. Also, cans used in the Canstruction contest were donated to the Full Circle Food Pantry, bringing in over 10,000 pounds of food.

#### **Housing**

Molly McKinstry, an on-campus student leader currently serving as the Southwest

Association of College & University Housing, SWACURH, Director, was selected as the Arkansas recipient of the Gene Ward Outstanding Student Leader award at the recent SWACUHO 2016 annual conference held in Waco, Texas.

Megan Witherspoon, Assistant Director for Residence Education, was elected as Treasurer of SWACUHO at the recent SWACUHO 2016 annual conference held in Waco, Texas. Megan will serve a two-year term as treasurer for the SWACUHO region.

### **Off Campus Connections**

Sylvia Scott and Susan Stiers are attending the NASPA Annual Conference from Mar. 12 - 16. Both are members of the Adult Learners and Students with Children Knowledge Community, where Sylvia serves as the Region IV-West chair. The duo is also helping host a pre-conference workshop titled "Students with Children: Success Redefined."

If you have any comments or suggestions please email Scott Flanagin, executive director of communications for Student Affairs at [sflanagi@uark.edu](mailto:sflanagi@uark.edu).

The next bi-weekly newsletter will be emailed March 28.