

Student Affairs

VISION STATEMENT

The Division of Student Affairs enhances the University of Arkansas experience by helping students to become intellectually engaged, more self-aware, and strongly bonded to the University.

Mission Statement

The Division of Student Affairs' mission is to provide programs and services to promote academic success and student development.

Core Values

- Act as partners and collaborators in all endeavors.
- Exercise our role as educators in the student learning process.
- Provide friendly, helpful and responsive service.
- Treat all individuals with dignity and respect.
- Preserve the highest ethical standards based on trust, honesty and integrity.
- Encourage and model civility in all relationships.
- Be an inclusive community.

The Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs administers the departments of the Division of Student Affairs and provides leadership in the development of programs and services that supplement the classroom experience of students and enrich the quality of campus life. The Vice Chancellor serves as a liaison to other administrative offices, faculty, and student governing groups. The office is a central source of information concerning University policies and procedures affecting student life and co-curricular programs and services.

Students are encouraged to bring their concerns, questions, and ideas to the attention of the Vice Chancellor or the Dean of Students.

The Associate Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs and Dean of Students offers advising and referral services for individual students and many student organizations. A wide variety of educational programs and services are developed to meet the needs of the campus community. Recognizing a diverse and changing student population, the staff works with faculty and University personnel to provide the best possible experience for all students.

STUDENT SERVICES

Enhanced Learning Center

The purpose of the Enhanced Learning Center (ELC) is to assist the University of Arkansas in achieving its commitment to retain and graduate more students. The ELC provides a centralized, University-wide, comprehensive academic support center. Services include tutoring in a variety of first- and second-year courses as well as supplemental

instruction, study-skills education, individualized educational planning, math and writing resources, and academic coaching. Services offered at the ELC are available to all UA students.

The center is a collaboration of several academic support programs including: Student Support Services, the Quality Writing Center, SOAR Centers, and the Math Resource and Tutoring Center.

The ELC opened in fall 2003. The center is located on the ground floor of Gregson Hall and features a state-of-the-art computer lab, laptop checkouts, an open-study area, glassed-in study rooms, a conference room, and staff offices. Hours of operation are from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Friday, and 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. on Sunday. We may be contacted by phone at 479-575-2885 or visit us on the Web at <http://www.elc.uark.edu/>.

Services for Non-Traditional and Commuter Students

Increasing numbers of non-traditional students are attending the University. A non-traditional student is defined as an undergraduate who is 25 years of age or older, is enrolled part-time, is financially independent, has interrupted his/her education, is a single parent, works full-time, is married, or has dependents. Recent figures indicate that approximately 25 percent of undergraduate students at the University of Arkansas are non-traditional and 70 percent of all students live off campus. The mission of the Office for Non-Traditional & Commuter Students is to provide prospective and currently enrolled non-traditional and commuter students with support, information, and resources to meet their unique needs. The office will assist individuals with problem solving and provide information and referrals. The office maintains an e-mail list service and sends out a monthly newsletter full of information and events of interest. The ONTCS Discussion Board is an online forum where UA students may participate in discussions concerning childcare, housing, parking/transit, roommates, carpooling, or other general topics.

For further information, visit the office on the sixth floor of the Arkansas Union, Room 628, contact us by telephone 479-575-7351; e-mail ontcs@uark.edu, or view the Web site at www.uark.edu/admin/ontcs/.

In addition, several Student Affairs areas provide particular programs for non-traditional and commuter students. Orientation has sessions for transfer and adult students. Campus Dining Services offer meal plans for off-campus students. Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides a number of workshops and support groups designed to meet the special needs of adult learners.

Student Support Services

Student Support Services (SSS) is a federally funded TRiO program that has been contributing to the University of Arkansas campus since

1976. The purpose of SSS is to retain and graduate first-generation, income-eligible, and disabled students. Through holistic planning and preparation, the SSS program equips its participants with the skills to successfully matriculate and graduate with a baccalaureate degree from the University of Arkansas.

SSS provides a variety of services to all enrolled participants including: academic, personal, career, and financial-aid counseling; one-on-one and group tutoring; academic, social and cultural enrichments; honor roll and achievement awards; study skills and etiquette instruction; as well as career and graduate school preparation. All SSS participants have access to a high-tech computer lab, wireless laptop computers, a quiet place to study, and friendly staff ready to help.

SSS is located within the Enhanced Learning Center on the ground floor of Gregson Hall. Call 479-575-3546 or visit the Student Support Services Web page at <http://www.uark.edu/sss/>.

Services for International Students

The Office of International Students and Scholars serves foreign students and scholars and enhances the global awareness of the UA community. The office provides pre-arrival assistance and a comprehensive orientation program for newly admitted international students each semester. Cross Cultural Mentors provide one-on-one contact and group activities for new international students during their first semester, assisting them in their adjustment to the academic community and the Fayetteville/Northwest Arkansas area. The office provides services such as immigration advising, employment authorization, non-resident tax filing assistance, and other programs and services that help students and scholars reach their academic and personal goals and make their time at the University of Arkansas more productive and enjoyable.

The office administers four outreach programs that give students an opportunity to learn about U.S. life and culture while enriching the community's knowledge and appreciation of diverse populations and cultures. These are: the Friendship Partner program, which pairs students with local families who share American culture, daily life, and special activities with students; the Conversation Club program, which provides students with a small-group setting in which to practice conversational English with native speakers; the International Culture Team, a group whose members speak or share other skills and talents through presentations at community organizations, representing their home countries and cultures; and the Spouses Program, which brings together spouses of students and scholars to build friendships and introduce resources in the community that would benefit them.

The office sponsors various events including: the celebration of International Education Week each fall, and annual seminars for immigration attorneys. A number of registered student organizations specific to various country, culture, or language groups are linked with the office including the International Students' Organization (ISO), a group for U.S. and international students, which organizes events such as the International Bazaar and an annual banquet.

The Office of International Students and Scholars is in Holcombe Hall, Room 104; phone 479-575-5003; fax 479-575-7084; e-mail iss@uark.edu; Web: <http://uark.edu/iss/>.

Office of Student Mediation and Conflict Resolution

The Office of Student Mediation and Conflict Resolution provides an informal, impartial, and confidential means of conflict resolution to students and the campus community. It is the goal of the office to foster a culture of community, safe and open dialogue, and to encourage cooperative problem resolution. If you contact the office to address a specific conflict, an ombud will: listen to your concerns, provide facilitation or mediation services when appropriate, value diversity, hear all perspectives, assist you in considering your options

for resolution, and remain impartial to all parties involved. Services are confidential, and no identifying records are kept.

Educating the University community and maintaining effective processes are important components of preventing conflicts from escalating and can help enable University students and employees to effectively address adversity themselves. Training is available in alternative conflict resolution techniques, theory, and practice. Workshops are customized to fit specific needs. Recommendations may be made to administrators to improve processes that may inadvertently create conflicts, or inhibit informal resolution. Our goal is to create an environment that supports the early resolution of conflict.

The Office of Student Mediation and Conflict Resolution is in the Arkansas Union, Room 632; phone 479-575-4831; Web: <http://www.uark.edu/ua/ombuds/>.

Greek Life

The Office of Greek Life facilitates the educational process and provides resources related to programs that promote the growth and development of students affiliated with fraternities and sororities on campus. The overall mission is to enhance the academic, cultural, moral, and social development of students in Greek organizations; provide training in leadership and other personal and social skills; promote student involvement in extracurricular activities and community service projects; and promote Greek Life as a productive and viable lifestyle on campus. Programs such as Recruitment, Greek Weekend, Greek Life Facilitators, and Greek 101 are coordinated by the Office of Greek Life, the Interfraternity Council, the Panhellenic Council, and the National Pan-Hellenic Council.

The Interfraternity Council (IFC), Panhellenic Council (PHC), and National Pan-Hellenic Council (NPHC) are the governing bodies for 11 national sororities and 15 fraternities. The officers and representatives of IFC, Panhellenic, and NPHC work with the Office of Greek Life to provide positive programs and leadership opportunities to the members of the Greek organizations. The Greek Life office is in the Arkansas Union A697; phone 479-575-5001 or fax 479-575-3531; Web: <http://uagreeks.uark.edu/>.

Multicultural Center

The Multicultural Center enhances the University of Arkansas academic experience by preparing students for life in a diverse society. Seeking to provide an environment that promotes cross-cultural interaction among all students, the Center staff collaborates with the University community to provide educational, cultural and social programs. Academic and extracurricular resources are available to assist in the development and advancement of an inclusive learning community.

The Center offers a large gallery area for programming, art displays and cultural exhibits, meeting space, a small resource library that includes books, videos and board games, as well as an informal lounge where students can study or relax between classes. Students are encouraged to take advantage of these resources, and to become involved with the various student organizations offered at the University of Arkansas. Located on the fourth floor of the Arkansas Union in Room 404, the Multicultural Center may be contacted at 479-575-2064 or on-line at <http://multicultural.uark.edu>.

Reasonable Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The Center for Students with Disabilities (CSD), 104 Arkansas Union, is the central campus resource for students who require reasonable accommodations in order to access the programs, services and activities offered through the University. CSD staff work in partnership with the individual student to communicate and facilitate any accommodation needs to faculty and staff. Accommodation

determination is based on an analysis of medical or psychological documentation provided to the CSD by the student. Students must meet with one of the CSD staff to discuss their needs and provide such documentation before any accommodations can be granted.

To register for services or for more information, contact the Center for Students with Disabilities, University of Arkansas, 104 ARKU, Fayetteville, AR 72701, phone 479-575-3104 (voice) or 479-575-3646 (TTY); e-mail: ada@uark.edu; Web: <http://www.uark.edu/us/csd/>.

Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics

The mission of the Office for Community Standards and Student Ethics (OCSSE) is to provide an equitable and effective educational system that promotes responsibility, individual growth, accountability, and student learning through community outreach, peer mentoring, and enforcement of the Code of Student Life. The office is designed to provide an equitable process for dealing with alleged infractions of University rules, regulations, and/or laws by students. This system is informal, non-adversarial, and intended to be a part of the total educational process of the University. Students are encouraged to make responsible decisions and to be accountable for their actions. In addition, students who witness violations of the Code or who are victims of inappropriate or illegal behavior perpetrated by other students are encouraged to report such activity to the Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics.

Students who are interested in involvement with the All-University Judicial Board or the PEERs (Peers Educating Ethical Razorbacks) program should contact the Associate Dean of Students of the OCSSE. For more information see the Student Handbook, available in the Administration Building, Room 325. The Office of Community Standards and Student Ethics is in the Administration Building, Room 325, phone 479-575-5170; Web: <http://www.uark.edu/ethics/>.

First Year Experience Programs

The First Year Experience Programs at the University of Arkansas is a collaborative effort developed to enhance the academic and social integration of incoming students through a variety of classroom and co-curricular activities. Faculty and Student Affairs professionals work together to offer special assistance and promote skills designed to help students experience a fulfilling, rewarding, and successful first year at the University, and to assist them in reaching their ultimate goal of completing a degree.

First Year Experience Programs supports eight major initiatives: Orientation, ROCK Camp, Welcome Weeks, Academic Convocation/Burger Bash, Help-A-Hog, Family Weekend, Parent Partnership Association, and First Year Experience seminar courses. First Year Experience seminar courses are guided by an advisory board of Student Affairs professionals and First Year Experience course coordinators from each academic college. University of Arkansas executive administrators, faculty and staff participate in these programs as speakers, mentors or through other means of engagement. By providing transitional support for incoming students, First Year Experience programs effectively promote the students' academic growth and support the mission of the University.

The First Year Experience programs office is in the Arkansas Union, Room A687; phone 479-575-5002; Web: <http://fye.uark.edu/>.

PRE-COLLEGE PROGRAMS

The Office of Pre-College Programs consists of eight programs, serving Arkansas' brightest and best and students who demonstrate the potential and desire to attend college. These programs are the Gifted and Talented Scholars and Summer Institute, Academy for Mathematics and Sciences, Educational Talent Search, College

Project, Upward Bound/REAL, Veterans Upward Bound, and Summer Engineering and Science Research Experience. All participants receive multifaceted services to assist them with developing the skills, information, and resources necessary for college success.

As an ongoing mission, Pre-College Programs actively solicits collaborative partnerships with businesses, communities at large, and various departments within Student and Academic Affairs. These efforts enrich the services and learning opportunities available to participants and provide possibilities for the expansion of programming. For additional information, visit our office at 200 Hotz Hall, call 479-575-3553, or contact us online at <http://precollege.uark.edu/>.

Academy for Mathematics and Sciences

The Academy for Mathematics and Sciences serves students in grades 9-12 from a four-county area in Northwest Arkansas. This college preparatory program for students excelling in the academic areas of math and science encourages post-secondary study in related career fields. The program includes a six-week residential component in the summer and an academic component year round. An integrated curriculum focusing on group and individual research projects in math, science, and engineering is supplemented with offerings in English, foreign language, literature, and computers. A Web-based curriculum and discussion forums provide enhanced and ongoing student involvement throughout the year with the campus-based project. College tuition and credit is available to students bridging from their senior year in high school to college.

Educational Talent Search and College Project

Educational Talent Search and College Project are early intervention projects. Serving 1,600 students in grades 6-12, the programs promote the skills and motivation necessary for successfully completing a baccalaureate degree. Emphasizing personal/career development, technological/academic skills, ACT readiness, and college preparatory workshops, the programs prepare students to meet their college entry goals. Academic monitoring, counseling, and tutoring services are incorporated to facilitate the progress of each student. Summer enrichment and campus-based events provide ongoing opportunities for institutional and faculty involvement.

Gifted & Talented Scholars and Summer Institute

The University of Arkansas Gifted and Talented Scholars program was established to acknowledge the best and brightest youth throughout the state of Arkansas. Nominated by local educators, Gifted and Talented Scholars represent a select group of students, in grades 6-12, with exceptional academic ability and potential. The Gifted and Talented Scholars Summer Institute provides an intensive three-week residential experience for academically talented students completing the eighth and ninth grade. This advanced and educationally dynamic learning environment supplements all accelerated academic learning with a variety of extracurricular activities to address the social and affective needs of all participants.

Upward Bound and REAL

Upward Bound is designed to offer challenging pre-college experiences to students of high academic ability. Services are designed to develop the essential skills, study habits, and discipline necessary for success in high school and college. The project serves 60 students, in grades 9-12, from participating schools in Benton and Washington counties. Participants commit to the program until high school graduation and participate in both a six-week summer residential program and an academic year component. Being curriculum-based, the program provides exposure to a wide variety of academic, cultural, and social opportunities, simulating a college experience. Upward Bound

students completing their senior year of high school receive free tuition for up to six hours of college credit. A second Upward Bound program, R.E.A.L. (Reaching Educational Aspirations of Latinos/as) serves 50 Latino/a students in the Rogers and Springdale Public School districts.

Veterans Upward Bound

This program identifies and serves the unique needs of 120 eligible veterans from Northwest Arkansas who have the academic potential and desire to enter and succeed in a post-secondary program of study. Eligible veterans have completed a minimum of 180 days of active duty in the military or Coast Guard and hold any discharge other than dishonorable. Services include tutoring; guidance counseling; assistance in filing financial aid and VA benefit forms; academic/career assistance; test preparation for entrance exams; and courses in English, Spanish, math, science, and computer technology. Courses are offered each semester.

Summer Engineering and Science Experience

Summer Engineering and Science Research Experience is a collaboration between the University of Arkansas and Arkansas School for Mathematics, Sciences and the Arts that provides a high quality educational and research experience for talented scholars. This pilot program accommodates 10 students and includes an in-resident seven-week summer program.

UNIVERSITY CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Career Development Center provides a comprehensive career development program designed to meet the needs of the University of Arkansas community. The center assists students and alumni in the development of skills necessary for lifelong career management.

The center provides individual and group career advising sessions; a one-hour credit "Career Decision-Making" course; career planning and job search workshops; individual assistance with resume preparation and job interview skills; resources for experiential education opportunities; career interest assessments; a career resource library; and placement services.

Students are encouraged to begin working with the staff of the Career Development Center during their first year at the University of Arkansas. Advisers assist students in selecting a college major, in obtaining a cooperative education or internship placement, and in preparing for their job search or graduate/professional school application. A full-range of career fairs is offered each semester including all-campus fairs and individual industry-specific fairs.

The Career Development Center staff members welcome opportunities to present career planning or job search information to students in the classroom. The Career Center also encourages faculty and staff to partner with them in hosting employers for on-campus recruiting visits. There are valuable opportunities to develop strong professional relationships with the 300-400 corporate recruiters who visit our campus each year.

The University Career Development Center provides services and educational programs to students, alumni, former students, faculty, staff, and their families. A satellite Career Center in the Walton College of Business serves students and alumni in the Walton College.

For further information, contact the University Career Development Center, ARKU 607, 479-575-2805, or visit our Web site at <http://career.uark.edu/>.

UNIVERSITY HEALTH CENTER

Pat Walker Health Center

The Pat Walker Health Center provides professional and com-

prehensive medical care, mental health care, health education, and health promotion for the University of Arkansas community, including students, faculty, and staff. Committed to physical, mental, spiritual, emotional, and social health, the highest standards of quality, and an appreciation of the value of each individual, the Pat Walker Health Center services and programs support the education and development of each individual. Pat Walker Health Center services include:

Medical Services

Professional medical staff including physicians, nurse practitioners and registered nurses provide primary health care, as well as women's health care. An allergy clinic and a travel immunization clinic are also available. The Pat Walker Health Center is particularly advantageous to the campus community with a comprehensive clinical laboratory, X-ray facilities, and a licensed pharmacy with both prescriptive and over-the-counter medications.

Counseling and Psychological Services

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) provides a wide range of consultations to students, students' partners, staff, and faculty of the University of Arkansas. Psychologists, social workers, and professional counselors work with students to solve problems, understand themselves, grow personally, and develop more satisfying relationships with friends and family. In addition to office consultations and therapy sessions, students have opportunities to participate in educational programs on campus as well as access to 24-hour emergency services for mental health crises.

Health Promotion and Education

A unique feature of the Pat Walker Health Center is the complete focus on the promotion of good health and prevention of negative health conditions. Professional health educators serve the campus community with wellness and prevention activities delivered in a variety of educational settings including everything from individual consultations to one-hour credit classes. Students benefit from the breadth of health and lifestyle topics addressed, which help them attain success in all aspects of their lives.

The Pat Walker Health Center opened at 525 North Garland Avenue in November 2004, with expanded services for the University of Arkansas community.

Students pay a per credit hour semester health fee that covers professional office visit charges. Student spouses are eligible for services and may pay the health fee. Services other than professional office visits are the responsibility of the patient and/or their health insurance plan. The University strongly recommends that all students have health insurance. A student health insurance policy endorsed by the Associated Student Government is available to all students, student spouses, and their dependent children. Students may enroll in this plan at the Pat Walker Health Center.

The Pat Walker Health Center welcomes inquiries about specific services at 479-575-4451; TTY 479-575-4124. More information is available on the Web at <http://health.uark.edu/>.

UNIVERSITY HOUSING

University Housing is committed to providing a quality living and learning environment that both challenges and supports the personal, social, and academic development of our residents and their diverse communities.

Experience and extensive research nationwide has shown that academic success in the first year and beyond is directly linked to resid-

ing in an on-campus residence environment. In an effort to increase the academic success of our entering students, the University of Arkansas requires all single freshmen under the age of 21, who do not reside with a parent in their permanent home, to live in an on-campus residence hall their first year. Requests to live somewhere other than with parents in their permanent home are not likely to be approved under most circumstances. The Freshmen Residency Requirement does not apply to students who have earned 24 credit hours at another college or university (even if the hours are not transferable). Students planning to live with their parents in their permanent home, or to request an exemption from the University of Arkansas Freshmen Residency Requirement, are encouraged to complete all required paperwork prior to attending an orientation session. Failure to do so could cause long delays in the orientation process. Students who wish to apply for an exemption to the University's requirement for single freshmen to live on campus may refer to the information on our Web site: <http://housing.uark.edu/>.

Each residence hall has a Resident Director. This individual is selected for his or her academic credentials and interest in helping others, as well as his or her ability to work well with college students. In addition, every area or floor is staffed by a Resident Assistant who is an upperclassman with training, experience, and knowledge to answer students' questions and, more importantly, to help students find their own answers. Counselors in Residence (graduate assistants) provide short-term counseling for students living in the residence halls and Carlson Terrace apartments, in response to personal, social, academic, and developmental needs.

Residential living offers several options: male, female, co-ed, or apartments. Rooms are available for visually or hearing impaired students as well as those who are physically challenged. Special-interest living options, such as honors programs, first-year experience, substance-free, architecture, engineering, pre-med/science, business and technology are also available to students. All residence hall exterior doors are secured and monitored 24 hours each day. Students are provided access to their assigned hall via their student identification card and the electronic access system. Additional information is available on the University Housing Web site.

Each of the three separate dining facilities on campus is managed by Campus Dining Services and provides a natural setting for socializing with friends and enjoying a wide variety of high quality, nutritious meals. All students living in a residence hall, except those residing in summer school housing, are required to have a meal plan. There are several meal plans available to meet the needs of both on-campus and off-campus students. Learn more about Campus Dining Services online at <http://dining.uark.edu/>.

ARKANSAS UNION

The mission of the Arkansas Union is to provide unique and diverse services, programs, conveniences, and amenities primarily for students, as well as for other members of the University of Arkansas family – faculty, staff, alumni, and guests. As the center of college community life, the Union complements the academic experience through an extensive variety of cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs. These programs provide the opportunity to balance course work and free time as cooperative factors in education.

The Arkansas Union serves as the community center of the University for all members of the college family. As the “living room” of campus, the Union is the gathering place of the college. The Union provides services and conveniences that members of the campus community need in their daily lives and creates an environment for getting to know and understand others through formal and informal associations. Included in the Union are meeting, reception, and banquet rooms; lounges; a ballroom; Anne Kittrell Art Gallery;

theater; video theater; and a computer lab. The Food Court offers Chick Fil A®, Burger King®, salads, soups, Tuscan Oven pizza/pasta, Sub Generation submarine sandwiches, barbecue, hot rotisserie foods, Mexican specialties, baked items, and Bamboo Asian Cuisine. RZ's Coffeehouse® and a Club Red “grab and go” convenience store are located in the building addition. Complete catering services are provided for meeting and function support. In addition, the Union houses the University Bookstore, U.S. Post Office, Union Hair Care, Union Copy Center, First Security Bank, Razorback Shop, Computer Store, Student Technology Center and Computer Lab.

As the center of the college community life, the Union complements the academic experience through an extensive variety of cultural, educational, social, and recreational programs. These programs provide the opportunity to balance course work and free time as cooperative factors in education. The Arkansas Union is the center of much student activity and is a perfect place for students to get involved on campus. University Programs provides many student events and activities. These activities are planned, organized, and presented almost totally by students. Typical programs are major concerts, symposium speakers, theater productions, video programs, fine arts programs, and art gallery shows. The Union is a student-centered organization that values participatory decision-making. Through volunteerism, its boards, committees, and student employment, the Union offers first-hand experience in citizenship and educates students in leadership, social responsibility, and values.

The Student Life Center in the building addition provides office space for many Registered Student Organizations and Student Support offices. The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership provides resources for student organizations. More than 25 student organizations including Associated Student Government, University Programs, and the student radio station are housed in the Union. Many other offices provide goods and services to support students, including the Office of Student Involvement and Leadership, Campus Card Office, Razorback\$ program, First Year Experience, Greek Affairs, Orientation, Office of Non-Traditional and Commuter Students, Student Mediation and Conflict Resolution, Assistant Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs, Multicultural Center, Associated Student Government, University Career Development Center, and Center for Students with Disabilities.

Office for Student Involvement and Leadership

The Office for Student Involvement and Leadership, located in the Arkansas Union, is the central location for student organizations and activities at the University. The primary mission of the department is to provide students with opportunities for involvement and to enable students to learn and practice leadership and management skills that complement classroom learning.

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership is responsible for the oversight and administration of the following five areas:

Registered Student Organizations

There are more than 200 registered student organizations at the University. The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership provides student organizations with assistance and services to help them succeed, including the annual Razorbash event, facility reservations, and fund-raising assistance, trademark forms, mailboxes, and locker space. The office also assists student organizations in event planning and presentations. Limited office space in the Arkansas Union is awarded annually to organizations by the Arkansas Union Advisory Council and is paid for by the Associated Student Government.

Registered Student Organizations vary from those in professional fields to special interest activities. They also include religious organizations, community-oriented outreach programs, political interest groups, student publications, minority groups, departmental and

professional organizations, social/fraternal organizations, and various honorary societies. Registered Student Organizations not affiliated with national social/fraternal organizations may be eligible for funding from the Associated Student Government.

Leadership and Volunteerism Programs

The Leadership Programs are designed to provide training, education, and development for students across campus. The primary programs in this area are Emerging Leaders, the LeaderShape Institute, and the Leadership Resource Library. These interactive programs motivate students and develop key leadership skills related to self-awareness, management, interpersonal relationships, organizational leadership, and networking. The integral role that students play in implementation of these programs serves as a part of the educational process for all students involved.

The Volunteer Action Center encourages civic engagement through community service and service learning. Large-scale volunteer events, such as “Make a Difference Day” and “Students’ Day of Caring,” are sponsored as student-led programs where university students can participate in various volunteer projects on the assigned program date. The Volunteer Action Center’s e-mail list service provides a clearinghouse for volunteer and community service opportunities in the Northwest Arkansas area.

University Programs

University Programs is a volunteer student organization responsible for planning and coordinating more than 350 events annually for the campus community. University Programs provides students with cultural and educational experiences, entertainment, and fun. Seven committees, all made up of students, select, schedule and produce events such as concerts, movies, lectures, fine arts performances, gallery exhibitions, and daytime programs. Being a part of University Programs gives the student committee members leadership training and real opportunities to gain practical planning experience. Supported by a student activity fee, University Programs events, with the exception of major concerts, are free to students.

Associated Student Government

The purpose of the Associated Student Government is to act as an organized voice for all students of the University of Arkansas, to effectively represent students in the University’s decision- and

policy-making process and to provide a broad educational experience for students while promoting citizenship on campus and in the greater community. Associated Student Government has many opportunities for involvement including the positions of Executive Officer, Executive Cabinet, ASG Senate, ASG Senate Committees, ASG Judiciary, and numerous University Committee Appointments.

Friday Night Live

Friday Night Live programming at the University of Arkansas is a collaborative effort for retention, programming, education and entertainment. It is designed to assist students in developing new and diverse relationships, particularly in interactive social events and promoting healthy lifestyles. The programs occurring on campus during the weekend are of the highest quality, represent a multiplicity of views, bring individuals together into a community setting, and are diverse enough to be enjoyed by all who participate.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES

An integral part of a University education is what can be gained through the worthwhile use of leisure time. Students are encouraged to balance involvement with their academic pursuits and interests. There are organizations, intramural sports, spectator sports, lectures, concerts, theatrical offerings, and other activities in which students are encouraged to participate. The Northwest Arkansas region represents one of the best recreational areas in the nation.

Student Media

Student Media is an umbrella organization that administers and advises the official student media outlets of the University. These outlets are: the student newspaper, The Arkansas Traveler; the UA yearbook, The Razorback; the student television station, UATV; the student radio station, KXUA; and the student magazine for the arts, Ozark Review. All provide a forum for student expression, entertainment, news and information of interest to the campus community. Other than a small support staff, these groups are entirely staffed by student employees and volunteers, including editors and station managers. For more information, contact Student Media at 479-575-3406.