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Significant Achievements and Changes of College and Programs/Departments

The College of Education and Health Professions completed another successful and productive year marked with remarkable accomplishments by faculty, staff, and students. One of the highlights of the year was the creation of the Office of Academic Student Initiatives and Services (OASIS) to strengthen student success and advance the University’s No. 1 strategic priority. The development of OASIS became possible with the 1% internal reallocation of funds. The OASIS brings together advising and student support services and consolidates resources at the College level to implement targeted retention initiatives and interventions while allowing faculty additional time for research. This new centralized structure allows for a more coordinated, systematic, and intentional design and implementation of student success initiatives at the College level to better serve its 4,043 undergraduate students and advance retention and graduation goals.

Another highlight was the strong showing of the College’s degree programs in national rankings and publications. The *U.S. News and World Report* ranked the College’s graduate programs, as a whole, as the No. 36 school of education among public institutions and No. 46 overall, a leap of 14 and 20 places respectively from the previous year’s rankings. The Eleanor Mann School of Nursing was awarded the prestigious designation as the Stella School by the National Student Nurses Association, being one of only two institutions recognized by the Association at their national meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, in April.

The College’s online programs also received widespread national recognition. Online graduate education programs ranked No. 35 among public institutions and No. 56 among all 309 institutions assessed in the *U.S. News and World Report of Best Online Programs*. The Doctor of Nursing Practice program was ranked at No. 34 among public institutions and No. 52 overall, a jump of 24 places from previous year’s rankings. The Master of Science in Nursing graduate degree program also moved up in the rankings to No. 50 among public institutions and No. 74 overall. Additionally, online master’s degrees in Physical Education and in Special Education were ranked No. 2 and No. 3 respectively, by a company named Early Childhood Education Degrees, based on affordability, flexibility, and academic prestige. The Human Resource and Workforce Development program ranked No. 6 on The 35 Best Online Master’s in Human Resources Programs.

The College had a record setting fundraising year, raising $21,393,683 for various programs and projects. Three signature gifts detailed below indicate both the breadth and depth of the impact that private giving has made in the College.

- **$10,234,000** - The Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity has been established to recruit and train classroom educators and leaders for the highest-need, highest-poverty schools across the state.
- **$1,275,000** - A gift that supports art integration into the school classroom using the network of A+ schools model.
- **$40,000** - Access Arkansas scholarship in the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing was created to provide funding for deserving nursing students from the Washington county area.
One of the major programmatic developments in the College was the establishment of the Bachelor of Arts in Teaching (BAT) degree programs in the areas of English, Social Studies, German, French, and Spanish Education. The four-year BAT degree programs will prepare students in the humanities with the pedagogical skills, the content knowledge, and the dispositions necessary for teaching and learning in the 21st century classrooms. The BAT with its strong emphasis on pedagogy, content, and field experiences will lead more students into choosing teaching as a career and fill the shortages across the state with professionally prepared teachers.

Grants, Dollars, Publications, Student Growth, and New Faculty

The College faculty collectively authored 270 publications, including 7 books, 38 book chapters, 225 articles, and delivered about 500 lectures and presentations. The College also continued its remarkable success with external funding and received a total of $25,522,663 in grants and contracts. The Department of Rehabilitation, Human Resources, and Communication Disorders led the way with over $7.9 million in external funding and was No. 1 among the academic departments on campus. Over the past five years, the College has generated over $122 million in externally funded grants and contracts, more than any other college on campus.

In Fall 2017, the College enrolled 5,366 students across its five academic departments, offering 44 distinct degree programs. The Honors Program grew substantially with a total enrollment of 378 students in Fall 2017; majors with the greatest representation were Pre-Nursing, Kinesiology, and Nursing. During 2017-2018 academic year, 7 students and their faculty mentors were awarded SURF grants totaling $24,250 and 27 students and their mentors were awarded Honors College Research Grants totaling $88,200. A total of 62 students graduated from the Honors program during 2017-2018 academic year.

The College continued to enroll the highest number of graduate students on campus with the enrollment of 1,323 students in Fall 2017, including 391 doctoral and 672 master’s students. Over the past 10 years, doctoral student enrollment has experienced continuous growth, from 259 students in Fall 2008 to 391 in Fall 2017. A significant part of this growth has been attributed to the creation of the Doctor of Nursing Practice program, which, in Fall 2017, enrolled 81 students.

In 2017-2018 academic year, the College hired 12 tenure-track/tenured faculty members (Sherry Muir, Justin Adams, Elsa Camargo, Albert Cheng, Robert Davis, Tingting Liu, Cara Osborne, Anthony Vajda, Jonathan Wai, Jeanne Eichler, L.J. Shelton, and Allison Boykin). Nine new clinical faculty members also joined the College (BJ Garrett, Mark Koch, Peggy Lee, Joshua Lens, Kandy Salter, Jamie Collins, Timothy Eichler, Christopher Young, and Kelly Young).

Achievements of Faculty in Research, Teaching, and Public Service

- Dennis Beck, associate professor of Educational Technology, received the annual achievement award from the Association for Educational Communications and Technology for exemplary leadership in online K-12 education. Beck co-founded Arkansas Connections
Academy, which offers online education to students who may need options other than traditional school because of their interests and circumstances including special needs or extracurricular activity.

- **Vinson Carter**, assistant professor of STEM Education, received a Faculty Gold Medal for his exceptional support of students applying for state and national scholarships from the Office of Nationally Competitive Awards.

- **Sean Connors**, associate professor of English Education, received the Nielsen-Donelson Award for the article titled "Becoming Mockingjays. Encouraging Student Activism through the Study of YA Dystopia." It was published in *The ALAN Review*, a publication of the Assembly on Literature for Adolescents of the National Council of Teachers of English, which presented the award.

- **Sheri Deaton**, clinical instructor in Career and Technical Education, was awarded the Arkansas Association of Teachers of Family and Consumer Sciences (AATFACS) Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year.

- **Robert J. Elbin**, associate professor of Exercise Science, received the first Early Career Award given by the Sport Neuropsychology Society. The award recognizes the significant impact Elbin has made in the area of sport-concussion research within 10 years of receiving his doctorate.

- **Dave Gearhart**, professor of Higher Education, was named to the Fulbright Association's President's Council.

- **Fran Hagstrom**, associate professor of Communication Disorders, was selected as the 2017 recipient of the Hoyt Purvis Award for Campus Staff Leadership in International Education.

- **Charlene Johnson**, associate professor of Middle Level Education, was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Northwest Arkansas Democratic Black Caucus.

- **William McComas**, Parks Family Professor of Science Education, received the 2018 Outstanding Science Teacher Educator Mentor of the Year award from the Association for Science Teacher Education and was inducted as a Fellow to the American Association for the Advancement of Science. McComas also received the 2018 Collis R. Geren Faculty Award from the Graduate School and International Education for excellence in graduate education.

- **Suzanne McCray**, associate professor of Higher Education and Vice Provost for Enrollment and Dean of Admissions, received the 2017 Honors College Distinguished Service Award.

- **Brendon McDermott**, associate professor of Exercise Science, became a Fellow of the American College of Sports Medicine and authored the National Athletic Trainers' Association's official statement on the hydration of athletes.

- **John Pijanowski**, professor of Educational Leadership, received a Fulbright U.S. Scholar Program award in educational leadership from the U.S. Department of State and the J. William Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board. Pijanowski spent spring 2018 in Kutaisi, Georgia, researching, consulting, and lecturing at Akaki Tsereteli State University as part of a project to study "Pedagogy and Curriculum Design behind Supporting Responsible Conduct of Research."
Achievements of Students and Alumni

- **John L Colbert**, 2017 graduate of the Educational Leadership doctoral program, won the 2018 Silas Hunt Pioneer Award. He was also named superintendent of the Fayetteville School District.
- **William Davis**, Ph.D. student in Curriculum and Instruction, won an American Association of Teachers of German grant.
- **Elli Dinkmeyer** and **Ikuo "Ike" Kato**, master’s students in Athletic Training, won scholarships from the National Athletic Trainers’ Association.
- **Steve Favia**, 2011 graduate of the Master of Athletic Training program, was named the 2018 Southeast Athletic Trainers' Association Clinic/Industrial/Corporate Athletic Trainer of the Year.
- **Susan Ferguson**, master’s student in Nursing, received a Faith A. Fields Nursing Scholarship Loan in memory of Jill Hasley from the Arkansas State Board of Nursing.
- **Rachel Gerner**, master’s student in TESOL, received the 2017 ARKTESOL master's student award from the Arkansas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages that comes with a $1,000 check that will support her thesis research.
- **Jennifer Hackler**, B.S.E. student in Career and Technical Education, won first place in the Midwest Regional Technology and Engineering Education Collegiate Association STEM Teaching Contest.
- Lt. Colonel **Jason L. Meharg**, M.Ed. student in Educational Leadership, delivered the 2017 ROTC Arkansas Commissioning Ceremony Keynote address.
- **Matt Myers**, Ed.D. student in Higher Education, was selected as the Region IV Outstanding New Professional for NODA – Association for Orientation, Transition, and Retention in Higher Education.
- **Jennifer Padron**, Public Health, and **Melanie Ross**, Nursing, were the recipients of the Benjamin A. Gilman International Scholarship.
- **Kristen Peterson**, master’s student in Athletic Training, received the association's Executive Board Graduate Scholarship from the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association.
- **Sarah Ramey**, Kinesiology, became the Central States American College of Sports Medicine Regional Chapter Student Research Award winner.
- **Eric Schwartz**, master’s student in Athletic Training, received a grant for his research project titled "The Effects of Hydration Status on Muscle Damage and Kidney Stress during Exercise Heat Stress and Recovery" from the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association.
- **Nathan Strayhorn**, graduate of the Master of Arts in Teaching, received the Jane Ortner Education Award from the Grammy Museum for integrating music into the classroom.
- **Mariellen Veach**, master’s student in Athletic Training, received the Texas Health Ben Hogan Sports Medicine Graduate Scholarship from the Southwest Athletic Trainers' Association.
- **Qian Zhang**, Ph.D. student in Curriculum and Instruction, won the Watts Scholar Award presented by the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators and was selected to be one of 12 participants to attend the Literacy Unbound Summer Institute at Teachers College, Columbia University.
- **Eryn Zimmerebner**, 2014 graduate of the Bachelor of Science in Nursing, was named one of 40 Nurse Leaders Under 40 by the Arkansas Center for Nursing.
College/Departmental Awards, Honors, and Recognition

College Faculty Awards

- **Sean Connors**, associate professor of English education, George Denny STAR Award for Outstanding Service, Teaching, Advising and Research
- **Erin Kern Popejoy**, assistant professor of counselor education, Rising STAR Award for Outstanding All-around New Faculty Member
- **Nicholas Greene**, assistant professor of exercise science, Significant Research Award
- **Gary Ritter**, Twenty-First Century Chair in Education Policy, Career Faculty Award
- **Peggy Schaefer-Whitby**, associate professor of special education, Superior Service Award
- **L.J. Shelton**, clinical assistant professor of higher education, Outstanding Mentoring and Advising Award
- **Sarah Stokowski**, assistant professor of recreation and sport management, Innovative Teaching Award

College Staff Awards

- **Jeana Carow**, assistant director for facility operations at University Recreation
- **Hung Pham**, director of the Center for Children and Youth in the Department of Curriculum and Instruction
- **Jennifer Williams**, research assistant for the Office of Innovation in Education
- **Stephanie Gragg**, administrative specialist III in the Office of Academic Student Initiatives and Services - Outstanding Service to Students
- **Shari Witherspoon**, administrative support supervisor, Department of Health, Human Performance and Recreation - Outstanding Service to Faculty & Staff
- **Kelsey Harelson**, facility coordinator at University Recreation - Outstanding Overall Performance

College Alumni Awards

- **Win Koo**, winner of the Outstanding Young Alumni Award, is an associate professor at Troy University in Alabama who coordinates the Doctor of Philosophy degree program in sport management. He received his doctorate in recreation and sport management from the University of Arkansas.

- **Patti Freemyer Martin**, winner of the Outstanding Alumni Award in Health and Human Services, directs Ambulatory Care Services at Arkansas Children's Hospital in Little Rock. She earned a bachelor's degree in communication disorders from the University of Arkansas and other degrees, including a doctorate, from the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and the University of Arkansas.
Martha Sandven, winner of the Outstanding Alumni Award in Education, teaches pre-AP English and English/Language Arts at Ramay Junior High School in Fayetteville. She earned a Master of Arts in Teaching from the University of Arkansas.

Departmental Faculty/Staff Awards

- Department of Health, Human Performance, and Recreation
  - Nicholas Greene, Outstanding Overall Faculty Member
  - Nicholas Greene, Outstanding Research
  - Paul Calleja, Outstanding Service
  - Amanda Sullivan, Outstanding Teaching
  - Madelyn Jones, Outstanding Advising

- Department of Rehabilitation, Human Resources, and Communication Disorders
  - Dave Gearhart, Outstanding Teacher
  - Vicki DiEFFenderfer, Outstanding Advisor
  - Rachel Glade, Outstanding Service
  - Kenda Grover, Outstanding Service
  - Kim Frazier, Outstanding All Around

- Department of Curriculum and Instruction
  - Cindy Folsom, Outstanding Staff
  - Bryan Bronn, Outstanding Dissertation
  - Freddie Bowles, Collegiality Award
  - Peggy Schaefer-Whitby, Service Award
  - Vinson Carter, Research Award
  - Sheri Deaton, Teaching Award
  - Ed Bengtson, Advising Award
  - Jason Endacott, Advising Award
  - Suzanne Kucharczyk, Rising Star Award
  - Kevin Brady, Star Award

- Eleanor Mann School of Nursing
  - Teaching Awards
    - Allison Scott, Tenure/tenure-track
    - Carol Agana, Clinical instructor/clinical-track
  - Service Awards
    - Nan Smith-Blair, Tenure/tenure-track
    - Ginger Holloway, Clinical instructor/clinical-track
  - Scholarship Awards
    - Anna Jarrett, Tenure/tenure-track
    - Peggy Lee, Clinical instructor/clinical-track
Departmental Alumni Awards

- **Charles Cudney**, Director of the Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative, Department of Curriculum and Instruction
- **Mark O’Neal**, Director of Medical Operations for the Chicago Cubs, Department of Health, Human Performance, and Recreation
- **Karen Mcintosh**, Vice President for Transition of Care at Washington Regional Medical Center, Eleanor Mann School of Nursing
- **Richard Balkin**, professor of counselor educator at the University of Mississippi, Department of Rehabilitation, Human Resources, and Communication Disorders

Student Awards and Recognition

- **Distinguished Doctoral Fellows**
  - Jonathan Allred, Curriculum and Instruction
  - Molly Beck, Education Policy
  - Martha Bradley-Dorsey, Education Policy
  - Corey DeAngelis, Education Policy
  - Leesa Foreman, Education Policy
  - Katherine Kopotik, Education Policy
  - Jessica Miller, Curriculum and Instruction
  - Breanna Morrison, Education Statistics and Research Methods
  - Elise Swanson, Education Policy
  - Angela Watson, Education Policy

- **Doctoral Academy Fellows**
  - Lina Anaya Beltran, Education Policy
  - Margaret Hindman Avery, Counselor Education
  - Charles Bell, Health, Sport and Exercise Science
  - Natalie Bird, Health, Sport and Exercise Science
  - Brooke Bouza, Community Health Promotion
  - Christopher Brace, Rehabilitation
  - Amy Broadwater, Counselor Education
  - Joshua Cook, Counselor Education
  - Nathan D’Amico, Kinesiology
  - Matthew Dingler, Curriculum and Instruction
  - Dillon Fuchsman, Education Policy
  - Ian Kingsbury, Education Policy
  - Tiffany Marcantonio, Community Health Promotion
  - Brittany Massengale, Counselor Education
  - Jennifer Peñaflorida, Curriculum and Instruction
  - Richard Perry, Kinesiology
  - Mohammad Danish Shakeel, Education Policy
  - Amanda Stuckey, Counselor Education
  - Anthony Suarez, Counselor Education
  - Charles Thompson, Higher Education
  - Malachi Willis, Community Health Promotion
College Student Awards
- **Samuel Skelton**, The Henry G. and Stella Hotz Award for the outstanding sophomore
- **Sarah Fisher**, The Henry G. and Stella Hotz Award for the outstanding junior
- **Alicia Welch**, The Presidential Scholar

Honors Symposium
- **Annelise Zaring** (1st place), Effect of a Hydration Intervention on Urinary Markers of Hydration Status in Low Drinkers
- **Andrew O’Neil** (2nd place), A Qualitative Investigation of Sexual Consent Communication Among Men Who Have Sex with Men
- **Kelly Allen** (3rd place), The Effect of an Aging Suit on Young and Middle-Aged Adults’ Attitudes Toward Older Adults

Graduate Research Symposium
- **Master’s Category**
  - **Chris Blaszka**, Disordered Eating Risk and Body Image Dissatisfaction of Division I Male and Female Cheerleaders
- **Doctoral Category**
  - **Nathan D’Amico** (1st place), Does Test Order Affect Vestibular/Ocular Motor Screening Scores in High School Athletes
  - **Hyun-Gyu Suh** (2nd place), Women’s Mood is More Sensitive to Cellular Dehydration
  - **Lisa Jansen** (3rd place), Osmotic Stimulation of Copeptin Acutely Impairs Glucose Regulation

Outstanding Students in Curriculum and Instruction
- **Russell Johnson**, Outstanding B.S.E. Student in Career and Technical Education
- **Jennifer O’Neal**, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Career and Technical Education
- **Sarah Halford**, Outstanding B.S.E. Student in Childhood Education
- **Haley Carney**, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Curriculum and Instruction
- **Holly Underwood**, Outstanding Student in Curriculum and Instruction
- **Kristy Knaggs**, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Educational Technology
- **Cassidy Gardner**, Outstanding B.S.E. Intern in Elementary Education
- **Brooke Shinneman**, Outstanding M.A.T. Intern in Elementary Education
- **Matthew Holden**, Outstanding M.A.T. Intern in Secondary Education
- **Zach Palombo**, Outstanding Ed.S. Student in Secondary Education
- **Renee Speight**, Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Secondary Education
- **Meleah Hoskins**, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Educational Leadership
- **Kristie Baumgartner**, Outstanding Ed.S. Student in Educational Leadership
- **Michael Koonce**, Outstanding Ed.D. Student in Educational Leadership
- **Sierra Clay**, Outstanding B.S.E. Student in Special Education
- **Wendy Karcher**, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Special Education
- **Paula Manuel**, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in TESOL
• Jessica Hasler, Outstanding B.S.E. Student, UAteach

Outstanding Students in the Eleanor Mann School of Nursing
• Tyler Wakefield, R.N.-B.S.N. Expert Leader
• Robert McDaniels, R.N.-B.S.N. Emerging Leader
• Jamie Puryear, RN-BSN Exemplary Capstone
• Megan Marks, The Betty Battenfield Award for Academic Achievement
• Natalie Gohman, Clinical Excellence in Nursing
• JoEllen Holt, Outstanding Graduate Student
• Heather Dearing, DNP Best Capstone Project
• Hope Ballentine, Outstanding DNP Student Award

Outstanding Students in Health, Human Performance, and Recreation
• Rachele Reynolds, Outstanding B.S. Student, Public Health
• Lancia Doumbia, Outstanding M.S. Student, Community Health Promotion
• Tiffany Marcantonio, Outstanding Ph.D. Student of Health, Behavior, and Health Promotion
• Malik Allen, Outstanding B.S. Student, Kinesiology Exercise Science
• Samantha Mohler, Outstanding M.S. Student in Kinesiology
• Heather Elswick, Outstanding M.S. Student in Kinesiology Adapted Movement Science
• Cory Butts, Outstanding M.S. Student in Exercise Science
• Mariellen Veach, Outstanding M.A.T. Student, Athletic Training
• Emily Floyd, Outstanding B.S. Student in Kinesiology K-12 Teaching, Physical Education, Wellness, and Leisure
• Garrett Stephens, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Physical Education
• Maryann Mitts, Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Kinesiology Pedagogy
• Hailey Hurst, Outstanding B.S. Student in Recreation and Sport Management
• Alexyss Scott, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Recreation and Sport Management
• Megan Turk, Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Recreation and Sport Management

Outstanding Students in Rehabilitation, Human Resources and Communication Disorders
• Laura Tilley, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Adult and Lifelong Learning
• Kay Murphy, Outstanding Ed.D. Student in Adult and Lifelong Learning
• Casey Baldwin, Outstanding B.S.E. Student in Communication Disorders
• Jasmine Nile, Outstanding M.S. Student in Communication Disorders
• Ellen Bennett, Outstanding M.S. Student in Counseling
• Kendra Shoge, Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Counselor Education
• Cameron Houin, Outstanding Chi Sigma Iota Member
• Betty Stonesifer, Outstanding M.S. Student in Rehabilitation Counseling
• Randall Shakir, Outstanding Ph.D. Student, Rehabilitation Education and Research
• Breanna Morrison, Outstanding Ph.D. Student in Educational Statistics and Research Methods
• Kayla Woessner, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Higher Education
• Heidi Jaekle, Outstanding Ed.D. Student in Higher Education
- **Mark Kennedy**, Outstanding B.S.E. Student in Human Resource and Workforce Development
- **Robert Yancey**, Outstanding M.Ed. Student in Human Resource and Workforce Development
- **Thomas Steele**, Outstanding Ed.D. Student in Human Resource and Workforce Development
Chairs, Professorships, Distinguished Professorships, and University Professorships

Chairs and Professorships

Henry Hotz Endowed Chair
Michael T. Miller, University of Nebraska

Parks Family Endowed Professorship in Science and Technology Education
Bill McComas, University of Iowa

Billingsley Endowed Chair
Susan Patton, University of Arkansas

21st Century Chair in Education Reform
Jay P. Greene, Harvard University

21st Century Chair in Accountability/Transparency
Robert Costrell, Harvard University

21st Century Chair in Education Policy
Gary W. Ritter, University of Pennsylvania

21st Century Chair in Teacher Quality
Gema Zamarro, Centro de Estudio Monetarios y Fiancieros

21st Century Chair in Leadership
Robert Maranto, University of Minnesota

21st Century Chair in School Choice
Patrick Wolf, Harvard University

Distinguished Professors

Bill McComas, University of Iowa
Jay P. Greene, Harvard University
Patrick Wolf, Harvard University

University Professors

Ro Di Brezzo, Texas Woman’s University
Tom E.C. Smith, Texas Tech University
Curriculum and Instruction

The Department of Curriculum and Instruction (CIED) enrolled 1,038 undergraduate and graduate students in 2017 within 8 academic program areas offering 23 different degrees. This is a slight decrease from 2016 (1,071), with the largest enrollment drops (-14% and -16%) coming in the CHED/ELEM and Educational Studies programs. However, multiple areas experienced growth including the Special Education (+23%), Educational Leadership (+21%), and Educational Technology (+11%) programs. Students in all CIED programs were served by 53 full-time and 13 part-time faculty members, 11 graduate assistants, and 8 staff members.

Faculty publication productivity increased in 2017-18, with over 100 academic publications. These included 5 books, 23 book chapters, 57 refereed journal articles and 16 un-refereed publications. CIED faculty also delivered 29 invited presentations and over 120 refereed presentations at state, regional, national, and international conferences. Additionally, CIED faculty oversaw the continuation of $2,771,490 in external funding and authored over $23,983,214 in new grant and contract proposals, receiving an unprecedented $19,921,806 (83% success rate) in new funding in 2017-18. This included procurements from NSF, NEH, and U.S. Department of Education grants to support ESL, special education, and English education projects, as well as a foundation grant of $10 million to support the creation of an Academy for Educational Equity.

One new faculty member began in fall 2017 (Kara Lasater, EDLE), but no new faculty members were hired in 2017-18 for next year. However, the department lost 4 faculty members this year including 2 in Childhood Education, 1 in Secondary Education, and 1 in Special Education. This loss of faculty will necessitate hiring in the coming year to ensure adequate personnel is available to support academic programs. The department had an interim leader in 2017-18, Dr. Cheryl Murphy, who accepted a 5-year appointment to the position beginning in 2018-19. Additionally, 3 office personnel positions were filled in 2017, and the CIED office is now fully staffed going into the 2018-19 year. The department also celebrated 6 faculty promotions in 2017-18.

Minor curricular changes were made to programs this year due to changes in Arkansas Department of Education policies. These updates will continue into the coming year to ensure adherence within licensure programs to state, national, and CAEP accreditation requirements. A major curricular change occurred in Secondary Education with submission of a proposal to offer a 4-year Bachelor of Arts in Teaching (BAT) degree to supplement the 5th year MAT program. The program is an innovative collaboration with Fulbright College of Arts and Sciences, which allows students to earn 2 degrees concurrently including teacher licensure within a 4-year program of study. The BAT program is currently under review at the Arkansas Department of Education, and if approved will begin enrollment in fall, 2018. In addition to the BAT degree, the Arkansas Academy for Educational Equity will be offering a new academic program in the coming year. Work on a Master of Education Equity degree program is in the
formation stages, set to begin enrollment in July, 2019. These exciting new academic programs will help address teacher shortages that are currently plaguing the state.

Existing projects and programs also continue to provide education and services to constituents across the state and nation. These include but are not limited to the IMPACT Program, National Writing Project, the Autism Support Program, Project Connect, Camp Connect, the ESOL Institute, Young Scholars Program, the Center for Children and Youth, the Autism Symposium, Summer Literacy Camp, the EMPOWER Program, ARTeacher Fellows Program, and Project RISE.

**Education Reform**

During the last year, our faculty, students, and alumni continued to produce remarkable success in research, teaching, and service. In the area of research, we produced almost two dozen peer-reviewed journal articles, an edited book, and nearly 50 presentations at academic conferences and public events.

In the area of teaching, our students continued to make solid progress. We placed graduates into post-doc positions at Harvard University and Michigan State University. Our newly entering cohort only has three students, which is smaller than we would like, but they have impressive credentials and are already off to a strong start.

In the area of service, we continue to provide important service to the state of Arkansas through the activities of the Office of Education Policy and Arkansas Teacher Corps. Our faculty edit one journal and serve on the editorial boards of two journals. One of our faculty members won the College’s Career Service Award. And three of our faculty members were ranked among the most influential education scholars in a list published by *Education Week*.

We have lost one faculty member to become Dean of the School of Education at St. Louis University and we have successfully conducted searches to hire two new, assistant professors. Those new faculty members come from prestigious post docs at Duke University and Harvard University.

To support all of these efforts we have raised a large amount of external funds. In the last year, we have received new commitments for external funding exceeding $5 million. Our commitment to scholarly activity and the resources to accomplish those commitments have made the Department of Education Reform a very successful department.
The Eleanor Mann School of Nursing (EMSON) continued its mission to transform lives through nursing education and inspire leadership in nursing practice and academics to improve the health and well-being of society. With 32 full time faculty and four staff members, our programs enrolled about 550 undergraduate students, 6 masters, and 80 doctoral students in 2017-2018.

Completion of the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Compliance Report for the BSN program and the Continuous Improvement Progress Report (CIPR) has been the major focus of EMSON administration this past year through examination of our effective educational practices. The CIPR is the report that every CCNE-accredited nursing program is required to submit at the mid-point of its accreditation term. We are currently completing a self-assessment for continuing accreditation by the Arkansas State Board of Nursing. These self-assessments by EMSON support our continued growth and improvement of our programs.

In order to comply with CCNE standards, the following curriculum changes were proposed and will be implemented in Fall, 2018: Three RN-BSN courses were given new course numbers, course descriptions, and course learning outcomes in order to distinguish them from courses in the BSN pre-licensure program and account for the different student populations: NURS 4023, NURS 4092, and NURS 4063. NURS 4112: Teaching and Health Promotion was changed to NURS 4023. The additional hour added one hour to the 29 hour program, making it 30 hours.

EMSON received three tenure track faculty lines in 2017. This allowed the hiring of Cara Osborne, Assistant Professor, Susan Patton, Assistant Professor, and Tingting Liu, Assistant Professor. EMSON received two clinical faculty lines in 2017. This allowed the hiring of Dr. Peggy Lee, Assistant Clinical Professor, and Dr. Kelly Young, Assistant Clinical Professor who will assume the role of the coordinator of the DNP Family Nurse Practice Program. Anna Jarrett and Jan Emory were promoted to the rank of Associate Professor. Jane Hentzen, MSN, B.J. Garrett, MSN, and Chris Young, MSN, were hired into Instructor positions.

In 2017, faculty in the department published 17 refereed journal articles and delivered 30 presentations and lectures. Other faculty accomplishments include Dr. Nan Smith-Blair completing tenure as President of the Southern Nursing Research Society; EMSON, the VA, and Pi Theta Chapter of Sigma Theta Tau hosted the 27th Annual Nursing Excellence in Research and Practice Conference; and Ann Lofton received certification through the National League for Nursing as a Certified Nurse Educator. Carol Agana implemented the second study abroad program to Ghana. Fifteen nursing students are completing the trip this summer.

EMSON is also proud of our excellent students. The Student Nurses Association was honored by the National Student Nurses Association as a Stellar School Chapter. This award recognizes NSNA school chapters for their ongoing involvement in NSNA and their commitment to shared governance and professional development. Grace Davis, a graduating senior, was honored as one of 22 students in the Razorback Classics Class of 2018.
Health, Human Performance, and Recreation

Significant achievements and changes of programs/department, including progress related to strategic priorities, program reviews, accreditation, etc. In 2017, the graduate programs in Public Health (master’s and doctoral concentration in our departmental Ph.D. program) underwent the 7-year external review process. The undergraduate program in Public Health created a self-study in preparation for accreditation in fall 2018. Recreation & Sport Management also conducted a self-study for a 7-year external review to occur in fall 2018. Our Kinesiology program, which contains Exercise Science and Physical Education, are in the process of splitting into independent degree programs.

Achievements in teaching, research, & public service In 2017, our department taught 223 sections of classes, with teaching scores being 4.62 ± 0.38. Our online Master of Education in Physical Education program was recently ranked No. 2 in the nation. Dr. Nicholas Greene obtained a federally funded grant from the National Institutes of Health as Principal Investigator. Dr. Kristen Jozkowski began the first 3 year contract of a ~$19 million grant from a private external foundation. In 2017, HHPR had 378 students engaged in internship, practicum and clinical experiences at 176 different community partners, providing over 89,000 hours of service.

Achievements of students & alumni or former students In 2017, we began a grant process that provides a total of $10,000 in research money for our graduate students. This year we provided 8 awards. Mark O’Neal, director of medical operations for the Chicago Cubs a graduate of our athletic training program won the HHPR Outstanding Alumni award. Brendan Cook and Kate Turver were selected as Seniors of Significance. Win Koo, an alumnus of HHPR, won the College’s Outstanding Young Alumni Award. All of the 2018 COEHP Honors Symposium Awards were received by students in HHPR. Students from HHPR won 1st place in the master’s category and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in the doctoral category of the 2018 COEHP Graduate Student Awards.

The numbers of grants, dollars, publications, student growth, new faculty, new administrators, and awards/honors. Total Research grants $731,772 (20 Internal Grants totaling $153,725; 20 External Grants totaling $578,047); 135 Refereed Research Presentations, 41 Invited Presentations, 10 Other Lectures, Papers, and Oral Presentation, 2 Un-Refereed Publications and Proceedings; 68 Peer-Reviewed Publications, 3 Book Chapters

Student Growth: The table below shows our enrollment changes in our undergrad, master’s, and Ph.D. students. Concurrent with non-significant changes in overall student enrollment at the University, overall HHPR had small changes in student enrollment. In Fall 2017, our enrollment figures made us the largest department on campus.

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Faculty & Staff changes: In July 2017, Dr. Matthew Ganio began as the Department Head. In Jan. 2018, a vacated tenure-track line in Recreation and Sport Management was replaced by a short-term (2-year) clinical assistant professor, Joshua Lens, JD. Also, in January, a vacated/retired line in HHP was filled by Dr. Robert Davis in Public Health. Dr. Michelle Gray was promoted to Director of the Exercise Science Research Center. This past academic year we restructured our administrative support team. That led to a promotion for Shari Witherspoon to Faculty Support Services. We hired Joe Hamilton to oversee Student Support Services and Rochelle Allen for Financial Support Services.

Rehabilitation, Human Resources, and Communication Disorders

The Department of Rehabilitation, Human Resources, and Communication Disorders continued its commitment to advancing knowledge and preparing highly qualified, diverse professionals in both health and education fields. The department includes six academic programs, operates the Speech and Hearing Clinic, and houses Arkansas PROMISE, the largest external award in the history of the University of Arkansas with a goal of providing teens with disabilities the skills to be employed throughout their lifespan. With 38 full-time faculty and 5 staff members, our programs enroll about 800 degree-seeking students each academic year (i.e., 155 doctoral, 248 master’s, and 380 bachelor’s in Fall 2017).

The strength of our department is its faculty. In 2017, faculty in the department published 45 refereed journal articles and delivered 77 presentations and lectures. The department boasts phenomenal success in external grant funding. In the 2018 fiscal year, the department generated $7.9 million and was No. 1 in grant funding among the academic departments on campus, exceeding the second department by $2.4 million. About $7.5 million of these funds was attributed to PROMISE; however, the departmental faculty secured several other high-profile large-scale competitive awards, including receiving an additional year of funding from the Arkansas Corrections Education State Board that Dr. Kevin Roessger secured to study the effect of education on recidivism and post-release employment of Arkansas prison inmates. His study will be the first systematic evaluation of Arkansas correctional education in the past 20 years. Two of our faculty members, Drs. Erin Kern Popejoy and Leslie Jo Shelton, received outstanding faculty awards from the College of Education and Health Professions. Finally, the department recognized five of its faculty members with outstanding faculty awards: Dr. Kimberly Frazier, Outstanding All-Around Faculty; Dr. Vicki Dieffenderfer, Outstanding Advisor; Drs. Kenda Grover and Rachel Glade, Outstanding in Service; and Dr. David Gearhart, Outstanding Teacher.

A major change in the organization of the department was the merger of the Counselor Education and Supervision and the Rehabilitation Education and Research Programs following the merger of the two accrediting bodies for the programs (CORE—Rehabilitation Counseling and CACREP—Counselor Education). The resulting Counselor Education and Supervision Program offers four cognates for master’s students: clinical mental health counseling, rehabilitation counseling, school counseling, and addiction counseling. It will be the largest Program in the department in terms of graduate students (over 125 graduate students), faculty (10 full-time), and graduate assistants (7).
This year’s accomplishments also included the successful program review of the M.Ed. and Ed.D. degrees in Adult and Lifelong Learning and Human Resource and Workforce Development Programs. Additionally, the Office of Play Therapy Research and Training directed by Dr. Kristi Perryman held its third annual conference in June 2017 that was attended by over 112 professional counselors and students and led by Dr. Therese Kestley. The two-day conference had 112 participants from five states (Arkansas, Missouri, Georgia, Tennessee, and Oklahoma). Collaborating with a colleague in HHPR, Dr. David Christian implemented a successful study abroad trip to New Zealand, marking the RHRC’s second study abroad program. Finally, RHRC hired 3 new tenure-track assistant professors (2 in Counselor Educational and 1 in Educational Statistics and Research Methods).

University Recreation

University Recreation (UREC) continued to build upon the previous year’s accomplishments through facility enhancements, the addition of the Sports Injury Clinic, and a review and realignment of department goals with the university’s strategic plan. UREC continues to enhance the academic missions of the College of Education and Health Professions and the University of Arkansas by providing diverse recreational, social, and wellness opportunities for the University of Arkansas community.

UREC reviewed and aligned department goals with the Chancellor’s eight guiding priorities and the university’s strategic plan. UREC’s goals are to 1) demonstrate the value of collegiate recreation; 2) provide quality facilities and programs; 3) cultivate meaningful campus partnerships; 4) be responsible stewards of departmental resources; and 5) enrich student development opportunities. Department program areas created outcomes and key results to assist the department in meeting these goals and held quarterly reviews. UREC also looked at its impact on student success by examining participation frequency and various success measures including grade point average and fall-to-fall re-enrollment of the 2016-2017 freshman cohort. The findings indicated that students who used UREC more frequently had higher levels of these success measures. The addition of Erin Butler, Assistant Director for Assessment and Staff Development, will help lead these efforts forward.

The UREC Sports Complex was renovated with 300,000 square feet of artificial turf, allowing for more consistent play for clubs and intramurals. This complex was also opened for informal recreation and had approximately 39,800 participations. The free weight section in the Donna Axum Fitness Center (DAFC) was expanded by 500 square feet and equipment was added and updated at the DAFC and Union Fitness Center. College Outside recognized UREC’s climbing wall in the top 10 “swankiest” climbing facilities. A gift from Northwest Health provides funding to UREC to staff a Graduate Assistant to operate the UREC Sports Injury Clinic, manage Athletic Training services for Club Sports home events, and oversee injury management for UREC patrons. The new UREC Sports Injury Clinic opened in August of 2017 to all University of Arkansas students and UREC members and is staffed by Avery Rotenberry, a board certified and state licensed Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer. With a total of 509 visits, the Sports Injury Clinic saw 205 unique patrons. Services offered include injury evaluation, treatment, rehabilitation, and emergency care and are all free. The improved standard of care
allowed for better prevention, return to play, and academic needs to be addressed in a timely manner. Athletic Training services were also provided free of charge for 58 home sport club events, creating a safer environment for University of Arkansas students as well as those students visiting our campus.

Public Service:
- UREC Outdoors hosted the 7th annual Arkansas Regional Adventure Programming (ARAP) conference at Horseshoe Canyon Ranch in Jasper, AR. Record attendance was achieved with 138 participants from 21 different colleges and organizations. UREC Outdoors staff served as the host committee.
- Abby Blumberg, NIRSA Region IV Regional Student Leader; 2017 NIRSA Region IV Conference Committee
- Jonathan Elliott, 2017 NIRSA Region IV Conference Committee
- Becky Todd, NIRSA 2018 Annual Conference Committee, Chair
Reports from Centers, Committees, and Offices

Adventure Therapy Lab

While continuing to provide local, regional, and state workshops as well as conduct a variety of research projects related to adventure therapy (AT), the Adventure Therapy Lab (ATL) had two major events occur over the past year. During the 2017 May Intercession, Dr. David Christian conducted the first ever Introduction to Adventure Therapy master’s level course in conjunction with Dr. Merry Moiseichik of RESM. This was a multi-modal course where students engaged in didactic instruction related to the necessary technical, clinical, and meta-skills needed to conduct AT as well as multiple points of experiential learning that included a 3-day canoe trip down the Buffalo National River. During the experiential components of the course, students applied their newly acquired skills for working with clients in a natural setting. During the 2018 May Intercession, the ATL conducted the first ever Adventure Therapy and Leadership in New Zealand faculty led study abroad program. After 2 years of planning, Drs. Christian and Moiseichik led 14 undergraduate and graduate students to New Zealand for 3 weeks to learn about AT. During their time in New Zealand, they collaborated with the Counseling and Outdoor Sports programs at Otago Polytechnic as well as Adventure Development, an AT company located in the South Island of New Zealand, to teach UA students about AT abroad. Students attended polytechnic courses, visited New Zealand counseling clinics, participated in adventure therapy activities such as caving, hiking, mountain biking, and camping, and spent time learning about Maori (NZ indigenous people) culture while staying at a traditional meeting hall called a Marae.

Center for Children and Youth

The ARTeacher Fellowship Program continues to be a marquee initiative, with teaching fellows achieving great successes through arts integration. ARTeacher Fellow Lisa Moose was selected as Teacher of the Year for Van Buren HS for 2017-18. For 2018-19, Fellow Julie Griggs was selected teacher of the year by her Bentonville Public Schools (and also chosen for the nationally selective Gilder Lehrman Summer Institute on Civil Rights), and Fellow Holly Howard was selected Teacher of the Year by the Bentonville chamber of commerce. All three credit their work with the ARTeacher Fellowship, with Griggs writing, “all of my recent opportunities - every single one - grew out of being an ARTeacher Fellow. ARTeacher challenges me to stretch and to view myself as a professional beyond just my classroom - not just in arts integration but in all aspects of my career. When I look at the amazing work of our leaders and fellows, I cannot help but want more for myself, my students, and my school, and in addition to inspiration, the ARTeacher community provides encouragement and support for my aspirations.” Fellow Ashley Grisso, implemented a socially engaged arts integration unit with her AP World History class titled “Putting a Face on Islam.” The project brought her students in touch with members of the local Muslim community to contextualize their learning of Islam throughout history with Islam today. The project included a public reception of student work and was highlighted in a radio feature on Ozarks at Large. This is just a sampling of the important and creative work accomplished by our teaching fellows.
The annual ARTful Teaching Conference continues to draw faculty and students from across the state for a two-day exploration of arts integration. This year’s theme was “Art and the Socially Engaged Classroom,” addressing how art can deepen understanding of critical social issues. Arkansas Department of Education’s 2017-18 Teacher of the Year Courtney Cochran was the keynote speaker. Professor Injeong Yoon of the recently constituted University of Arkansas School of Art was one of our featured presenters. The Center for Children & Youth plans to develop further working collaborations with the University of Arkansas School of Art in the years ahead.

Center for Mathematics and Science Education

During 2017-2018, the STEM Center for Math and Science Education directed by Lynne Hehr with Shawn Bell, science curriculum specialist, and Teresa Ellis-Stevenson/Erin McCain, mathematics curriculum specialists

- Conducted
  - LHehr, SBell and TStevenson/EMcCain – Two 10 day Science and Mathematics Summer Institutes for 40 participants
  - LHehr, SBell and TStevenson/EMcCain – Science - 29 3-6 hour teacher professional development workshops for 384 participants, Mathematics – 22 3-6 hour teacher professional development workshops for 494 participants
  - LHehr, SBell and TStevenson/EMcCain – 4th Annual STEM Girls Event at UA sponsored by Arkansas STEM Coalition. 100 + students and teachers attended

- Coordinated
  - LHehr, SBell and TStevenson/EMcCain - University of Arkansas Regional Science and Engineering Fair for 500 5th-12th grade students and teachers, 200 faculty, staff and students and 500 general public
  - LHehr - Arkansas NASA Educator Resource Center
  - LHehr - Arkansas Curriculum Conference as General Chair for 1500 educators in a statewide conference in partnership with ACTELA, ACSS, ASTA, ACTM, ADE and ADHE
  - LHehr - University of Arkansas Science Cafés – four sessions with 70 people average attendance at each
  - LHehr - University of Arkansas ADE Professional Development Assurance Officer providing assistance to 80 professional development providers on campus.
  - EMcCain – Thinking Mathematically – seven sessions with 35 average attendance at each
  - EMcCain – Northwest Arkansas Mathematics Conference for 550+ educators

- Served on various state, national and international boards
  - LHehr – National: team member for NASA education product reviews
  - LHehr – Member GLOBE Education Working Group and the US Partner Forum southeast representative for the GLOBE program (http://globe.gov)
  - LHehr, SBell – Arkansas STEM Coalition Director’s Board

- Provided
  - LHehr, SBell and TStevenson/EMcCain – Arkansas Curriculum Conference presentations for 300+ educators

- Funding Received
Currents

UA CURRENTS provided training, universal, targeted and intensive technical assistance to state vocational rehabilitation agencies and related agencies in competitive integrated employment, including customized employment and supported employment. Our work led to the identification and adoption of practices that lead to improved employment outcomes for people with disabilities. UA CURRENTS also collaborated for the development of three videos highlighting the employment opportunities for students served by the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI) program. The training staff at University of Arkansas CURRENTS has helped to support this transition for Arkansas PROMISE youth by supporting the development of a monthly training curriculum, providing training for the semi-annual staff development sessions, providing orientation for all newly hired PROMISE staff, and logistical support for monthly meetings. UA CURRENTS also oversaw the development and implementation of a national leadership development program for frontline supervisors in state vocational rehabilitation agencies. In Information Technology, UA CURRENTS updated the Disability Rights Arkansas website to meet Web Content Accessibility Guidelines 2.0 and developed a system to electronically track attendance of conference and event participants.

Exercise Science Research Center

The purpose of the Exercise Science Research Center (ESRC) is to support and facilitate research of exercise science faculty and students. Additionally, ESRC serves as a teaching facility for various Exercise Science courses.

From January 1 to December 31, 2017, the 12 exercise science faculty of the Exercise Science Research Center (ESRC) had 42 peer-reviewed scientific publications published. Investigators had 59 research presentations that were made at various scientific regional, national, and international conferences and meetings. A total of $873,158 was obtained in grants in 2017 while another $1.17 million was carried over from 2016 by the exercise science faculty as principal investigators or co-principal investigators. Additionally 2 book chapters were published, and 31 invited lectures were presented locally, nationally, and internationally. Several students won grants through the Student Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) and Honors College research grants. The ESRC facilitated the costs of students and faculty to attend the annual meeting of the Central States American College of Sports Medicine in St. Charles, Missouri. At this conference, 3 exercise science students made oral presentations while 8 of the 50 (~41%) research abstracts were from the faculty and students within ESRC.

There were 14 sections of classes (220 students) taught within the ESRC. In 2017 we sent 144 students to ~30 different internship sites in Northwest Arkansas. One graduate assistantship for service contracts in health/physical activity-related community entities were obtained ($26,814). The ESRC provided testing services and facilitated the Fitness for Fun Program, which had a combined gross income of $17,151.
International Affairs Committee

The mission of the International Committee is to increase awareness of and participation in international teaching, learning, and research activities. Members of the committee represent each department as well as advising units in the college.

COEHP Campus Presence Faculty from the college as well as the International Committee attended meetings organized by the Study Abroad Office with vendors who organize internships, courses of study, and short-term programs. These vendors work with faculty to tailor programs that meet departmental teaching and learning goals. They also offer a set menu of programs that students can find and apply to via the vendor’s websites. Some of these programs offer scholarships to offset the cost to students. A full list of vendor programs recognized by the Study Abroad Office are available on the HogsAbroad website.

COEHP had its own table at the annual Fall Study Abroad Fair held in the Student Union. Five programs were represented: Education in Ireland, Nordic STEM, History of Nursing in London and Scotland, Community Health in Ghana, and Health Teams Abroad-Sweden. In addition to the fair, faculty also attended meetings on expansion of course offering at the UA Rome Center and teaching internships with partners in Bolivia, Sweden, and Peru. COEHP faculty sit on the university wide International Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) and the Rome Center Advisory Committee.

Information on COEHP International programs were publicized on monitors within the college and across campus. COEHP faculty-led programs used these as a recruiting tool in the Fall 2017 semester. Heidi Wells, the director of communications for the college, worked with faculty leaders of COEHP study abroad programs on Newswire articles in the spring and summer semesters.

Program Development No new program applications were submitted to the COEHP International Committee in the Fall 2017 or Spring 2018 semesters. Dr. Jean Henry requested a planning visit for a new 2019 study abroad program: Community Health in Ireland. Due to changes in the Study Abroad Office timeline for new study abroad programs, Dr. Henry was required to submit her preliminary course request in HogsAbroad while still on the planning trip. A Fall 2018 review is planned by this committee.

The committee received reports and reviewed student feedback for the Education in Ireland, Health Teams Abroad-Sweden, and Community Health in Ghana. These successful programs received positive reviews from the International Education Advisory Committee (IEAC) for summer 2018 offering as well as the three new programs approved by this committee for summer 2018: Education Policy in Israel, Faculty Leader Robert Costrell, EDRE; Adventure Therapy and Leadership in New Zealand, Faculty Leader David Christian, CNED; and STEM: Nordic Education Abroad, Faculty Leader Vison Carter, CIED. The History of Nursing in London and Scotland was also approved for Summer II 2018 enrollment.
Five COEHP Summer Study Abroad program enrolled enough students for viability. The numbers of students travelling, representing both health and education, reflect the contribution of these programs to the culture of our college and the respective departments.

- **Established programs:**
  - Education in Ireland – 10 students
  - Community Health in Ghana – 14 students
  - Health Teams Abroad Sweden – 19 students

- **First year programs:**
  - Education Policy in Israel – 8 Ph.D. students
  - Adventure Therapy and Leadership in New Zealand – 14 students (3 graduate)
  - Limerick, Ireland was added to Lima, Peru, and Jönköping, Sweden, as a student teaching placement in Spring 2018. Thirteen students took advantage of this five-week international teaching experience.

- **Supporting Students through Funding**
  The International Committee on behalf of the college distributed $2,500 in scholarships for the FY 18 fiscal year.

**National Lab for the Study of the College President**

The National Lab for the Study of the College President, a research unit within the College of Education and Health Professions, was created in 2017 to conduct research and provide leadership on the study of the American college president. Through policy briefings, publications, workshops, grant writing, and hosting speakers, the NLSCP provides national direction for research on college leaders. NLSCP is currently planning to bring a prominent speaker to campus this fall.

The *Journal of Research on the College President* is a peer-reviewed, annual publication devoted to academic research on all aspects of the college presidency. Published online each December, the journal strives to expand the understanding of the changing role of the college presidency, especially considering the multiple demands placed on the leadership position. The first issue was published in December of 2017 and included four research articles.

**Office for Sport Concussion Research**

The University of Arkansas established the Office for Sport Concussion Research in 2014, with the mission of improving, through education, research, and outreach initiatives, the standard of care for athletes with sport-related concussion. Under the direction of Dr. R.J. Elbin, Associate Professor in HHPR, strategic partnerships with local/regional high schools, youth sports organizations, and academic and medical institutions across the state of Arkansas have been established and research activities are ongoing. During the 2017 calendar year, more than 1,200 high school athletes in Northwest Arkansas were served by the Sport Concussion Surveillance Program. This program provides preseason concussion testing to high school athletes and these data are available for reference in the event of a suspected head injury, which is the current standard of care for concussion. In addition, a new partnership/collaboration was established with the Inova Sports Medicine Concussion Program in Northern Virginia, which specializes in the assessment, management, and treatment of sport-related concussion. Researchers in the
Office for Sport Concussion Research at the University of Arkansas will be conducting clinical research in the Inova Sports Concussion Clinic. This new partnership will provide new and exciting opportunities for clinical research and broaden the reach and visibility for the University of Arkansas. The Office for Sport Concussion Research published 5 peer-reviewed publications and gave more than 21 presentations in 2017. In addition, three undergraduate students received an Honors College Grant for concussion research.

**Office for Education Policy**

The Office for Education Policy (OEP), created in 2003, serves as a resource to state lawmakers, educators, administrators, and other leaders, providing them with current national, state, and regional research in education to support them in thoughtful decision-making concerning K-12 education in the State of Arkansas. The OEP strives to help Arkansas’ education leaders and lawmakers bridge the gap between research and practice by providing them with newsletters, policy briefs, web-based resources, data, and consultation about current education policy issues. Under the direction of Faculty Director and Endowed Chair in Education Policy Dr. Gary Ritter and Executive Director Dr. Sarah McKenzie, the OEP staff includes research associates and graduate students who specialize in education research and policy.

Throughout the past year, the Office for Education Policy published Arkansas education reports, policy briefs, blog posts, and opinion pieces. Issues researched and published this year include:

- Arkansas Teacher Pipeline
- Arkansas Teacher Salaries: A National and Regional Context
- Grading Arkansas’ Schools
- Achievement Gaps
- Statewide Student Assessment Results
- Arkansas Federal Accountability Plan
- ACT Scores
- Student Assessment Rights
- Arkansas Teacher of the Year
- PSAT Assessment Benefits
- Arkansas’ Computer Science Incentives
- College Enrollment Rates
- School Boards: How to tell if Your School District Is Successful
- Discipline Disproportionalities in Schools
- Education Funding
- Quality Counts 2017
- National Assessment of Educational Progress 2017
- School Ranking Practices
- K-20 Educational Pipeline
- Outstanding Education Performance Awards

In addition, OEP published annual Report Cards for the state, the Northwest Arkansas region, and Pulaski County. OEP presented to the Arkansas House and Senate Education Committees, Arkansas State Board of Education, Arkansas Department of Education, and other educational
entities. OEP also organized and sponsored an annual conference for policymakers and educators. In 2017-18, OEP will continue to research current topics in education policy and provide resources to educational stakeholders.

**Office of Play Therapy Research and Training**

The Office of Play Therapy Research and Training is in its fourth year as a nationally accredited center for play therapy and continuing education. The Office hosts an annual conference every June. The speaker of this year’s conference was Dr. Rick Gaskill who presented on the topic of Neurosequential play therapy on June 22-23, 2018. The Office plans to continue its work toward norming an instrument, developed by Dr. Perryman, which is utilized for training mental health professionals in Child Parent Relationship Therapy.

Play therapy coursework is also an important part of our accreditation and this spring we also had a record number of students enrolled in Intro to Play Therapy for Spring 2018. Both the conference and coursework allow counselor education students and students from other mental health professions such as psychology and social work, to gain national certification as a Registered Play Therapist.

**Office for Studies on Aging**

The Office for Studies on Aging (OSA) is an interdisciplinary Office founded in 1999 in response to the ‘graying of America’ as a collaboration between the Graduate School and the College of Education and Health Professions at the University of Arkansas. OSA reports directly to the Dean of the College of Education and Health Professions; however, it has no physical space or location dedicated for its use. In 2017, OSA received one contract from Butterfield Trial Village to support a graduate student for academic years 2017-2019 and five research grants totaling more than $60,000. In addition, OSA published 7 peer-reviewed manuscripts and presented 7 abstracts either regionally or nationally. OSA also started a new Registered Student Organization – Hogs End ALZ; this organization has grown from six initial students to a membership more than 30 strong, to date. Hogs End ALZ met monthly in 2017 and was recognized for the event of the month for their Memory Wall event.

**Osher Lifelong Learning Institute**

It was a banner year for the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) as the fall of 2017 marked the institute’s 10th year at the University of Arkansas. Throughout the year, OLLI celebrated this anniversary with a variety of special events and activities recognizing its charter members, volunteers, instructors and participating in philanthropic initiatives.

This year, OLLI offered 150 lifelong learning opportunities with a total enrollment of 4,447. The institute engaged with over 230 volunteers, including course facilitators, working committees and UA students. In April, a volunteer and instructor of the year were recognized at the college’s honors convocation.
To kick off fall term, 10 days of special events were held in celebration of the 10th anniversary. The celebration culminated with an open house where the Mayor of Fayetteville declared Aug. 30 as forever “OLLI - U of A Day”. The institute achieved a number of milestones during the year. First, OLLI was awarded a $25,000 capacity building grant, from the Bernard Osher Foundation, to support membership growth and fundraising efforts. In July, OLLI began a rigorous membership drive, with a focus on increasing retention and expanding outreach efforts to solicit new members. As of May, OLLI had reached a membership of over 600 lifelong learners, a 10% increase from the previous year. Also this year, OLLI set a benchmark in fundraising, with a campaign that resulted in 95 outright gifts, netting $20,796, the most in the 10-year history.

Lastly, in March, OLLI’s administrative offices moved to a new location at 211 E. Dickson St. The move has been very beneficial to daily operations as it provides adequate space for both permanent and part-time staff as well as space for committee meetings and classes.

**Partners for Inclusive Communities**

The state’s services for children with Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), managed by Partners for Inclusive Communities (Partners), have expanded significantly during this year. An additional 50 children were added to the autism intensive intervention waiver, children up to age 21 years began receiving in-home ABA therapy, and services expanded to the Delta through an Outreach Center in Helena/West Helena. The Delta Autism Project reflects the level of collaboration required to respond to the needs of all children with ASD and their families in the state. It is a collaboration with staff of Partners; Faculty of Curriculum & Instruction, Inclusive Education and Clinical Programs; The Arkansas Autism Resource & Outreach Center; UAMS East (the AHEC in Helena); and many local partners from the area (Educational Service Cooperative, Local School Districts, community-based providers, legislators, etc.) It is a testimony to the power of people coming alongside one another toward a common goal.
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Koch, L. C. (2017, April). Supporting the needs of college students with psychiatric disabilities. ARK AHEAD Conference, Morrilton, AR

Liang, X. (2017, March). Assessing measurement invariance through structural equation modeling. Department of Mathematical Sciences, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.

Liang, X. (2017, October). Review and application of recent methods to measurement invariance testing. Department of Educational Psychology and Learning Systems, Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL.


Lusk, S. (2017). The future of medicinal marijuana. Key Note Address—Psychology Symposium, University of Arkansas, Fort Smith, AR.


McCray, S. (2017, June). *A personal and professional journey: Moving the needle at the University of Arkansas.* Women’s Leadership in Higher Education. Baylor University, Waco, TX.


Miller, M. T. (2017, October). *Funding, planning, and the future of American higher education.* School of Education Fall Distinguished Lecture, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.

Miller, M. T. (2017, September). *Understanding US higher education accreditation and its challenges for planning.* Presentation to the Egyptian Fulbright-Department of State Junior Faculty Development Program, Fayetteville, AR.


Perryman, K. (2017, April). *Using sandtray as a technique in schools.* Presented at the meeting of the Springdale Elementary Counselors, Springdale, AR.

Perryman, K. (2017, August). *Becoming a play therapist.* Presented at the meeting of the Ozark Guidance counselors, Springdale, AR.


Shelton, L. J. (2017). *Not all applicants are equal: Degree vs non-degree and special cohorts: Visiting, exchange, student athletes, students with disabilities, and honor’s college.* Education USA Training Institute. University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.


**OTHER LECTURES AND PRESENTATIONS**


Brady, K. P. (2017, November). *Best practices in faculty mentoring and student support in fully online educational leadership doctoral programs*. Paper presented at the University Council of Education Administration (UCEA), Denver, CO.


altered in aging obese mice during regeneration. Presented at the meeting of the First Annual Musculoskeletal Health Symposium, Ann Arbor, MI.


Caron, J., Eskin, N., McNaughton, D., Curtin, E., Babb, S., Holyfield, C., & Weintraub, R. (2017, November). *“Reading is the most functional life skill”: The provision of adapted literacy instruction by SLPs*. Poster presented at the annual American Speech and Hearing Association Convention, Los Angeles, CA.


Daniels, B., Payne, M., Caldwell, A., Ganio, M., & Gallagher, K. M. (2017, March). The influence prolonged standing with and without walking breaks on low back symptom reporting and gluteus medius muscle activity. Presented at the meeting of South Central American Society of Biomechanics Regional meeting, Plano, TX.


Douglas, E., & Gallagher, K. M. (2017, March). *Cervical spine kinematics in various tablet reading postures*. Presented at the meeting of South Central American Society of Biomechanics Regional meeting, Plano, TX.

Drouin, M., & Jozkowski, K. N. (2017, April). *Too drunk to drive, too drunk to consent?* Presented at the meeting of the Midwestern Psychology Association, Chicago, IL.


Elbin, R. J., Mohler, S., Schatz, P., & Kontos, A. P. (2017, April). *Establishing normative data, test-retest reliability, and reliable change for the King-Devick test for sport-related concussion.* Poster presented at Sport Neuropsychological Society, Cleveland, OH.


Goering, C. Z. (2017, June). *Social protest through songwriting in a high school English class.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Conference on English Education Summer Conference, Columbus, OH.


Gray, M., Binns, A., & Orsak, O. (2017, April). Reducing ageism through education, simulation, and service-learning. Poster presented at the Teaching and Faculty Support Center Dead Day Luncheon; University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.


Henry, L. J. (2017, March). Global partnerships: The importance of international collaborations in efforts to meet the needs of elders in the developing national of Belize. Presented at the meeting of the Association for Gerontology in Higher Education, Miami, FL.

Henry, L. J. (2017, November). Ethical perspectives on long-term care policies relating to sexuality and the older adult. Presented at the meeting of the Society for the Scientific Study of Sexuality, Atlanta, GA.


Holloway, G. (2017, October). Epidemic of HPV-associated oropharyngeal cancer: it is time to change our approach to vaccine education and transition of pediatric patients into adult care:
**Improving outcomes.** Presented at the meeting of the Arkansas Student Nurses Conference, Little Rock, AR.


**Holyfield, C.,** Light, J., Drager, K., McNaughton, D., & Gormley, J. (2017, November). *Impact of a peer training on judgments of communication from middle-school students with multiple disabilities.* Poster presented at the annual American Speech and Hearing Association Convention, Los Angeles, CA.

**Hoover, M., & Williams, K.** (2017, April). *LNT trainer course instruction.* Presented at the meeting of the Arkansas Regional Adventure Programming Conference, Jasper, AR.

**Hoover, M., & Williams, K.** (2017, April). *Professional round table.* Presented at the meeting of the Arkansas Regional Adventure Programming Conference, Jasper, AR.


**Hudock, D., Colbrunn, K., Newland P., Bowers A.,** Thorton D., & Stamper J., (2017,


Hutchins, R. (2017, October). *Educational studies: Not all education undergraduate programs should focus on producing classroom teachers.* Paper presented at the meeting of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, Rogers, AR.


Johnson-Carter, C., Stauss, K., Moore, S., Shelby, B., Broadnax, T., Nash, C., Williams, C., & Williams, C. (2017, October). Trust, relationship, voice: Communities' perspectives on community-based participatory evaluation. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the 64th Annual Conference of the Southeastern Regional Association of Teacher Educators, Rogers, AR.

Jozkowski, K. N., & Marcantonio, T. (2017, November). It isn’t always a clear “no”: Findings from interviews with college students on how they refuse sexual activity. Presented at the meeting of the American Public Health Conference, Atlanta, GA.


Kern-Popejoy, E. (October, 2017). Supervisors’ use of multicultural counseling competencies. Presented at the meeting of the Association for Counselor Education and Supervision, Chicago, IL.


Kucharczyk, S., & Szidon, K. (2017, April). Coaching in high schools – Effective implementation of evidence based practices for adolescents with ASD. Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children Annual Convention, Boston, MA.


Li, B., Dittmore, S. W., Lo, W., Scott, O. K. M., & Stokowski, S. (2017, November). Exploring the differences in NBA fans’ motivations for following sport organizations on Twitter and Weibo. Presented at the meeting of the Sport Marketing Association Conference, Boston, MA.


Maranto, R. (2017, September). *The more divided academy: Did the fall of the faculty and the rise of the all-administrative university increase racial conflict in higher education?* Paper presented at the meeting of the Annual American Political Science Association, San Francisco, CA.


Marcantonio, T., Jozkowski, K., Peterson, Z., & Humphreys, T. (2017, July). Characteristics and labels of non-consensual first time intercourse among university students from two countries. Poster presented at meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research, Charleston, SC.


Murray, L. (2017, April). Development and implementation of a clinical summary tool for improving patient centered communication in primary care. Presented at the meeting of the Nursing Research Day, Sigma Theta Tau, Pi Theta Chapter, Fayetteville, AR.
Murray, L. (2017, August). *Creating a positive learning environment.* Presented at the meeting of the Clinical Faculty Continuing Education Workshop, Eleanor Mann School of Nursing, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.

Murray, L. (2017, August). *Legal issues in the clinical setting.* Presented at the meeting of the Clinical Faculty Continuing Education Workshop, Eleanor Mann School of Nursing, University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, AR.


Nunley, B., & Gallagher K. M. (2017, March). *Does the neck flexion angle when using a smart phone approach the cervical flexion-relaxation angle of onset?* Presented at the meeting of South Central American Society of Biomechanics Regional meeting, Plano, TX.


Payne, M., Daniels, B., Caldwell, A., Ganio, M., & Gallagher, K. M. (2017, March). *The influence of a walking break during a bout of prolonged standing on lumbar spine kinematics.* Presented at the meeting of South Central American Society of Biomechanics Regional meeting, Plano, TX.


Rainay, J., Lirgg, C., Sullivan, A., & Hunt, S. (2017, April). *Are Arkansas state school health requirements meeting expectations?* Presented at the University of Arkansas Honors Students’ poster presentations, Fayetteville, AR.


Rhoads, K. E., & Jozkowski, K. N. (2017, November). *Examination of college students’ internal consent feelings during their most recent consensual sexual experience.* Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.

Rhoads, K. E., & Jozkowski, K. N. (2017, November). *Predictors of consent myth endorsement among college students.* Presented at the American Public Health Association Annual Meeting, Atlanta, GA.


Smith, J., & Gallagher K. M. (2017, March). *The influence of prolonged tablet use on repositioning errors.* Presented at the meeting of South Central American Society of Biomechanics Regional meeting, Plano, TX.


Whitby, P. J. S. (2017, April). *Understanding restraints and seclusion in special education.* Symposium conducted at the meeting of the Council for Exceptional Children, Boston, MA.


Willis, M., Jozkowski, K. N., Lo, W., & Sanders, S. (2017, July). *Are women’s orgasms hindered by phallocentric imperatives?* Data blitz presented at the meeting of the International Academy of Sex Research, Charleston, SC.


