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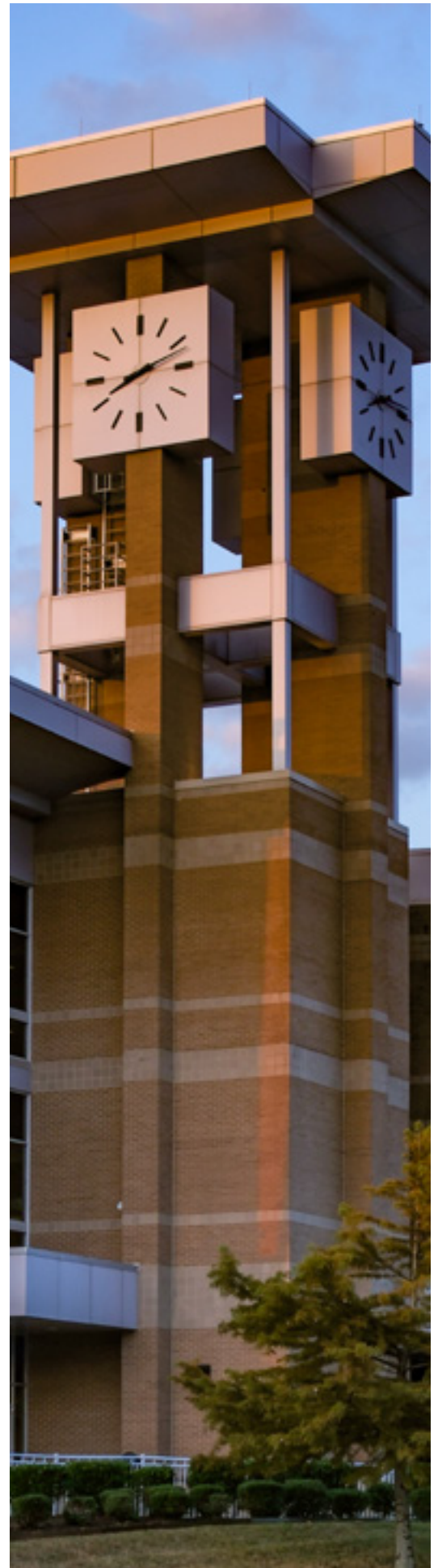
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THE BIG PICTURE

A Letter from Chancellor Summer DeProw

Greetings, and welcome to the second issue of *IMPACT*! The first edition of *IMPACT* was opened by more than 3500 recipients and more than 1200 people reopened it for a second look. Not too shabby for our first delivery of *IMPACT*!

As Chancellor, I continue to tell UA - Pulaski Tech's story and I recently presented the 80-year history of our beloved institution to Rotary Club 99 here in Little Rock. I started my presentation with a goal that at least 50% of my fellow Rotarians would learn something new. I believe I accomplished my goal and fewer people can say "I didn't know that about UA - Pulaski Tech!"

UA - Pulaski Tech is, indeed, 80 years old. Our institution started as a vocational high school and evolved to a community college in 1991 through Act 1244. This "Two-year Postsecondary Education Reorganization Act" allowed historically-designated technical schools to expand their curriculum into college-level courses. Act 1244 marked the beginning of UA - Pulaski Tech's trajectory that allowed it to become the comprehensive community college it is today. There are other significant historical events in our institution's history but few are as important as our 2017 merger with the University of Arkansas System.

In 2024-2025, we added some notable accomplishments to our long history of changing lives and career trajectories for our students and graduates and shaping the economy of the capitol city and beyond. Here are a few of our initiatives that led to our progress this year.

Will Ferrell had a few good lines in his role as Ricky Bobby in the 2006 movie *Talladega Nights*, but "if you're not first, you're last" rises to the top. Melissa Hendricks, vice-chancellor for advancement, crafted the *first* internal grant process to support student engagement on campus. Melissa and our UA-PTC Foundation Board provided \$25,000 to engage students in various learning opportunities.

We are moving to be the first in many ways as a result of everyone's work:

- Our Allied Health faculty under the leadership of Lindsey Fricks, assistant teaching professor of respiratory therapy, started the *first* Health Occupations Students of American (HOSA) college chapter in the state of Arkansas. This student-led organization is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education and the Arkansas Department of Education. UA - Pulaski Tech didn't have a student organization for nursing and allied health students and Lindsey created the chapter to engage students, compete at state and national competitions, and improve interprofessional collaboration among our students.
- Our Political Science and History Club members and faculty mentor, Sam Staggs, associate teaching professor of political science, have achieved the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators or NASPA's *Voter Friendly Campus* designation. UA - Pulaski Tech is the *first* and only two-year college in Arkansas with this designation. A *Voter Friendly Campus* is one who provides civic and electoral engagement throughout the campus. Our flagship, the University of Arkansas, also has the Voter Friendly Campus designation.
- Our Science Club students conducted some basic research and poster presentations this year. Dr. George Lauster, associate teaching professor of science, and his mentee studied soil and tetracycline resistant genes. Together they added the *first* samples from Central Arkansas into the Tufts University database where Tufts is studying the prevalence of antibiotic resistance in the environment. This is a national and ongoing prestigious project.

MaryKate Snow, TRIO programs and veterans services director, started the *first* campus-wide mentoring program. She recruited more than 50 faculty and staff members to mentor students. I am proud of her work to show our campus how to be a great mentor and our students really enjoyed creating relationships with faculty and staff at UA-PTC.

You may be asking yourself "so what, Summer?" The "so what" is this:

1. Fall 2024 enrollment increased 11.8% from Fall 2023
2. Spring 2025 enrollment increased 10.5% from Spring 2024
3. And, our persistence rate from Fall 2024 to Spring 2025 increased by 19%.

The UA - Pulaski Tech team's work is extraordinary. We will see how this impacts our Fall 2026 retention rates and enrollment. Stay tuned.

There are many other great stories to read in the pages of *IMPACT*. You are going to see our work on Governor Sanders' HIRED Grants, details about the new Kubota Program, results of Diamond Chef, a wonderful student success story, and more. My favorite parts are the pictures of graduation and the inspirational messages our graduates painted on their mortarboards.

I had a proud moment this spring that I would like to share with you. My alma mater, the University of Mississippi, invited me to join the School of Education's Hall of Fame. This recognition is awarded to an educator with 25 or more years of extraordinary contributions to education. I remain in awe of being recognized with this award. My three older brothers and their wives joined me in Oxford, Miss., to accept the award. My brothers are decorated Army and Navy officers with about 70 years of collective military experience. Vance is a retired Army Colonel and aviator. Hugh is a surgeon and Naval doctor and David is a retired Lieutenant Colonel and master logistician. I feel as if I have caught up to them with this award and I am certain that I would not have earned this award without the love and mission of UA-Pulaski Tech. I am grateful to this institution, its employees, and the students we serve.

Please reach out and let me know what you think about the second edition of *IMPACT* and how UA - Pulaski Tech can help you. My inbox and door are always open at sdeprow@uaptc.edu.



Vance Sales, Kim Sales, Hugh Sales, Elizabeth Sales, Summer DeProw, Stacy Sales, David Sales

Dr. Summer L. DeProw
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BOARDROOM INSIGHTS

UA-PTC: Farewell

To every University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College (UA-PTC) student, faculty, staff and supporter, thank you for what you’ve meant to me—and what you continue to mean to countless others—in the past, the present, and undoubtedly, the future.

I remember driving to the what felt like a two-building North Little Rock campus in 2007 as a recent high school grad, returning years later as a determined non-traditional student, arriving at my first board meeting in the chancellor’s office, and beginning to serve as a Governor-appointed Board of Visitors member in 2020. This college has shaped my life in ways that I’m still unpacking.

“Bloom where you are planted” is one of my core virtues. It reminds me to make the most of my current circumstances and situation, regardless of whether I feel like I’m in the right place or not. It encourages me to thrive and be productive in the time and place I find myself, even if I feel it’s less than ideal.

This college embodies this sentiment in its mission as an institution, from its organizational culture to the Diamond Dog spirit it embeds in its students.

I’ve witnessed this institution grow from a technical college to a comprehensive two-year college that supports students who plan to transfer to four-year colleges and universities and/or for career preparation and advancement alike.

I’ve witnessed students make critical career pivots, like Leslie Chalfant. After 25 years in the HVAC field, he re-enrolled at UA-PTC to work towards a computer networking degree.

I’ve admired students like Toby Daughtery, who earned an Associate of Arts at UA-PTC to go on and serve as the first student keynote speaker of the Achieving the Dream Strategy Institute annual conference.

I’ve followed success stories like that of Raquelle Roulette, whose experience in the UA-PTC’s CHARTS Theater led to her becoming a published author.

And now I reflect on my UA-PTC experience, which started as a

student but is now ending as a farewell letter as the chair of the Board of Visitors.

UA-PTC is indeed a pillar in the Central Arkansas community and it is my prayer that something I’ve done as a member of the Board of Visitors allows her to continue promote the idea of “bloom where you are planted” to its students, faculty, and staff.

I invite everyone reading this letter to stay in contact with me through the Long Impact Group, a organizational development and management firm that equips nonprofits and other mission-driven organizations with strategic guidance, capacity-building tools, and operational solutions. Learn more at www.longimpact.com.

Thank you UA-PTC and the great State of Arkansas for the opportunity to serve in this capacity. God Bless UA-PTC.



A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Raymond Omar Long".

Raymond Omar Long
Board of Visitors Chair, UA-Pulaski Technical College
Managing Partner & Founder, Long Impact Group



UA-PTC ENROLLMENT UPDATE

10.5% Spring Semester Increase, Boosted by 8-Week Term



Soon to be graduates receiving their cap and gown as part of the Wellness Fair.



High school students at Career Exploration Day at Little Rock - South



Second Place Winner at the Wellness Fair Car Show at Main Campus

The University of Arkansas - Pulaski Technical College experienced a notable surge in Spring 2025 enrollment, with a 10.5% increase in headcount to 4,552 students and a 12.6% rise in credit hour registrations to 46,885. This growth follows the introduction of a second 8-week Spring term and continued admissions efforts through March 19, which brought in 227 additional students.

This continued growth builds on the Fall 2024 semester's 11.8% enrollment increase, showcasing two consecutive semesters with over 10% growth. John Lewis, Vice Chancellor of Enrollment Management and Student Life, attributes this success to students embracing the college's diverse programs and the flexibility offered by the new 8-week courses, which have particularly benefited adult learners.

UA-PTC's student body is 66% female and 33% male, with an average age of 26. Approximately one-third of students pursue

technical certificates and degrees for direct workforce entry in fields like nursing and advanced manufacturing. The remaining two-thirds enroll in Associate of Arts or Science programs, designed to transfer to four-year institutions like UA Little Rock and UA Fayetteville, often at a substantial tuition savings for students.

UA-PTC's reach extends across multiple locations, including its Main Campus in North Little Rock, Little Rock-South, the Aerospace Technology Center, the Business and Industry Center, online classes, and concurrent enrollment for high school students.

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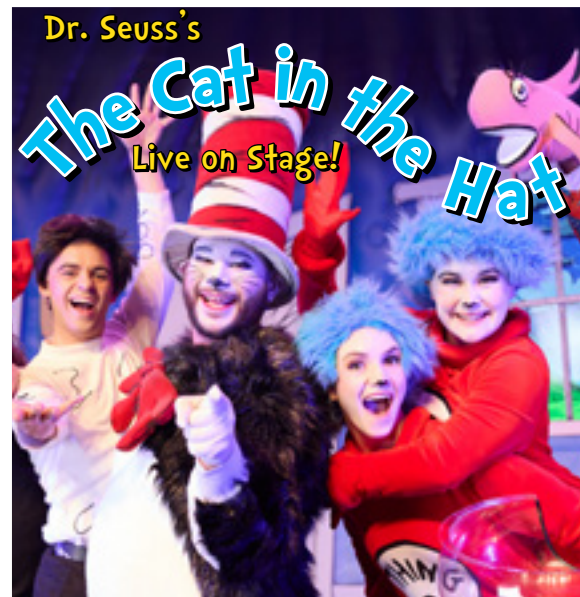
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UA-PTC Grant Awards Fuel Arkansas Economic Growth and Job Opportunities



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The University of Arkansas – Pulaski Technical College, is further positioning itself as a cornerstone of economic development in central Arkansas through engagement in two pivotal sectors: energy infrastructure and aerospace.

The recent acquisition of two significant grants – a \$2,000,000 award from the [Arkansas Governor's Workforce Strategy Initiative for energy infrastructure and utilities training](#), and a \$2.5 million grant to establish an [Aerospace Center of Excellence \(ACE\)](#), underscores the college's commitment to addressing critical workforce needs and fostering economic growth.

The \$2 million energy infrastructure and utilities grant directly tackles the evolving demands of the energy sector. Recognizing the increasing complexity of the energy grid and the escalating threat of cyberattacks, UA-PTC, in collaboration with industry leaders like Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO), Southwest Power Pool (SPP), Entergy, and Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, is developing a unique training program.

This initiative focuses on cultivating highly specialized energy grid operators and cybersecurity experts, roles that are vital for ensuring the reliable and secure delivery of electricity. By addressing the critical need for North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC) certification and energy-grid specific cybersecurity expertise, UA-PTC is directly contributing to enhanced grid reliability and reducing the state's reliance on out-of-state training resources.

The program's emphasis on creating a sustainable training pipeline, with the goal of becoming self-supporting and expanding its offerings, ensures a long-term impact on the state's energy workforce. The anticipated creation of up to 30 million new jobs in the energy industry over the next decade further highlights the timely and crucial nature of this initiative.

Simultaneously, the \$2.5 million grant for the Aerospace Center

of Excellence (ACE) demonstrates UA-PTC's responsiveness to the burgeoning aerospace industry in Arkansas. Partnering with key players such as Dassault Falcon Jet, Arcturus Aerospace, and the Arkansas Aerospace Defense Alliance (AADA), the ACE will develop and expand training programs to meet the urgent need for skilled workers driven by recent plant expansions and projected industry growth.

ACE will focus on regionally identified skills gaps, including avionics, aircraft maintenance, composites, and industrial maintenance, offering both credit and non-credit training options. Additionally, UA-Pulaski Tech will have the only avionics program in the state starting this fall. This comprehensive approach aims to create employer-driven educational pathways for a diverse range of learners, from high school students to incumbent workers. The commitment to measurable objectives, including faculty recruitment and job placement rates, ensures accountability and a focus on tangible outcomes. The active involvement of industry leaders in curriculum development, internship opportunities, and program governance guarantees the training remains relevant and aligned with industry needs.

These two initiatives, while distinct in their focus, share a common thread: UA-PTC's proactive and collaborative approach to workforce development. By forging strong partnerships with industry leaders, understanding their specific needs, and developing customized training programs, the college is directly contributing to the economic vitality of Arkansas. The energy infrastructure program ensures a stable and secure energy supply, a fundamental requirement for all economic activity. The Aerospace Center of Excellence directly supports a high-growth industry, creating high-paying jobs and strengthening Arkansas' position in the national aerospace landscape. Addressing these crucial workforce needs not only provides pathways to high-quality jobs for Arkansans, but also lays the foundation for sustained economic security.





Judges (L-R) Chef Ken Dempsey, Chef Jennifer Maune (MasterChef finalist, UA-PTC graduate), Kevin Shalin (The Mighty Rib blog)

DIAMOND

Close to 500 people gathered on Thursday, April 3, at UA-PTC's Culinary Arts and Hospitality Management Institute to witness six student teams, mentored by former Diamond Chef winners, compete for the coveted Diamond Chef 2025 title.

The UA-PTC Foundation extends its sincere gratitude to all guests, sponsors, friends, and supporters who contributed to the success of Diamond Chef Arkansas, presented by Linda and Rush Harding.

For the first time, UA - Pulaski Tech honored outstanding professionals in the culinary and hospitality fields. The inaugural honorees were: Titus Holly (Holly Smokes and The Pantry) for Best in Culinary; Emily Gray (Chicken Salad Chick owner) for Community Impact; and Veo Tyson (Country Club of Little Rock) for Best in Hospitality.

Guests enjoyed tasting stations hosted by various local establishments, including Brood & Barley Bar, Cache Restaurant, Catering Arkansas, Ciao Baci, Cypress Social, Heritage Catering, Red Oak at Saracen, Scoops Homemade Ice Cream, SO Restaurant + Bar, Table 28, The Buttered Biscuit, and The Grumpy Rabbit, along with UA-PTC baking students.

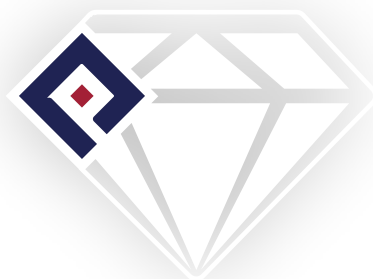




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Diamond Chef Arkansas 2025



Student teams were mentored by esteemed chefs:

- Chef Dan Capello mentored Karrington Cuningkin, Tyler Hobbs, and Michael Stout.
- Chef Jordan Davis mentored Austin Robinson and Twanisha-Killian Graham.
- Chef Donnie Ferneau Jr. mentored Alyssa Frisby and Kenneth Knowlton.
- Chef Jason Knapp mentored Kathleen Rollings and Cassidy Perry.
- Chef Andre Poirot mentored Jackson Haus and Cierra Miller.
- Chef Mary Beth Ringold mentored Sarah King and Andrew Geisler.

Event chairs Leah and Chef Payne Harding announced Team Ferneau as the Diamond Chef 2025 winning team and SO Restaurant + Bar as the Toast of the Tastings restaurant. The distinguished panel of judges included Chef Suzanne Campbell, Chef Ken Dempsey, Chef Jennifer Maune, and Mighty Rib blogger Kevin Shalin.

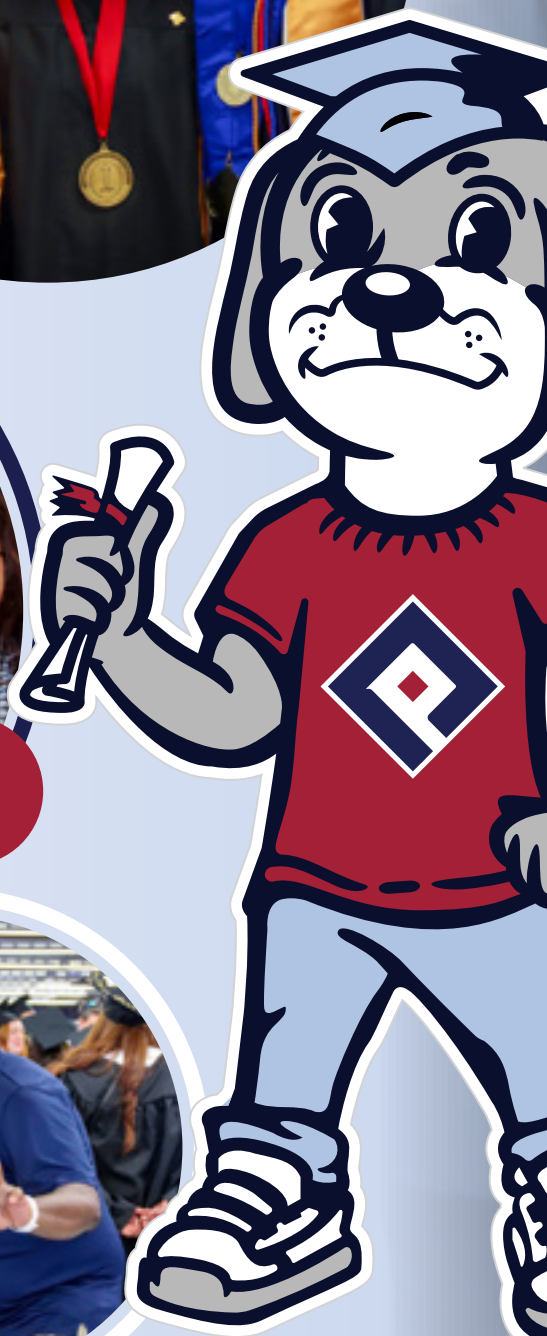
Melissa Hendricks, Vice Chancellor for Advancement, expressed gratitude, stating, "We are grateful to the many sponsors, former Diamond Chef-winning chefs, judges, volunteers and supporters who made it possible to bring back this special event to our community."

Funds raised will go toward culinary education needs, as well as scholarships and student success programs that benefit all UA-PTC students.

Mark your calendars for the next Diamond Chef Arkansas on April 16, 2026!

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earned a certificate or degree.

STAFF PROFILE: AMY CABRERA

Driving Recruitment in the Hispanic Community

Amy Cabrera, recruitment coordinator for the UA - Pulaski Technical College Department of Admissions, has a personal and professional goal of connecting with people in the Hispanic community in central Arkansas and introducing prospective college students to their local community college.

Cabrera, who was born and raised in Little Rock, is a first-generation college graduate. Her parents and extended family members are from Mexico. She graduated from Hendrix College in 2021 and, shortly after graduation, began working as an admissions counselor at Hendrix.

“I was in a unique position to learn about different resources and opportunities for my own community,” she said.

She moved from Hendrix College to UA - Pulaski Tech in November of 2024 and is already having a positive impact on our outreach to prospective students.

“I’m here to help any prospective student, and to provide services for potential students who are Spanish-speaking,” she said. “So far, we’ve translated our viewbooks and recruitment fliers into Spanish and are growing our partnerships with local organizations like Mamas Unidas.”

Currently, about 12% of UA-PTC’s student body is Hispanic.

“As a community college, we know we need to provide support services to all students,” Dr. John Lewis, vice chancellor of enrollment management and student services, said.

“We identified goals to better serve prospective Hispanic students that included created an internal task force and hiring a Spanish-speaking admissions counselor. We’re excited to continue to improve our community outreach.”

The college’s Hispanic Task Force is comprised of faculty and staff who work to identify resources for students and to identify barriers to college retention as well as ways to overcome those barriers. “My ability to communicate with parents who may not speak English puts parents and potential students at ease,” Cabrera said. “I want to help share information about scholarships and career pathways that includes technical careers, associate degrees, transfer to a four-year college or university and noncredit pathways.”

Cabrera is an active volunteer with community organizations hosting Cinco de Mayo,

Hispanic Heritage Month and other celebrations.

“I try to be visible in the community and to establish positive relationships with Hispanic families in our area. I try to make sure they have easy-to-understand information about being a college student and that I offer them a helping hand and a warm smile to help them get started in the admissions process,” Cabrera said.

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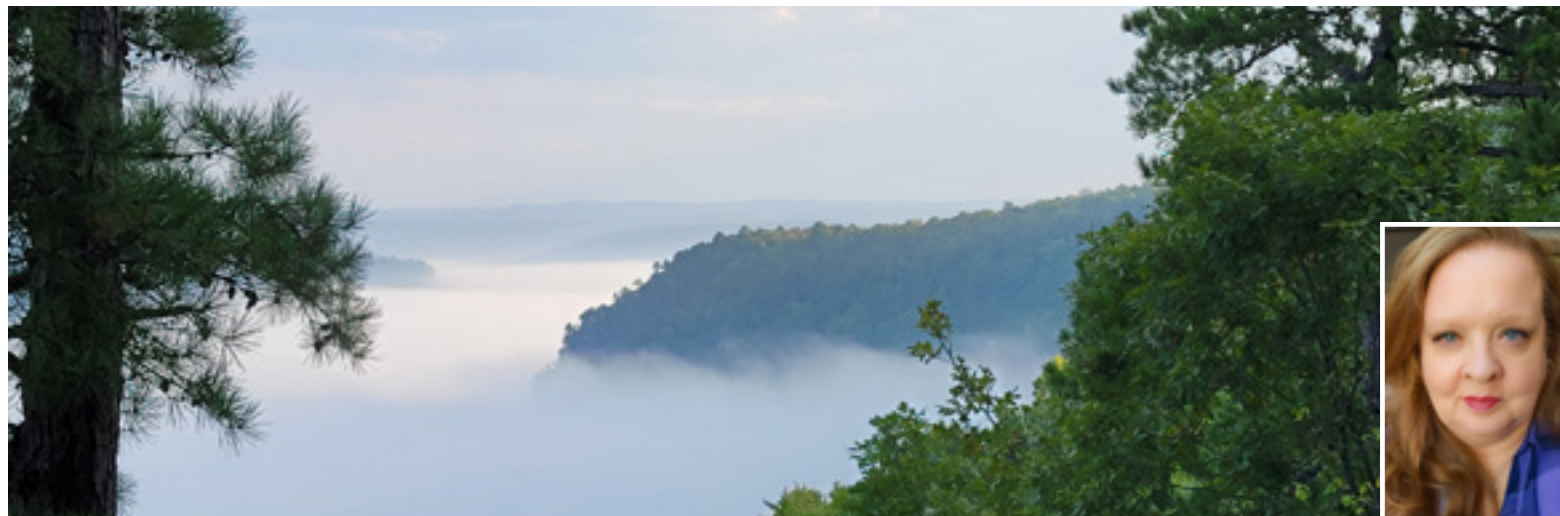
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STUDENT PROFILE: KATHRYN WHITTAMORE

Pursuing Her Graphic Arts Dream at UA - Pulaski Tech



Mount Eagle - Clinton, AR photographed by Kathryn Whittamore (right)

Kathryn Whittamore is a non-traditional student, returning to UA-Pulaski Tech to realize her high school dream of being a graphic design artist.

She is on her way toward earning her Associate of Applied Science degree in digital media production, which will prepare her for entry-level positions in fields such as advertising, graphic design, computer illustration, web design and animation.

This is her second time earning a degree at UA - Pulaski Tech. She earned her Associate of Applied Science in paralegal studies in 2003 and put her degree to use at the Arkansas Bureau of Legislative Research from September 2004 until December 2022, when she retired from the Bureau to focus on addressing health issues.

She graduated from the Saline County Christian Women's Job Corps 12-week program in May 2024.

"The Women Equipped Job Corps is all about equipping adult women in a Christian context for jobs and life," Susie Everett, founder, said. "From the beginning, UA - Pulaski Tech has volunteered to speak to our students and inspired them to continue their education and improve their position in life. The college's speaker is always encouraging to our students and helps them increase their confidence and know that college can be a reality."

Dr. Summer L. DeProw, UA-PTC chancellor, has volunteered to be a guest speaker at the Job Corps program for the past several years.

"Dr. DeProw was very encouraging to me when I shared my interest in photography and graphic arts," Whittamore said. "I

knew I enjoyed my time at UA - Pulaski Tech, but I did not know I could earn a degree in design at the community college."

Whittamore enrolled for the fall 2024 semester and earned a 4.0 GPA her first semester. She has taken classes on-line and at the college's North Little Rock campus. She was awarded the P.G. and Melanie Bradford Endowed Scholarship and the Windgate Foundation Scholarship through the UA-Pulaski Technical College Foundation. She was also awarded the Susie Everett Women Equipped Scholarship from the Saline County Christian Women's Job Corp for the fall 2024 semester.

"So far, I've loved every class I've had," Whittamore said. She's successfully completed courses that include introduction to digital production, introduction to computer graphics, introduction to web design, basic drawing, digital page layout and design and visual effects and motion graphics.

"I'm planning to graduate in May 2026 and want to open my own graphic design business," she said. "I'm already networking and trying to meet and work with potential clients."

In addition to being a full-time student, Whittamore, a resident of Bryant, is close to her three adult children, 21 grandchildren and one great grandchild. She's active at The Edge Church in Cabot and journals, writes and enjoys photography in her spare time. She's grateful to be back at UA-PTC.

"It's a great school. Instructors are awesome, always willing to help you succeed," she said. "I've been here as a student this year and 20 years ago and it is gratifying to see how the college has grown and continues to serve students as we pursue our degrees and begin careers."



GOLDMAN SACHS 10,000 SMALL BUSINESSES

Connecting Entrepreneurs with Tools for Growth



The Goldman Sachs Foundation *10,000 Small Businesses* (GS10KSB) program continues to empower entrepreneurs in rural areas of Arkansas. UA - Pulaski Tech has managed the GS10KSB Southeast Region since 2023, having already facilitated the graduation of four cohorts or 79 small businesses in Arkansas, Missouri, Alabama, and Mississippi. This fall, the GS10KSB will return to Arkansas. The second Arkansas cohort will participate in the initiative, which offers a practical business training program, access to capital providers, and personalized support services designed to help small businesses grow.

The upcoming Arkansas Cohort of up to 40 entrepreneurs is scheduled to begin Sept. 22 and conclude Dec. 12, 2025. The program incorporates two in-person sessions with the remaining eight sessions conducted online. All costs for participants are fully covered by the Goldman Sachs Foundation.

Kimberly Blackmon, Director of GS10KSB at UA – Pulaski Tech, highlighted the program's significant impact. "Based on our Fall 2024 data consisting of our first two cohorts in Arkansas and Missouri, our program continues to make a significant impact on the workforce. Our 50 graduates collectively generate over \$51 million in revenue and employ more than 1,700 individuals. Missouri, being the largest cohort, accounts for over \$27.6 million in revenue and employs almost 1,500 individuals."

Program results consistently demonstrate that graduates experience significant revenue growth and job creation, often outperforming the broader economy. Additionally, graduates gain access to the extensive Goldman Sachs national network of more than 16,000 entrepreneurs. Since its inception, GS10KSB has supported over 16,000 businesses across all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico.

Blackmon also emphasized the program's commitment to inclusive entrepreneurship. "Notably, our cohort demonstrates strong representation from historically underrepresented groups



David Solomon CEO Goldman Sachs, Summer DeProw UA-PTC Chancellor



Arkansas Senators Tom Cotton and John Boozman at GS10KSB Event

in business, with 70% female-owned businesses—well above the averages of 52% at other GS10KSB sites and 22% nationally—and 46% minority-owned businesses, compared to 43% at other GS10KSB sites and 21% nationally. These figures underscore our commitment to fostering inclusive entrepreneurship and driving economic growth in our communities."

L.B. Hudson, Lead Faculty for the program, described the comprehensive nature of the program. "The GS10KSB program takes small business owners on a journey through every aspect of their business. From high-level overviews to the most minor details, and everywhere in between. I work with our excellent delivery team to ensure every small business owner is engaged and gets something out of everything we do. I enjoy the relationships built, the community formed, and the breakthrough moments small business owners experience in this program."

Learn more at
www.uaptc.edu/10ksb

KUBOTA TECH PROGRAM

UA-PTC Celebrates Successful Kubota Tech Partnership Launch



UA - Pulaski Tech successfully launched its new Kubota TECH and NC3 partnership with a well-attended open house on April 17 at the UA-PTC Little Rock - South site. The event drew strong representation from area Kubota dealerships, alongside political and business leaders, as the college highlighted the program's significance for workforce development.

Learn more at
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TECH WORKFORCE SUMMIT

Industry, Higher Education Leaders Converge at UA-PTC



UA - Pulaski Tech hosted a Workforce Summit and open house on Wednesday, March 12, on the College's Main Campus in North Little Rock at the Campus Center Grand Hall, 3000 West Scenic Drive.

The summit featured discussions on apprenticeships, internships, training programs, and funding opportunities, with perspectives from students...

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You can easily create a scholarship to help a student at UA-PTC!

The UA - Pulaski Tech Foundation awards more than \$100,000 in privately-funded scholarships to students each semester. You are invited to consider creating a scholarship of any amount to help a student overcome financial challenges and stay in college at UA-PTC until he or she earns a technical certificate or associate degree.

You can create a one-time scholarship of any amount or endow a scholarship so your gift continues to support a student year after year. Your scholarship criteria will be set by you and confirmed through a Scholarship Gift Agreement. Endowment funds are invested by the UA Foundation, with a typical return of 4% annually, and a scholarship can be offered to students after endowment gifts have been completed. Your endowed scholarship is a gift that lives on forever.

You can name your scholarship in honor or in memory of a friend or family member, or even a favorite professor.

You will be recognized at the annual UA-PTC Foundation Scholarship Luncheon and have the opportunity to meet your scholarship recipient.





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