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ARKANSAS®

The University of Arkansas is seeking applicants for the position of

Associate Vice Chancellor for Alumni

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Vision

The University of Arkansas is a flagship university for the integration of student engagement, scholarship and research, and innovation that collectively transforms lives and inspires leadership for a global society.

University History

Founded as a land-grant college and state university in 1871, the University of Arkansas opened its doors to students on Jan. 22, 1872. Under the Morrill Land-Grant College Act of 1862, federal land sales provided funds for the new university, originally called Arkansas Industrial University, which was charged with teaching “agricultural and the mechanic arts,” “scientific and classical studies,” and “military tactics” to Arkansas scholars.

Towns and counties from across Arkansas were requested to make financial and property bids to determine the school’s location. Washington County and the city of Fayetteville submitted the highest bid, a total of \$130,000, to which was added a \$50,000 state appropriation for the benefit of the institution and \$135,000 from the sale of federal lands. With \$12,000 of this money, the university’s board of trustees purchased a 160-acre farm, the homestead of William McIlroy, and established its campus on a hilltop overlooking the Ozark Mountains.

There were few facilities and little money that first academic year, but the eight students and three faculty members who gathered for classes in 1872 showed the same dedication to learning and commitment to excellence that has carried the University of Arkansas into the 21st century.

Today, more than 23,000 students enroll each year, and the ranks of the faculty have grown to nearly 1,000.

<http://arkansas.edu/>

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http://youtu.be/8n_hAUQc-vM



Mission

As a land-grant university, the University of Arkansas strives to fulfill a three-fold mission of teaching, research and service. In addition, as the flagship campus of the University of Arkansas System, the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville serves as the state's major center of liberal and professional education and as Arkansas' main source of theoretical and applied research.

Students pursue a broad spectrum of academic programs leading to baccalaureate, master's, doctoral, and professional degrees, not only in traditional disciplines within arts, humanities, social sciences, and natural sciences, but also in the core professional areas of agricultural, food and life sciences; architecture; business; education; engineering; nursing; human environmental sciences; and law.

The University of Arkansas houses more than 200 academic programs and offers 87 bachelor programs in 74 fields of study. Students may also pursue an

even wider range of graduate degrees, ranging from master's degrees to doctoral programs leading to the Doctor of Education, the Juris Doctor and the Doctor of Philosophy.

The Carnegie Foundation categorizes the University of Arkansas as a research institution with "high research activity," placing it among the top 10 percent of universities nationwide and in a class by itself within the state of Arkansas. In its 2012 edition, *U.S. News and World Report* continued to rank the University of Arkansas among the top tier of institutions of higher education. Faculty members perform cutting-edge research for which they annually win prestigious grants and awards, and the university encourages undergraduates to participate in the research process. Such opportunities enhance the learning process by providing hands-on experience in lab and research techniques, by developing students' abilities to implement, experiment, discover and teach,

and by fostering a mentoring relationship early in students' academic careers.

Research programs involving both faculty and students serve as vital sources of information on the economic and social needs of Arkansas. In many fields, research performed at the University of Arkansas reaches beyond the state to provide insight and guidance on issues of national and international concern. The university provides extensive technical and professional services to varied groups and individuals throughout the state, helping to further Arkansas' economic growth. The university operates nationally respected high school and college-level correspondence programs; it assists other institutions in developing educational programs; it offers graduate programs, both cooperatively and singly, throughout the state; and it makes specialized campus resources such as computing services and library holdings available to other institutions in the state.

Institutional Goals

As Arkansas' flagship public research university, the University of Arkansas will:

- Put students first by enhancing academic programs, creating an engaging campus life, keeping costs as low as possible and reducing obstacles to student success
- Be transparent and accountable to the people of Arkansas in all decision-making
- Increase overall enrollment while remaining the school of choice for the state's most gifted students; provide a concomitant increase in faculty and staff
- Enhance diversity by attracting more students, faculty and staff from underrepresented groups and by nurturing intercultural understanding inside and outside the classroom
- Improve graduation rates and degree-completion times

- Provide highly competitive compensation packages for the purpose of recruiting and retaining the very best faculty, staff and graduate students
- Increase funding in both research awards and federal research expenditures
- Marshal the university's expertise, programs, faculty, staff and students to grow the state's knowledge-based economy and to address major issues confronting Arkansas and the world
- Provide a superior campus landscape and environment by planning for and carrying out the continuous renewal and renovation of existing facilities and the designing and building of new world-class facilities
- Pursue a consistent and aggressive program for the maintenance and improvement of the institution's libraries and technology resources

- Promote environmental sustainability
- Establish and market a quality brand reputation for the university statewide, nationally and internationally
- Foster the arts on campus and throughout the region
- Expand outreach through distance education and partnerships with other institutions
- Grow public support and the endowment through enhanced relationships with constituents and sound investment strategies

Arkansas Alumni Association Inc.

The Arkansas Alumni Association is a not-for-profit organization that connects alumni, friends and students with the University of Arkansas throughout the continuum of their lives. The association's home is the Janelle Y. Hembree Alumni House, strategically situated on campus across from the Donald W. Reynolds Razorback Stadium and a first point of contact for most alumni who return to visit campus.

Beginning with its founding in 1878, the Alumni Association has played a significant role in campus growth, marshalling financial support, establishing scholarships, providing inclusive alumni programs and engaging students as future alumni. Traditional fixtures such as Homecoming, the UA Foundation, the Annual Fund, the University Ring and privately funded scholarships originated with the association.

The association is governed by a 33-member Board of Directors, which sets alumni policies and programming. In addition, the association is integral to the university's Division of University Advancement and collaborates with the division's other departments to promote the university and its ongoing mission.

Visit the Alumni Association website at <http://www.arkansasalumni.org/>

Mission Statement

The Arkansas Alumni Association connects and serves the University of Arkansas Family.

Vision Statement

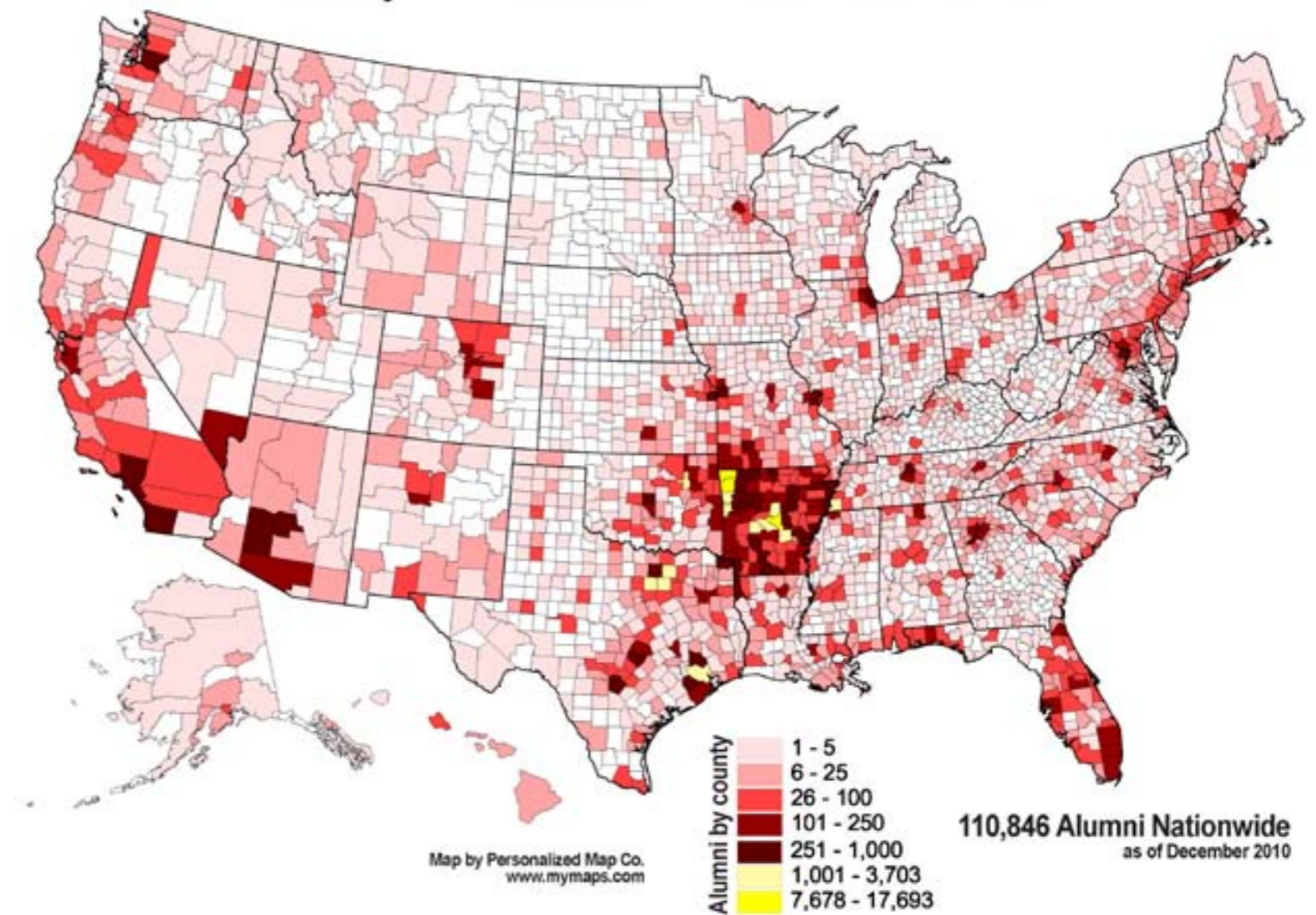
The Arkansas Alumni Association will be nationally recognized as a model alumni relations program.

Value Statement

- The Arkansas Alumni Association values
 - ...the University of Arkansas Family
 - ...our members
 - ...our university and its unique heritage
 - ...lifelong connections and relationships

Complimentary Members 4,678
Active Members 24,445

University of Arkansas Alumni Nationwide



Fayetteville

Fayetteville, a thriving city of 73,000 in the northwest corner of the state, is home to the University of Arkansas. Lying on the hilly western edge of the Ozark Mountains, the city boasts a lively cultural scene and easy access to outdoor recreation. In 2003, *Outside* magazine named Fayetteville 23rd out of the top 40 college towns in America for its outdoor recreation. In 2009, Fayetteville was heralded as No. 6 among *Forbes* magazine's top ten college towns.

Fayetteville's temperate climate ensures beautiful seasons year-round. Major cultural amenities include the Walton Arts Center near campus and the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art in nearby Bentonville.

Northwest Arkansas remains one of the most economically stable regions in the nation, and was recently listed among the top four "Best Places for Work" by CNN/Money.

The city has direct flights to Atlanta, Chicago, Cincinnati, Charlotte, Dallas, Houston, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York and Orlando.

Visit the Northwest Arkansas Tourism Association at <http://www.explorenwar.com/>

