

UAM School of Education Points of Pride

- The School of Education is nationally accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.
- Four nationally recognized degree/endorsement programs of study and four state recognized degree/endorsement programs.
- The UAM STEM collaborated with the STEM Coalition of Arkansas to host a STEM awareness meeting in which business and schools were invited to attend.
- The School of Education created the first 100% online degrees on the UAM campus.
- The School of Education program completers have a 100% passing rate on Praxis exams.
- The 2014 graduate school experienced a 34% enrollment increase in the last year.
- The School of Education offers 7 undergraduate degrees:
 - Bachelor of Arts K-6 Elementary Education degree
 - Bachelor of Arts Middle Childhood degree
 - Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning
 - Bachelor of Arts in K-12 Health and Physical Education
 - Bachelor of Arts in Health and Physical Education
 - Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education
 - Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science
- The School of Education offers 4 100% online graduate degrees:
 - Master of Physical Education and Coaching
 - Master of Education in Education Leadership: K-12
 - Master of Education degree
 - Master of Arts in Teaching
- The School of Education offers 2 online graduate endorsements:
 - District Administrator
 - K-12 Special Education
- The School of Education offers 3 minors:
 - Teaching and Learning
 - Coaching
 - Physical Education

Student Successes/Accomplishments

- Six (6) Middle Childhood Education students co-presented with SOE faculty at the Middle School Conference.

- Ten (10) SOE majors were inducted into Alpha Chi in fall 2014.
- UAM Alumni Scholarships have been awarded to one or more SOE major(s) for the past 4 years.
- UAM School of Education had one graduate win the Arkansas Teacher of the Year award and one graduate in the top four finalists for the award.
- UAM School of Education had one graduate win the Arkansas Superintendent of the Year.

The School of Education has produced 284 licensed educators in the following areas since 2009.

- 140 P-4 Early Childhood Teachers
- 81 Middle Childhood Teachers
- 25 Special Education Teachers
- 19 Math Teachers
- 25 Science Teachers
- 20 English Teachers
- 13 Social Studies Teachers
- 15 Music Teachers
- 11 Business Education Teachers
- 35 Health and Physical Education Teachers
- 6 Art Teachers
- 20 Building Level Administrators

Since 2009, the School of Education has created or revised the following degrees to ensure that public schools have a sufficient pool of highly qualified teachers and administrators.

Undergraduate

- K-6 Elementary Education degree (new)
- Middle Childhood degree (revised)
- Bachelor of Science in Teaching and Learning (new)
- K-12 Physical Education (revised)
- Teaching and Learning minor (new)

Graduate

- Online Master of Physical Education and Coaching degree (new)
- Online Master of Education in Education Leadership: K-12 (new)
- Online Master of Education degree (revised)
- Online Master of Arts in Teaching (revised)
- Online District Administrator graduate level endorsement (new)
- Online K-12 Special Education graduate endorsement (new)

School of Education Service Learning Projects

- Middle Level students assisted with projects at the Belview Nursing Home
- Kappa Delta Pi (KDPI) members participated in the Arkansas Week of the Young Child by reading to elementary students, “Family Fun Fest Play Day”.
- KDPI’s conducted a fundraiser and donated over \$3600 in children’s books to the:
 - First Presbyterian Church of Warren
 - ABC Program
 - Dermott Elementary School Library
 - Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Family and Home Services School

STEM Center Initiatives

- UAM STEM was one of three schools selected in the state to pilot a program called NGSX, Next Generation Science Exemplar System.
- The UAM STEM Center, the Education Renewal Zone and the School of Education hosted the STEM Open House Event that included exhibits from the university and public schools.
- The STEM Center hosts numerous summer workshops in math and science for public school teachers.
- UAM STEM Center facilitated the UAM Summer Institute for Geometry, funded by a NCLB grant. The two-week course provided content and pedagogical development to math teacher grades 5-8 from 10 school districts. (20 participants)
- Math Specialist, Debbie Morrison, and Science Specialist, Terri Smith, each presented at the Arkansas Curriculum Conference.
- UAM STEM Center specialist trained teacher from Southeast Arkansas in the Literacy Design Collaborative (LDC) and the Mathematics Design Collaborative (MDC).
- The UAM STEM Center and ERZ hosted author, Michael Graham, Google Aps Meets Common Core, to present two days of professional development for teachers and administrators. (60 participants)

Education Renewal Zone Initiatives

- Hosted Leadership Coaching for High Performance Training, Level I and II, for 60 area public school administrators, instructional facilitators, and SOE faculty.
- Created the Professors as Partners Project in which SOE faculty “adopt” a school district to serve as a university liaison.
- Hosted Advanced Placement Math and Science test preparation workshops for over 500 students

- Hosted over 300 middle and high school students for College Experience Visits to the campus
- Hosted national and state workshop presenters for area public school faculty and SOE faculty on curriculum and instruction design
- Partnership between the university, area public schools, and the education service cooperative to support education needs in southeast Arkansas

Recruitment and Retention Initiatives

- The School of Education has a recruitment billboard on Highway 425 S
- Radio ads for the various teacher education programs are regularly placed on the local radio station
- The School of Education hosts a “Hot Dog and Hamburger Picnic” each spring.
- The School of Education hosts a Pinning Ceremony for students newly admitted to teacher education.
- Dr. Sue Martin regularly communicates with prospective students through recruitment letters, emails and telephone calls.
- Faculty members focus on strategic advising strategies.
- The School of Education offers special topics classes and seminars each semester to prepare students for success on the Praxis Core preparation.
- Dr. Jones and Dr. Martin use activity periods to tutor students to prepare for the Praxis Core exam.

School of Education Grants

Total Grant Funds for 2014: \$370,750

- STEM Center:
 - NCLB grant for Institute for Geometry- \$57,750
 - ADE grant for STEM Science Specialist- \$86,500
 - ADE grant for STEM Math Specialist- \$86,500
 - “Commitment to Excellence Grant- \$6000
- Education Renewal Zone
 - ADE grant to support public school performance and student achievement-\$134,000

Total Grant Funds since 2005: \$3,184,850

Faculty Presentations and Accomplishments

- Dr. Jeff Longing:
 - Elected president of Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators

- Had an article, *Higher Compensation for High-Need Teachers: Perceptions of Teachers and Principals*, published in the Administrative Issues Journal.
 - Co-Presented with Dr. Massey and Ms. Frazer, *Fostering Relationship Building and Communication in the Classroom Emphasizing the Facilitative Conditions*, 2014 Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators (ArATE) Fall Conference. Russellville, AR
- Dr. Alayne Zimmerly:
 - Taught English in an English camp for children in Nagzhanisa, Hungary in summer 2014
 - Taught English to children in Kigali, Rwanda in summer 2013
 - Presented, *The Adventure of Professional Development for Teachers in Rwanda*, at the Arkansas Curriculum Conference in 2013
 - Presented with a group of Middle Childhood students, *Meet Us in the Middle! See What Collaborative Projects are Happening in Middle Level Education*, at the UAM STEM/SOE/ERZ open house in September 2013
 - Was elected president of the *Africa Reads* project.
 - Dr. Kathleen Shahan:
 - Is a National Board Certified teacher.
 - Presented, “Teaching Reflection as a Daily Practice” at the fall conference of the Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators conference.
 - Dr. Dwayne Massey:
 - Had an article published in the Strength and Conditioning Journal: *A Call to Improve Educational Programs in Strength and Conditioning*
 - Currently conducting research in communication and the strength and conditioning coach
 - Co-Presented with Dr. Longing and Ms. Frazer, *Fostering Relationship Building and Communication in the Classroom Emphasizing the Facilitative Conditions*, 2014 Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators (ArATE) Fall Conference. Russellville, AR
 - Ms. Memory Frazer:
 - Co-Presented with Dr. Massey and Dr. Longing, *Fostering Relationship Building and Communication in the Classroom Emphasizing the Facilitative Conditions*, 2014 Arkansas Association of Teacher Educators (ArATE) Fall Conference. Russellville, AR
 - Dr. Donna Hunnicutt
 - UAM Assembly Chair
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 - Ms. Debbie Givhan
 - Served on the Arkansas Department of Education Special Education Task Force
 - Received a \$1600 grant from the UAM Centennial Circle fund
 - Ms. Terri Smith
 - Represented Arkansas elementary science teachers in the development of the Next Generation Science Standards in Washington, D.C.

Other Points of Pride

- Creation of Exercise Science Laboratory
- Two bronze statues, “Joyful Empowerment” and “The Family”, donated by Bryan and Dr. Sue Martin for the Willard Hall lawn.
- Dr. Kathleen Shahan created a \$500 scholarship award for a Kappa Delta Phi member.