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December 7  
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Presidents Council  
Meeting

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AHECB Meeting

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## Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board Quarterly Meeting



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The board approved the Prevention of Unplanned Pregnancies on Campuses. Act 943 of 2015, sponsored by Representative Deborah Ferguson and Representative Robin Lundstrum, requires AHECB to develop an action plan to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancy and present to Legislative Council. ADHE worked with presidents, chancellors, legislators, professors, faculty, student affairs officers, nurses, college students, along with the Executive Director of the Women's Foundation of Arkansas, and the National Campaign on Unplanned Pregnancies for Teens to develop an action plan to address unplanned pregnancies on campuses.

Angela Lasiter, Program Specialist at ADHE headed the working group by surveying Arkansas institutions, looked at neighboring states and national groups, and identified the following:

- The benefit of incorporating unplanned pregnancy prevention information for students into student orientation and with student advisors.
- Opportunities for current college students to reach out to younger teens to serve as mentors or role models of successful behaviors and healthy choices.
- Private or federal grants available to address the prevention of unplanned pregnancy and promote student success, including any partnerships necessary to compete for such grants.
- Collaborations with the Department of Health or federally qualified health centers to promote access to care.
- Development of a monitoring and evaluation tool in hopes of identifying trends and success stories of the work from the action plan and its deliverables.
- Identify challenges single parents faces.

The working group will produce a video that will include Arkansans who experienced unplanned pregnancy. Materials and video plan to be distributed fall 2016 and will be for female and male college students.

ADHE will be reporting annually to the Senate and House Education and Public Health, Welfare and Labor Committees.

The Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board also approved the Closing the Gap 2020: A Master Plan for Arkansas Higher Education as prepared in accordance with A.C.A. § 6-61-205. (Continued on pg. 2)

## Career Development Facilitator Training



First CDF graduating class with instructors.

The National Career Development Association (NCDA) is a division of the American Counseling Association (ACA) and the premier provider of professional development in the career field. NCDA provides professional development, publications, standards, and advocacy to practitioners and educators who inspire and empower individuals to achieve their career and life goals.

Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) is pleased to incorporate the NCDA Career Development Facilitator Training Program. Career Development Facilitator training can enhance the skills and knowledge of individuals who work in any type of career development setting. This training is provided by the Carl D. Perkins Career and Technical Education Program and the Arkansas Career Pathways Initiative and is offered at no charge to secondary and post-secondary participants. Dr. Karon Rosa and

Monieca West of ADHE are nationally trained and qualified instructors who have started the second class in Arkansas. “The competencies outlined in the CDF materials are crucial skills needed for the Closing the Gap 2020, A Master Plan for Higher Education in Arkansas, endorsed by the Governor,” Rosa said. “Class II completers will be ready for challenges necessary to be instrumental players in meeting the outlined goals.”

A Career Development Facilitator is a person who has completed the Career Development Facilitator Training Program and who incorporates career development information or skills in their work with students, adults, clients, employees, or the public. The training will benefit those who serve as a career group facilitator, job search trainer, career resource center coordinator, career coach, career development case manager, intake interviewer, occupational and labor market

information resource person, career development coordinator, employment/placement specialist or workforce development staff person. “Guiding people toward career choices is a serious matter with lifelong implications. As such, it is critical that high school and college staff in these positions thoroughly understand the theory, the ethics and the process of career development,” states West. “We believe that those who complete this program will be more effectively prepared to do so.”

A Career Development Facilitator participant will receive 120 hours of training in 12 career development competencies. The training includes hands-on and interactive teaching methods and opportunities to interact with colleagues from a variety of work settings.

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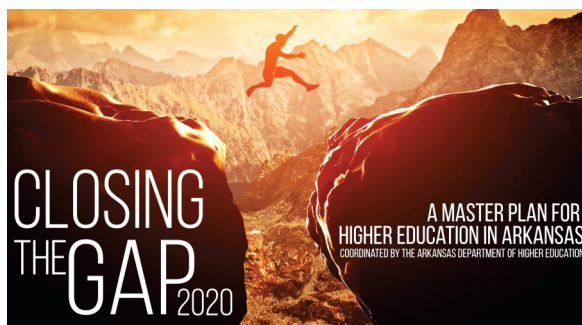


On September 1, 2015, Governor Hutchinson addressed the Presidents Council to outline his priorities for Arkansas higher education, which required adoption of goals to improve educational attainment in our state. Closing the Gap 2020: Master Plan for Higher Education in Arkansas is a five year plan to increase the number of credentials awards annually by improving college readiness, reducing remedial enrollment, focusing on adults and underserved groups, and improving college affordability. In addition, the plan adopted a long-term objective of a 60% post-secondary attainment rate by 2025.

According to the Lumina Foundation's 2015 annual report, “A Strong Nation Through Higher

Education”, Arkansas is home to over 500,000 adults, or almost 35% of the population, who are high school graduates but have

completed no college hours. Another 350,000 have some college credits but no degree. Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE) staff collaborated with representatives from institutions across the state to draft a master plan that addresses enrollment and attainment rates of targeted populations, completion and graduation rates of students, college affordability and the alignment of state resources with these goals. These collaborative consortia will continue working to implement the strategies necessary to achieve the goals enumerated in the master plan. The consortia topics are; Adult Learners, College Readiness, Remediation, Student Success Innovations, Affordability, Institutional Funding, and Communication Strategies.



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For more information, visit <http://www.adhe.edu/institutions/higher-education-master-plan/>.





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## Our Mission

*The mission of the Arkansas Department of Higher Education is to advocate for higher education; to promote a coordinated system of higher education in the state; and to assist each of the publicly and locally supported institutions of higher education in the state in improving the delivery of higher education services to the citizens of Arkansas.*



**Dr. Brett Powell**  
Director



Mary Anne Salmon and Sarah Argue were recognized for their outstanding work while serving on Arkansas Higher Education Coordinating Board (AHECB). On behalf of the AHECB and Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE), Dr. Brett Powell, Director of ADHE, presented them with a lovely bouquet of roses in an engraved vase.



Delores Logan (left) was presented a citation from Senator Joyce Elliot (center) for 46 years as state employee and 36 years at Arkansas Department of Higher Education (ADHE). Delores served as Program Specialist in Academic Affairs Division; Ann Clemmer (right) is Senior Associate Director for Academic Affairs at ADHE.

Delores plans to travel and enjoy retirement!