

UA COSSATOT

2020/2021 ANNUAL REPORT



Welcome to UA Cossatot!

What a year this has been!

Our past academic year began in the middle of the most prolific health care issue our world has ever seen. We started July 1, 2020 with quarantines and mask mandates and ended our year June 30, 2021 fully open for business and a lot of lessons learned!

What I hope you will notice in this annual report is that UA Cossatot students, employees, and stakeholders showed a resiliency that is not often seen in higher education. While some may have thought we would shutter everything and hope for the end of the pandemic, we reached new levels of creativity and safety and forged onward. We kept teaching, recruiting, creating, and making UA Cossatot even better.

Hopefully this report shows the spirit of our college. There were many successes and many new ways of doing things, and we embraced them all. We still have a healthy respect for the well-being of our students and staff and will always be mindful of how we can stay safe and still be the best!

2020 was one wild and wacky year, and UA Cossatot came out of it a better college. These pages tell our story and I can assure you we are already working on our next academic year.

Proud as ever to be Chancellor of this great college!

Dr. Steve Cole
Chancellor, UA Cossatot

CHANCELLOR

DR STEVE COLE





UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

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Highlights of 2020/2021



Nursing
 OTA/PTA
 Welding
 Business
 Industrial Maintenance
 Automotive
 Diesel Technology
 Teaching
 Athletics
 Student Ambassadors
 Career Services

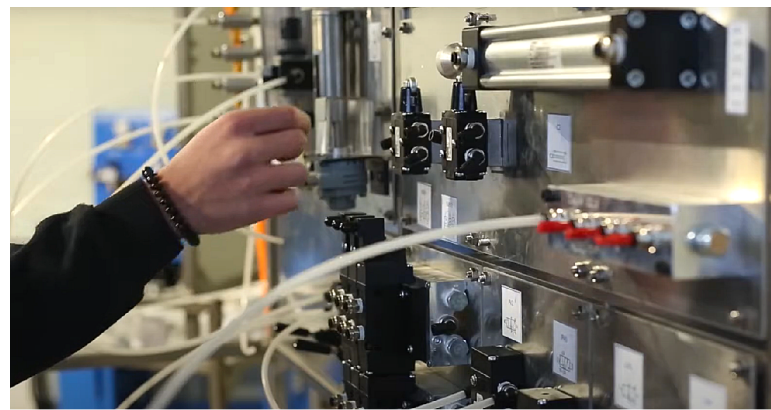
Continuing Education
 Agriculture
 EMT
 Psychology
 STEM Degree
 Transfer Programs
 Online Programs
 High School Programs
 Cosmetology
 Adult Education
 Criminal Justice



SECONDARY CAREER CLASSES

For High School Students

High school students can enroll in the Secondary Career Center beginning their junior year of high school. Juniors and seniors can take college credit hours in automotive service technology, diesel service technology, medical professions, welding, and industrial technology.



- Automotive Service Technology
- Diesel Service Technology
- Medical Professions
- Welding
- Industrial Technology



UA Fayetteville Honors UA Cossatot Tuition Rates The Arkansas Transfer Achievement Scholarship allows eligible transfer students to continue paying the UA Cossatot in-district tuition rates while attending UA Fayetteville. To learn more about this fantastic opportunity, contact Student Services at 800-844-4471 or email them at: studentservices@cccua.edu



Fall 2020 Student Enrollment Status

Full-time:	548	38.59%
Part-time:	872	61.41%
Total:	1420	
*12 credit hours and above is considered UAC full-time		
Returning UAC Students	956	67.32%
New UAC Students	464	32.68%
Total:	1420	
<i>Concurrent Students</i>	<i>511</i>	<i>(36% of enrolled students)</i>

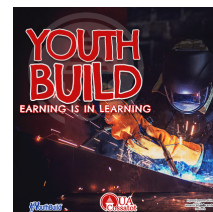
Students Enrolled By County

Howard	316	22.25%	Clark	8
Little River	227	15.99%	Hempstead	27
Pike	122	8.59%	Miller	30
Sevier	559	39.37%	Polk	25
			Bowie (TX)	26
			McCurtain (OK)	16
			Other Out of State	23

UA COSSATOT CARES GRANT DISTRIBUTIONS TO STUDENTS	
Spring /Summer 2020 (192s & 193s)	\$165,500.00
Fall 2020 (201s)	\$144,500.00
Spring 2021 (202s)	\$318,750.00
Summer 2021 (203s)	\$153,000.00
Total sum distributed as of June 18, 2021	\$781,750.00

UA Cossatot Awarded the Second Youthbuild Program in Arkansas

UA Cossatot was one of the awardees in July of 2020 to begin a Youthbuild Program, obtaining a Youthbuild grant totaling \$844,000 to provide local at-risk youth in Sevier, Howard, Little River, and Pike counties the opportunity to learn industrial maintenance and construction skills that lead to good jobs and better housing for the area.



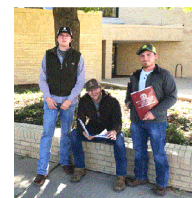
UA Cossatot Hires Bryant Pagan II as Assistant Basketball Coach

Bryant Pagan II joined the Colts after serving as the Associate Head Coach for the COOZ Elite National Premier 17U team, and the Head Coach for their Secondary 17U National team. During his time with COOZ Elite Bryant has had the opportunity to coach, mentor, and develop numerous players that have gone on to play overseas, at the NCAA Division I, II, and III levels, as well as Junior college programs across the country.



Agriculture Education Agreement Takes Place with UA Cossatot and UA Fayetteville

On Thursday, August 27, 2020, an articulation agreement was signed, creating a pathway for UA Cossatot students to transfer to University of Arkansas Fayetteville with an Associate of Science degree in Agriculture Education.



UA Cossatot's Pharmacy Technician Program Began October 2020

UA Cossatot now offers a 50-hour Pharmacy Technician program that will prepare students to work as a pharmacy technician in a retail or other pharmacy setting and to take the Pharmacy Technician Certification Board's PTCEB exam.

UA Cossatot Receives a \$2.2 Million Grant from U.S. Department of Education

The University of Arkansas Cossatot received notification that the college would receive a 2.2 million dollar Title III Strengthening Institutions grant from the U.S. Department of Education.

To accomplish the desired goals, UA Cossatot implemented a five-part strategy in October 2020:

1. Establish a Career Services Office
2. Expand the Educational Resource Center and all of its services, including additional tutors and open resource professional development for faculty
3. Provide accelerated remediation to medical education students by adding a skills coach and video equipment to the department
4. Address the needs of local employers by adding soft skills training to curricula and providing a soft skills instructor in the center for student success
5. Increase UA Cossatot's endowment fund to provide additional scholarships by matching the amount specified in the Title III grant.

UA Cossatot Students Excel with Internship Opportunities at Tyson Foods

In 2017, Tyson Foods launched an internship program for college students in connection with the University of Arkansas Cossatot. Kory Voss and Matthew Swilley are two of many students reaping the rewards of the internship. Voss a May 2020 UA Cossatot Industrial Technology graduate was recently signed on as a full-time employee at Tyson's Broken Bow facility.



UAC Foundation Launched Blue Darter Heritage Campaign in November

The Blue Darter Heritage Campaign has been established to create revenue to complete renovations to UA Cossatot's Lockesburg Campus. Donations received from this campaign will go towards the Blue Darter Museum, the Blue Darter Community Room, classroom technology and furnishings for the former Lockesburg Middle School, the Bank of Lockesburg Gymnasium, as well as athletic support and scholarships for UA Cossatot students.



UA Cossatot Receives \$615,000 Grant for Healthcare Programs

UA Cossatot has been awarded a \$615,000 grant from the Arkansas Department of Higher Education. The grant will enhance the quality of education for current and future medical professionals at UA Cossatot by allowing the college to purchase the very latest equipment and supplies for existing and new medical programs at all four UA Cossatot campuses. The programs enabled UA Cossatot to offer an Associate of Applied Science RN (generic program) degree and an Associate of Applied Science in Medical Laboratory Technology degree.



UA Cossatot Received \$400,587 Virtual Welding Grant

UA Cossatot was awarded in March 2021 a \$400,587 grant for fiber upgrades for their Lockesburg Campus and virtual reality welding simulators. This Rural Development investment will be used to implement a distance learning system with virtual reality welding simulators at five rural sites in Sevier, Little River, and Howard counties.



UAC Secondary Career Center Students Win Welding Competition

UA Cossatot Secondary Career Center students from the Nashville Campus attended and won first place in the 2021 Weld-A-Thon competition Thursday, March 18 at South Arkansas Community College. UA Cossatot Secondary Career Center students, Damion Barbre of Dierks High School, Brantley Cupples of Nashville High School, and Harley Keys from Murfreesboro High School won 1st place. Fellow student, Dalton Gibson of Dierks High School was also in attendance. Participants were given a blueprint, welding materials, and had two hours to build a custom fire pit.



UAC Ranks Sixth in State Graduation Rates Among all Two-Year Colleges

The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) released a report revealing UA Cossatot's success in key areas compared to similar colleges; indicating UA Cossatot is now 6th in overall graduation rates among all two-year schools in Arkansas. The most recent IPEDS report lists UA Cossatot as having the sixth-highest graduation rate in Arkansas with a 42 percent graduation rate.

UA Cossatot Partners With Pilgrim's Pride for the Better Futures Program

UA Cossatot announces its new partnership with Pilgrim's Pride for its students and future students. In May of 2020, Chancellor of UA Cossatot, Dr. Steve Cole signed an agreement with Pilgrim's Pride in De Queen to be part of the local Better Futures program. With this local program, any Pilgrim's Pride employee and their dependents may attend UA Cossatot tuition-free for any field of study they choose.

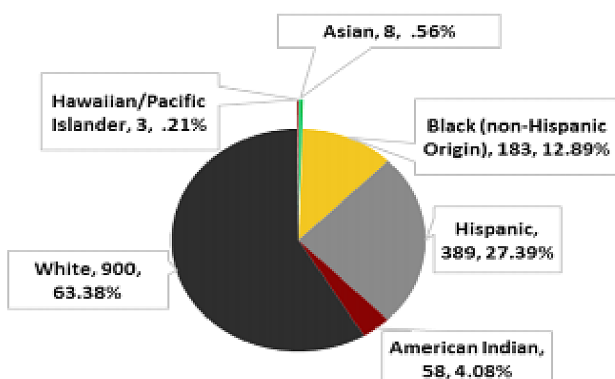


Governor Asa Hutchinson Attends Launch of Arkansas Trucking Academy

Two educational systems came together June 24th on the campus of ASU Three Rivers to unveil Arkansas' first and only public trucking academy. The Arkansas Trucking Academy (ArkTA) is a consortium of ASU Three Rivers, UA Cossatot, UA Rich Mountain, and UA Hope/Texarkana. The first course will begin August 2. For more information or to apply, visit ArkTruckingAcademy.com.



Ethnicity of Student Population, Fall 2020



2020-21 Tuition per Credit Hour

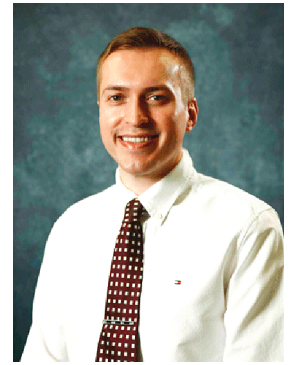
In District (Sevier, Howard, Little River):	\$74.00
Out of District, in state:	\$87.00
Out of State:	* \$102.00
Internet Courses (out of service area):	\$92.00
LPN to RN Transition	\$87.00

**Waiver, if applicable, for citizens of border counties in Oklahoma and Texas*



UA Cossatot Foundation

In 2020-2021, the UA Cossatot Foundation received over \$154,000 in contributions from generous donors, UA Cossatot employees, and fundraising events. Events held included golf tournaments in De Queen and Nashville raising over \$12,000, Meet the Colts Fish Fry on each campus raised over \$5,000, #GivingTuesday brought in over \$11,000, Colts Drawdown in Lockesburg raised over \$6,000, and Fiesta Fest in Downtown De Queen raised nearly \$13,000.



Dustin Roberts
Director of Development

The Foundation was able to award \$73,217 in donor funded scholarships for UA Cossatot students. Additionally, UA Cossatot awarded \$30,276 in institutional scholarships.

In July 2020, the UA Cossatot Foundation merged with the University of Arkansas Foundation. Funds raised through the UA Cossatot Foundation stays local for UA Cossatot and the students it serves.

THE FOUNDATION

UA COSSATOT

The UA Cossatot Foundation exists to create awareness of the need for scholarships and resources while focusing efforts on raising funds to meet this need and furthering UA Cossatot institutional development.



ATHLETICS

PLAY BASKETBALL AT
UNIVERSITY OF
ARKANSAS - COSSATOT

UA Cossatot's Athletic Department currently features men's and women's basketball and competes in Region 2 of the NJCAA Division II. In our first year of eligibility, both the Colts and Lady Colts advanced to the semifinals of the conference tournament. In addition, UAC freshman Terry Anderson, earned Region 2 Co-MVP honors as he led the conference in scoring, steals, free throws, and rebounds per game. For his efforts, Anderson was named to the NJCAA All American second team.

On campus, Dillon Cheater and Kailynne Chaney served as UA Cossatot Student Ambassadors. Off the court, our athletes were active in the communities we serve, serving in a variety of efforts, including local food drives during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Robert Byrd
Athletic Director & Head Basketball Coach

