



OFFICE OF PLANNED GIVING

Greetings from the Planned Giving team at the University of Arkansas! Another academic year just wrapped up and we're settling in for summer sessions here in Fayetteville.

With summer merely weeks away, you may want to consider including Fayetteville in your travel plans. If you're planning to visit campus this summer check out *Southern Living's* list of the 12 best restaurants in Fayetteville. You'll find old favorites like Hugo's and some new listings to make your visit

memorable.

Read on to learn about this weekend's Spring Commencement schedule, a new provost, and a unique way to include the U of A in your charitable giving plans!

Spring 2025 Commencement

Spring 2025 commencement ceremonies will be held this Friday and Saturday, May 9 and 10, with more than 5,500 graduates being honored in multiple ceremonies. A copy of the commencement program, parking information and a full commencement schedule are available [here](#). All ceremonies will also be streamed live on the university's official [YouTube channel](#).

University of Arkansas Names Indrajeet Chaubey as Provost

Indrajeet Chaubey was named the U of A's next provost and executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, effective July 1, 2025. He will succeed Terry Martin, who returns to a faculty role in the College of Engineering. Chaubey arrives from the University of Connecticut, where he has served as dean of the College of Agriculture, Health and Natural Resources and director of the Storrs Agricultural Experiment Station since 2019. He led record enrollment, increased scholarship funding by 67%, doubled research funding, and launched new degree programs. Chaubey previously held roles at Purdue (2007-2019) and the U of A (2000-2006).



Mullins Library Reopens with Exciting New Updates

Mullins Library officially reopened last month, unveiling exciting updates to the



common areas on Levels 1 and 2. Visitors can now enjoy a modern space featuring contemporary furniture, private study rooms, convenient printing services, expanded Special Collections spaces, and an abundance of natural light. Library staff will be stationed throughout the newly reopened areas to assist guests and

highlight both the current improvements and the immersive, tech-rich spaces still to come. After an extended renovation period, the library now stands as a state-of-the-art research hub for students and faculty.

Chancellor Robinson, Admissions Team Visit North Central Arkansas High Schools

Chancellor Charles Robinson and members of the Office of Admissions team visited several high schools in North Central Arkansas last month to reach out to

prospective students and highlight opportunities at the U of A. The recruiting trip included stops at Cave City High School, Harrison High School, Highland High School, Mountain Home High School, and Mountain View High School. The U of A has already admitted 92 students from these schools for the fall 2025 semester and has awarded them \$378,000 in scholarship funding, with every student who applied for a scholarship receiving funding.



Land of Opportunity Scholarship Campaign

Access to higher education and financial support can impact students across the state. When thinking about your philanthropic goals, please consider supporting our Land of Opportunity Scholarship campaign. This three-year initiative aims to expand educational access from all 75 counties in Arkansas, boost graduation rates, foster two-way engagement between the university and businesses across the state, and fulfill our land-grant mission to serve Arkansas. More information about the campaign is available [here](#).

Naming the University of Arkansas as a Successor Beneficiary

As you consider charitable giving vehicles, naming the U of A as the successor beneficiary of your taxable IRA or retirement account is one strategic way to support the university while maximizing tax benefits for your children.

Whether through a will, trust, or beneficiary designation, this type of planned giving allows you to contribute meaningfully while maintaining financial security during your lifetime.

For example, under current tax laws, your children must withdraw the full balance of an inherited IRA within ten years, potentially resulting in a significant tax burden. However, since the University of Arkansas is a tax-exempt entity, leaving your IRA to the university ensures that 100% of your gift directly supports scholarships, research, and student success.

You can also designate the university as a beneficiary—full, partial, or contingent—of your 401(k), 403(b), or pension. Alternatively, you can include the U of A in your will or revocable trust. By structuring your bequest thoughtfully, you ensure your legacy supports future generations of students and advances the university's mission.

By including the U of A in your estate plans, you may qualify for an estate tax

charitable deduction while reducing the estate tax burden on your heirs.

As always, our office is here to help align your giving strategy with your philanthropic goals. For questions about naming a successor beneficiary, or about making a planned gift of any size, please contact us by calling **479-575-7271** or emailing legacy@uark.edu.

Remember to follow us on **Facebook** for timely news, updates, and information about campus events.

We look forward to staying connected in the year ahead. Thank you for being an essential part of the University of Arkansas community and look for our next e-newsletter in July!

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