

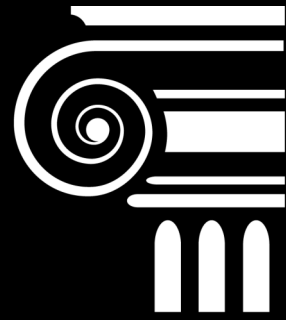


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“Athens State has not only prepared me for a career, it has given me a sense of confidence to enter the work force.”



ALABAMA CENTER FOR THE ARTS ANNOUNCES HALL OF FAME

The Alabama Center for the Arts inducted eight into the inaugural class of the Alabama Center for the Arts Hall of Fame. The Hall of Fame was established in 2015 and furthers the mission of the Alabama Center for the Arts to provide the public with access to the highest caliber of artistic expression and cultural awareness.

The eight inductees included Wes Chapman, Tillman Crane, Emmylou Harris, Nall Hollis, Dean Jones, Bruce Larsen, the Quiltmakers of Gee's Bend, and Mildred Nungester Wolfe. All inductees are Alabama natives and residents who have achieved preeminence in their respective field of artistic expression.

"Calhoun is extremely excited to partner with Athens State University as we move forward in the establishment of the Alabama Center for the Arts Hall of Fame. We thank Senator Orr and others in our community for their vision in creating this

venue to recognize and pay homage to Alabama artists from a myriad of genres," commented Calhoun President Dr. Jim Klauber.

Early in 2015, a group consisting of Senator Arthur Orr, Athens State President Bob Glenn, Calhoun President Jim Klauber, Representative Terri Collins, Councilman Chuck Ard, Kim Mitchell, Wally Terry, Stratton Orr, and John Joseph led the charge to establish the Hall of Fame. This committee met to research the concept, gain initial endorsement, achieve various forms of official recognition, and establish a threshold of credibility for the concept. In August 2015 the Hall of Fame was publicly announced after the initiative received legislative recognition and the endorsement of well-respected artists.

Athens State President Bob Glenn states, "These artists who are being honored represent a broad spectrum of creative expression that symbolizes the impact our State has had upon them. We are honored to herald their achievements and to have them as our inaugural inductees."

An induction ceremony was held in November at the Alabama Center for the Arts.

The Alabama Center for the Arts, founded in 2012, serves as a statewide catalyst for artistic education and appreciation, while also promoting a culture of creativity throughout Alabama. It is a collaborative effort between Calhoun Community



LOUISE STEELE RECEIVES PRESIDENT'S MEDAL

At Athens State University's summer commencement ceremony, alumna Louise Strange Steele of the Class of 1941 received a very special honor. Steele, who was attending the ceremony to celebrate the 75th anniversary of her Athens College commencement, was bestowed the President's Medal from Athens State President Bob Glenn. The ceremony was held on August 6 on the commencement stage in front of Founders Hall.

"Louise Steele epitomizes the legacy of our campus," said Glenn. "Her 40 year tenure on our Alumni Association Board, her generosity in endowing scholarships for our present-day students, and her support of University events are unmatched. She truly is our greatest champion."

Steele earned a bachelor's degree in Chemistry from the then Athens College in 1941 and continued her studies at Columbia Medical School. Upon her return to Athens, she taught school at Tanner Junior High School and Athens High School before working as an analytical chemist at Redstone Arsenal. She is a great proponent of the local arts community and has been involved with such organizations as CASA, Limestone Democratic Association, Hospital Auxiliary, Beautification Board, and DAR.

The President's Medal was first awarded in 2010 and is presented at special events by the Athens State University President. It recognizes service, honor, and loyalty in furthering the mission of the Institution.



BANK INDEPENDENT HONORS SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Two Athens State University students have been recognized as the first recipients of the Edward Fennel Mauldin Memorial Endowed Scholarship. Athens State students Misty Tubbs from Sheffield, and Kenzie Aldridge from Moulton, attended a reception in their honor with Athens State officials and Bank Independent representatives in September.

Bank Independent President Macke Mauldin congratulated these students on their achievements. "I'm proud to honor our 2016 scholarship recipients today," said Mauldin.

Mauldin explained that his father, the late Edward F. Mauldin, never graduated from college, but was a lifelong learner who deeply appreciated the value of the college experience. Mauldin added that his father, a successful banker and career farmer, always believed that any exposure to college was better than none at all.

The Edward Fennel Mauldin Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established by Bank Independent and the Mauldin family in honor of the late Mr. Mauldin, and is awarded to first-generation college students who are residents and graduates of high schools in Colbert, Franklin, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, or Morgan counties. Each recipient can be awarded up to \$5,000 for an academic year.

Tubbs majors in Physical Education and hopes to teach in the Colbert County school system. Aldridge, who transferred to Athens State from Calhoun Community College, is pursuing a degree in Collaborative Teaching/Special Education for grades six through twelve. Both students praised the faculty and staff of

Athens State for the quality of education they have received, the relationships they've developed, and the flexibility the school provides.

"The great education program at Athens State won me over," said Tubbs, who commutes to Athens from the Shoals in addition to attending classes online. "Plus, I work full-time in an internship program and they are great to work with my schedule. My internship is unpaid, so the Mauldin scholarship has been a blessing."

Athens State's education program is widely recognized as one of the best in Alabama, and produces more teachers than any other program in the state, according to Dr. Bob Glenn, President of the University. "Teaching is one of the most important professions," said Glenn as he congratulated the scholarship recipients. "You're the guardians of our future. The children you teach are the message we send to a time we will not see."

Mauldin presented Tubbs and Aldridge with a special gift from Bank Independent and congratulated them again on their accomplishments.

"To whom much is given much is expected," said Mauldin. "Your responsibility is to pay it forward at every opportunity. We're all in this together."



Pictured, left to right: College of Education Dean Dr. Pat Sims, Provost Dr. Joe Delap, Aldridge, Mauldin, Tubbs, Dr. Glenn

GRANT FROM APPALACHIAN REGIONAL COMMISSION

The Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC) announced the approval of a grant in the amount of \$75,000 to Athens State University. The grant will support the Tying Excellence with Accountability Mentor (TEAM) Program developed by the University's College of Education to provide support to new classroom teachers and in turn, enable them to provide their students with an environment where they can grow and develop successfully.

Faculty mentors from Athens State University's College of Education will be paired with 50 primary school teachers in order to provide support, guidance, resources, and feedback on teacher performance and the learning environment. This project will serve Limestone and Morgan counties, currently designated by ARC as transitional. In addition to ARC funds, state sources will provide \$75,000, bringing the total project funding to \$150,000.

"This award is special in that it gives us the opportunity to connect with new classroom teachers in Limestone and Morgan Counties," said Dr. Jackie Smith, Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs at Athens State. "I would like to thank Dr. Darlene Turner-White in our College of Education for her tireless work to bring this mentoring project to fruition."

The ARC is an economic development agency of the federal government and 13 state governments focusing on 420 counties across the Appalachian region. ARC's mission is to innovate, partner, and invest to build community capacity and strengthen economic growth in Appalachia and help the region achieve socioeconomic parity with the nation. More information is available at www.arc.gov.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT CENTER RECOGNIZED

At an Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers Conference held at Gadsden State, Athens State's Career Development Center (CDC) was presented with an Achievement Award in the Internal Informational/Education Program category for their support of the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) at Athens State. The CDC partnered with Disability Services to market, connect, and support students with disabilities through the employment process of the program. The WRP is a national referral and recruitment program for students and recent graduates with disabilities, and serves as a pipeline for bringing new talent into the federal government. The U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy and the U.S. Department of Defense coordinate the program.

Since 2013, the CDC has provided the following support services to students participating in this program: instructional and targeted emails with success tips about the employment process, meetings with students for resume reviews, teleconferences and career chats about how to shine in a phone interview, professional introduction guidance, and mock interview practice as needed. Students were also provided a private professional space at the University with a landline for phone interviews which is a critical step in the employment process. Each year of participation the CDC's support of WRP program has been expanded and has improved.

Participation in the program has grown from 5 students in the 2013-14 school year to 17 in 2015-16. Twelve students from Athens accepted and participated in WRP Internships Summer 2016. Students received internship offers from North Alabama, of course, but some offers came from government agencies as far away as Washington, D.C. and the state of Washington.

The Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers is an organization for career development professionals and employers. Membership in 2015-16 included 31 universities and colleges, and 20 employers located in Alabama.



Pictured, left to right: International Student Advisor Laura Allen, Director of Career Counseling Services Saralyn Mitchell, Disability Services Specialist Jean Martin

REPORT CITES ATHENS STATE GENERATING MILLIONS FOR AREA

A 2016 Athens State University economic impact study shows the institution generates approximately \$89.18 million dollars and 503 jobs each year for the local economy. The authors believe this report draws attention to the University's initiatives and highlights its positive economic and non-economic impact on north Alabama.



"Athens State has an enormous impact on the area communities in northern Alabama," states University President Bob Glenn. "The academic and professional expertise of our faculty supported by an excellent staff makes the University not only a great academic institution, but highlights our University as an engine for business and industry development. That expertise, coupled with our exceptional Colleges of Business, Education, and Arts & Sciences, makes Athens State a vital and integral part of the society of our region."

Using a conservative financial multiplier of 2.0115, the report authors surmised that an annual return on investment to the local economy by Athens State University is \$8.62 for every revenue dollar received. The dollar figure does not include non-quantifiable aspects such as the aesthetic campus setting, cultural events, and the other instruction and development of the future educators, scientists, managers, and leaders of society.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Limestone County is the third fastest growing county in the State of Alabama. Relocating companies and industries utilize a five-point quality of life matrix in making a decision to move to a new area. Education is one of those important indicators, and Athens State has been a keystone in many decisions for such industries to relocate to the local community.

The full economic impact report may be found online at www.athens.edu/economic-impact/

MEET ALABAMA'S INTERN STUDENT OF THE YEAR

Katie Smith, a Management major and Human Resource Management minor from Decatur, was named the Alabama Intern Student of the Year for 2016 by the Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers (AACE). She was awarded the state-wide title at the AACE Annual Conference held in Gadsden, Alabama July 26 – 28, 2016. The award presentation was applauded by attendees from 24 universities and colleges and 11 employers.

Earlier in July, Smith was recognized as the Athens State Intern Student of the Year at a ceremony on Redstone Arsenal with her employer (SMDC) U.S. Army Space and Missile Defense Command (SMDC). Smith was offered an internship in June 2015 with SMDC where she currently works as an Administrative Support Assistant.

"We are very proud of Katie," stated Saralyn Mitchell, Athens State University's Director of Career Development. "She represents the qualities of a good student and employee by demonstrating a positive work ethic, a dedication to quality, and she consistently sets the right example for future interns to follow. The quality of candidates at both the university and State level for this award was high and through excellent performance and dedication Katie was singled out in both arenas."

AACE is an organization for career development professionals and employers. Membership in this organization

provides networking opportunities to benefit the State's university students, their future employees, as well as providing professional development. The organization provides a resource for industry and education to partner to promote a competent and productive workforce.



KATHERINE QUINNELL NAMED AS LIBRARY DIRECTOR

Athens State University announced the appointment of Dr. Katherine Quinnell as Library Director effective November 1, 2016. Quinnell was hired after a national search to replace Dr. Robert Burkhardt who retired after more than 30 years in the position.

Quinnell completed her Ph.D. in Educational Leadership from Mercer University in December 2015. She also holds a Master of Education in College Teaching from Northeastern State University, a Master of Library Science from Texas Woman's University, and a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from Texas Woman's University.

"We are excited that Dr. Quinnell will bring her expertise to Athens State," remarked Athens State Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs Joe Delap. "We were fortunate to have a very strong candidate pool and I feel we have identified the most appropriate person to lead our efforts in Library Services."

Quinnell most recently served as Assistant Dean for Public Service at Clayton State University where she oversaw all service operations of the library. Her research interests include the advancement of technology in education, the effective use of space by students in learning environments, student research methods, and mentoring as a relationship.

The Athens State University Library houses approximately 100,000 volumes in subjects supporting the institution's curriculum. Collaboration with the Alabama Virtual Library and the Network of Alabama Academic Libraries allows Athens State to offer a wealth of online databases.



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FORMER ALABAMA GOVERNOR RECEIVES HONORARY DEGREE

Former Alabama Governor Albert P. Brewer has been awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities from Athens State University. Brewer, the state's governor from 1968 to 1971, currently serves on the faculty of the Cumberland School of Law as Professor Emeritus of Law and Government.

Brewer received the award in September at a luncheon in Birmingham with Athens State President Robert Glenn, Athens State Trustees Senator Arthur Orr and Sandra Sims-deGraffenried, and Athens State Vice President for Advancement Keith Ferguson.

"Governor Brewer is a true southern gentleman and has a tremendous record of service to the state," remarks Glenn. "It is a privilege for us to honor all that he has accomplished in the field of education for Alabama."

Brewer's administration was marked with many significant accomplishments in ethics, economic development, and education. His achievements in education included the largest increase in appropriations for public schools in Alabama history; the creation of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education (ACHE); the creation of the Education Study Commission; a constitutional amendment to provide for the election of members of the State Board of Education and the appointment by the Board of the State Superintendent of Education; and the equalization of funding from the state to local school systems.

Athens State's honorary degrees are conferred to recognize outstanding individuals for their significant contributions to society and they serve as a centuries-old tradition of the academic community. Honorary doctorate degrees are not earned through academic achievements, rather through generous and altruistic actions or lifetime accomplishments that benefit a community, nation, or humanity in general.



Pictured, left to right: Glenn, Sims-deGraffenried, Brewer, Orr

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RESOURCE MANAGEMENT SOCIETY NAMED OUTSTANDING CHAPTER

The Society for Human Resource Management (SHRM) has awarded a 2015-2016 Outstanding Student Chapter Award designation to the Athens State University SHRM student chapter for providing superior growth and development opportunities to its student chapter members. This is a repeat performance for the student group as they earned outstanding recognition in 2015 and 2014, and superior in 2013.

Two hundred and six schools from across the United States applied for the award and Athens State University was one of 163 winners.

The SHRM student chapter merit award program, which began in 1972, was created to encourage student chapters to require ongoing excellence in the following areas: student chapter requirements, chapter operations, chapter programming and professional development of members, support of the human resource profession, and SHRM engagement.

"These chapters truly represent the future of the HR profession," said Susan Post, SHRM-SCP, East Divisional Director at SHRM and the lead for SHRM's Student Programs. "Their achievements go above and beyond their everyday academic and work commitments and we applaud the positive impact their efforts have on their schools, their local communities and beyond."

SHRM student chapters had the opportunity to earn an award based on the number of activities they completed during the merit award cycle, which lasted from April 1, 2015, to March 31, 2016.

SHRM, founded in 1948, is the world's largest association devoted to human resource management. Representing more than 285,000 professional and 20,000 student members in over 160 countries, the association serves the needs of HR professionals and advances the interests of the HR profession.



GRE TESTING NOW AVAILABLE AT ATHENS STATE

The Athens State University Testing Center is now a Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) revised General Test exam site. The GRE is the most widely accepted measure of a student's readiness for graduate level work. The exam measures verbal reasoning, quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, and analytical writing skills. The GRE is a computer-based exam and will be offered at the Testing Center on select dates throughout the year.

The GRE is a national exam for graduate program admission, and one of the admissions requirements for Athens State University's Graduate Program in Religious Studies. Applicants can now complete the exam on Athens State's campus. GRE scores are accepted at thousands of institutions around the world, including more than 1,200 business schools accepting GRE scores for their MBA programs.

Currently, 97 of the 2015 *U.S. News & World Report* top 100 business schools in the United States and nine of the top 10 institutions on *The Financial Times* 2016 Global MBA Ranking accept GRE scores. In addition, 29 of *Bloomberg Businessweek's* top 30 U.S. MBA programs accept GRE scores.

"We are excited to offer this additional testing service to our students and community," states Jackie Smith, Athens State Assistant Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Testing Center plans to offer morning and afternoon administrations of the GRE.

To register to take a GRE test, visit www.ets.org/gre. For additional information about the Athens State University Testing Center call 256-233-6540 or visit their webpage at www.athens.edu/testing.

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BUSINESS CLASS PASSES STRICT NATIONAL REVIEW PROCESS

Athens State University's College of Business submitted its Operations Management course (MG390), developed by Dr. Kim Roberts and Dr. Mark Gale, to be reviewed by a team from Quality Matters.

Quality Matters is a nationally recognized, faculty-centered, peer review process designed to certify the quality of online courses and online components. The Quality Matters Rubric has become one of the most widely used sets of standards for the design of high quality online and blended courses at the college level. Today, more than 850 colleges and universities subscribe to Quality Matters. The QM process focuses on quality assurance efforts in online learning and assists faculty with making the transition into distance education.

"While this process involved a significant time commitment, I found it to be well worth it," states Roberts. "In addition to receiving course certification, we gained valuable feedback and recommendations from the external reviewers to make the course even stronger for our students."

In order to meet Quality Matters review expectations using the Fifth Edition of the Quality Matters Rubric, a course must meet 21 essential standards. In addition, the Operations Management course must receive a minimum of 84 (out of 99) points among all 43 standards.

The University is pleased to report that the course met each of the 21 essential standards and received 99 out of 99 possible points. The course is now eligible to carry the QM Certification Mark.



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The poster features a green grass background. On the left, there is a white golf flag on a green pole, with a golf ball in the hole. On the right, there is a white silhouette of a golfer in mid-swing. The text is in white, with the title in a large, serif font and the date in a slightly smaller serif font. The amount raised is in a smaller, sans-serif font. The website URL is at the bottom left. The Alumni Association logo is at the bottom right, consisting of a stylized building icon and the text 'ALUMNI ASSOCIATION' and 'ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY'.

ATHENS STATE HOSTED FEMINIST PHILOSOPHER SUSAN BORDO



Athens State University's Livingston Concert Lecture Series presented two public lectures by acclaimed feminist philosopher Susan Bordo. The free lectures were held on Monday, September 19 at Athens State venues in both Athens and Decatur.

Bordo's writing contributes to a body of feminist, cultural, and gender studies, linking modern consumer culture directly to the formation of gendered bodies. Bordo specializes in contemporary culture and its relation to the body, focusing on modern female disorders such as anorexia and bulimia, cosmetic surgery, beauty, and evolutionary theory. She also deals with racism and the body, issues of masculinity, along with issues of sexual harassment.

The first lecture was held in McCandless Hall on the Athens State University campus. The topic being "Elizabeth I's Challenge to the Masculinity of the Royal Body."

A second lecture was held at in the Recital Hall of the Alabama Center for the Arts Phase II building in Decatur. The topic was "From Anne Boleyn to Hillary Clinton: Politics, Gender, and Myth."

Bordo is the author of *The Creation of Anne Boleyn*, *The Male Body*, and *Unbearable Weight: Feminism, Western Culture, and the Body*. Her book *Unbearable Weight* was named a Notable Book of 1993 by the New York Times; it was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and received a Distinguished Publication Award from the Association for Women In Psychology.

DIRECTOR OF INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT APPOINTED

Athens State University announces the appointment of W. David Brown as Director of Institutional Development. Brown holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Maryville College and received an Executive Scholar Certificate in Non Profit Management from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University.

Brown relocated to Athens from Sacramento, California where he had been the Executive Director of the Work-Study program at Cristo Rey High School for the past eight years. The Work-Study program is a workforce development opportunity, financially sponsored by the business community in Sacramento. It was developed for high school students with limited financial means to acquire real world work experience while receiving a college preparatory education.

According to Dr. Keith Ferguson, Athens State's Vice President for University Advancement, "David brings a significant skill set to Athens State both in the areas of fundraising and nonprofit management. In his position with Cristo Rey, he has been responsible for raising sixty percent of the school's overall operating budget. We are pleased that he has agreed to join our efforts at Athens State University."

Previously, Brown was in hard cover book and magazine publishing as a Chief Operating Officer. He began his duties at Athens State on November 1.



GLENN JOINS ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF LEADERSHIP ORGANIZATION

The U.S. Global Leadership Coalition (USGLC) has invited Athens State University President Robert K. Glenn to serve as a member of their Alabama Advisory Committee. The invitation came from committee co-chairs The Honorable Josiah Bonner, U.S. House of Representatives 2003-2013, and The Honorable Jim Folsom, Jr., Governor of Alabama 1993-1995.

The USGLC is a broad-based influential network of 500 businesses and non-governmental organizations, and military, faith-based, and civic leaders united in support of U.S. global engagement. It works to educate the American public and policymakers on the importance of investing in diplomacy and development alongside defense in building a strategic, modern foreign policy.

The coalition is active across the country and includes such organizations and businesses as Lockheed Martin, Google, Caterpillar, Catholic Relief Services, Coca-Cola, GE, Mercy Corps, Microsoft, RTI International, Save the Children, and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

As a member of the Alabama Advisory Committee, Glenn will lend his name in support of U.S. global leadership, support the efforts of USGLC to reach out locally to members of Congress to educate them about the importance of the International Affairs Budget, and assist the coalition to identify other key opinion leaders in the state.

"I admire the work done by the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition and I am happy to have this opportunity to serve on

the Alabama Advisory Committee," stated Glenn. "The Coalition's work in building support for the International Affairs Budget is crucial in fostering positive global interactions and diplomacy."

The USGLC Alabama Advisory Committee currently consists of a 47 member group of leaders from all areas of Alabama. Glenn's appointment began in November.



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ATHENS STATE STUDENT PARTICIPATES IN NSF RESEARCH EVENT

Athens State biology and math double major Antonio Bradley returned from a National Science Foundation (NSF) Research Experience for Undergraduates (REU) at Samford University. Admittance to the REU program is highly competitive as they typically have a less than 10% acceptance rate. Athens State's Math, Computer, and Natural Science department is delighted with Bradley's success.

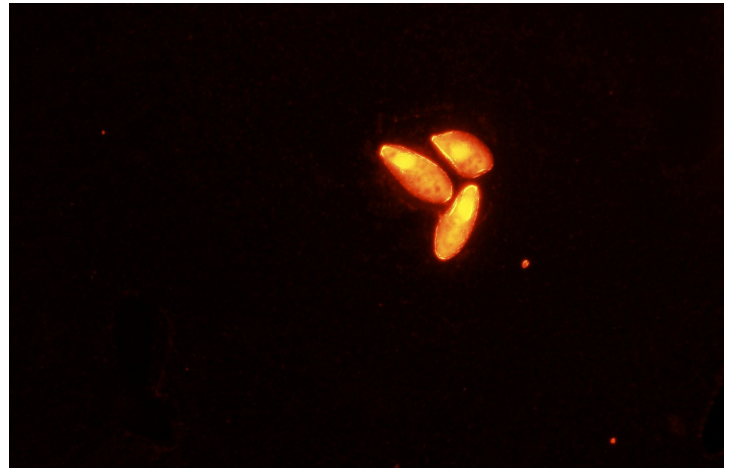
While at the conference, Bradley worked with *in situ* Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) to identify *Caedibacter taeniospiralis* bacterial symbionts within *Paramecium tetraurelia*. He learned a new method of *in situ* PCR that uses incorporation of fluorescent nucleotides into the PCR product to identify the presence and location of the bacterial genes inside of the paramecia. In essence, when the gene is present, the bacteria will 'light up' green, red, or blue. You can see an example of this technique in the image to the right that was taken by our budding researcher.

In addition, Bradley volunteered to be part of a group exploring sulfur springs in Blount County looking for additional endosymbiotic bacteria. While he was there, he found and collected a species of sulfur spring worms. When Bradley used a type of genetic analysis that uses PCR amplification of specific regions of the genome followed by sequencing, he found that he had discovered a new genus. These worms are

extremophiles that feed on bacteria obtaining their energy from the springs themselves.

Perhaps most importantly, Bradley had a fantastic research experience and has returned to Athens State invigorated by the summer. He returned in early August and has already begun planning his next research experience by looking into additional grants and fellowships for which he can apply.

Bradley stated, "I had an excellent time, the professors were amazing, and I learned so much about my dear love, biology."



ATHENS STATE FACULTY AND STAFF ARE TRUE BLUE



Friday, September 2, 2016 was proclaimed "College Colors Day" by Alabama Governor Robert Bentley. The Governor encouraged all citizens of Alabama to proudly wear their college colors as a way of promoting an appreciation of higher education. Faculty and staff members of Athens State University wore the University's colors on Friday and assembled in front of historic Founders Hall.

A photograph of two women in an art studio. In the foreground, a young woman with long dark hair is looking intently at a large blue canvas mounted on a wooden easel. Behind her, an older woman with grey hair is also looking at the canvas, her hand near the bottom edge. The older woman is wearing a light-colored t-shirt with a graphic that says "RIVER CLAY". The background shows other easels and studio equipment, slightly out of focus.

“What sold me on Athens State was the ability to interact with the faculty. They are available and make you feel like you’re not alone on your path to a degree. I appreciate that.”



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