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QUARTERLY UPDATE

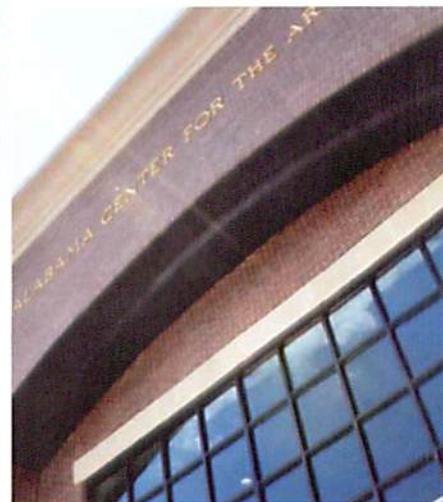
ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

JANUARY 17, 2020

WE HAVE...

College of Arts and Sciences

- * **Launched a new Cyber Podcast**—Nick Agrawal, Computer Science Instructor, produced our first Cyber Podcast, featuring Ira Lacy. Mr. Lacy is a Cyber Security expert and the newest member of our College of Arts and Sciences Board of Visitors:
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Yi6H7WfIIWy2mGqq4Ta7IWZWiiTUW8NY/view>
- * **Received a grant for the Alabama Center for the Arts**—A \$25,000 Community Vibrancy Grant from 3M will support Project 2020, a summer fine arts camp that is a part of the Fine Arts Pathway Program at the ACA. The camp gives local high school students an in-depth experience in the world of visual and performing arts. The intensive two-week camp helps shape and bolster students' natural talents in many areas of the Arts while bringing Athens State University and Calhoun Community College faculty in the Visual and Performing Arts together as one collaborative faculty for the duration of the program. The purpose of this grant is to help improve the quality of life in underserved families, increase access to youth development programs for underrepresented children, and provide access to vibrant and diverse art opportunities.





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JANUARY 17, 2020

WE HAVE...

- * Offered a new Inside/Out program at Limestone Correctional Facility. Psychology professors, Dr. Susan Owen and Dr. Vanessa Miller, completed training to be Inside/Out Prison Exchange Program Leaders and developed a new class, which was offered for the first time in the fall semester at Limestone Correctional. The class provided the opportunity for both inside (incarcerated) students and outside (non-incarcerated) students to meet throughout a semester in a class setting to read about and discuss complex social issues such as crime, justice, and difference. Students worked together on teams to develop projects that apply their learning to real-world situations and problems with the goal of having a positive impact on communities.



- * Hosted a Regional Health Summit—On Nov. 13, the COAS hosted professionals from hospitals, community organizations, educational institutions, and government to address public health and safety issues in the region, especially as related to underserved and rural communities, and determine the needs of the community, workforce/employer demands, and skills/preparation of graduates. The COAS is strengthening partnerships with health organizations across the region and using the feedback to guide the review, revision, and development of Athens State programs related to public health and safety.



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College of Business

- * **Signed a partnership agreement with the US Army Combat Capabilities Development Command Aviation and Missile Center (DEVCOM) on November 19, 2020.** This formal agreement between the federal agency and Athens State encourages and enhances study in scientific disciplines at all levels of education by providing assistance to academic partners by personnel support and access to defense laboratory projects to which students may also gain academic credit and experience. The initial launch of this initiative will be aimed at providing these opportunities to College of Business Logistics Majors.



- * **Added a mid-academic year admission cycle.** While in the Fall 2019 the College of Business launched a 12 month fast-path option to complete the MS-GLSCM program, a mid-academic year admission cycle was added effective Spring 2020 to admit a new 18-month cohort. With this change, the College of Business now offers fall and spring start dates for new MS-GLSCM cohorts, with both the 12 and 18-month cohort option available each fall. The first graduating class for the first 12-month fast path cohort will be in August 2020.

- * **Quality Matters has certified 100% of the Accounting courses required in the Accounting major.** Other programs are close behind (HRM, MS-GLSCM) this notable achievement and the COB is leading with 34 (69%) QM courses of the total of 49 university-wide.
- * **Received IMA Outstanding Student Chapter Award.** The Athens State University College of Business Accounting program was selected as only one of five schools to receive the Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) **Outstanding Student Chapter** in the Award of Excellence Competition, which recognizes the top student chapters that promote IMA's mission and vision statements as well as provides a broad spectrum of activities and services to their student members. The award was conferred at the Annual IMA Student Leadership Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina in November. Other universities receiving this award included:

California State University, Fresno
The University of Scranton

University of Hawaii at Manoa
Utah State University



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College of Education

- * **Completed the first semester with new interactive platform "GoReact".** The College of Education has just completed its first semester with new interactive platform "GoReact", which allowed students to capture video while in remote locations, then, when Internet access became available, the video was submitted to GoReact for professor review/grading. Additionally, students live-stream a video to the professor in real-time allowing first hand participation in the presentation while also capturing the video for review/grading following. Additionally, professors were able to view videos within the GoReact system and provide contextual time-coded feedback which simplified grading and remote viewing of student performance. Professors were also able to use the software to leave precise, time-coded feedback on student's presentation delivery while simultaneously viewing the student's slide deck. It has enhanced field experience and internships for the students and professors.



- * **Added sixteen new minority students to the College of Education** with the help of secured state funding that supports tuition, books, fee and recruitment efforts. The African-American male initiative now known as the "Kennis Project", supports these recruits through mentorship, scholarship, housing efforts and leadership development. Upon completion of the BSED a two-year commitment to any Alabama Public School will be honored.
- * **Held an annual assessment retreat.** On November 1st, the College of Education held its annual assessment retreat. Mr. Malik McKinley, Director of Teacher Licensure and Certification of ETS presented to the faculty. ETS is the creator of the required Praxis exams teacher candidates must pass for state and national certification. The presentation included a 5-year deep dive of our pass rate, which indicated were at or above required state scores all five years.



ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

JANUARY 17, 2020

Library

- * Completed the window replacement for the Library
- * Filled the Archives staff position – start date of January 13th

WE ARE...

Library

- * Working with groups across campus to apply for a TRiO grant to provide wrap-around services to 140 low-income first generation students.



- * Applying for an Archives NEH federal grant to evaluate the collection and facilitate the development of preservation plans for Athens State historic collections, with an emphasis on high-risk materials and materials focused on historically underrepresented groups, and increase accessibility to these historic materials.

WE WILL...

Library

- * Assist Athens-Limestone County Public Library with the NEA Big Read Grant to read True Grit.
- * Invite Ms. Peggy Allen Towns, Decatur native and local historian of African American history to speak at the Community Breakfast Speaker Series on February 25th, from 8:30 am – 10 am. This event is coordinated by the University Archives, the Multicultural Student Association and the CLL.



ADVANCEMENT

JANUARY 17, 2020

WE HAVE...

- * Over \$2 million in grants that have been awarded or are pending a decision.
- * Just over \$4 million in grant applications that we are currently working on or plan to submit.
- * Submitted more than \$9.7million in public and private grant applications.

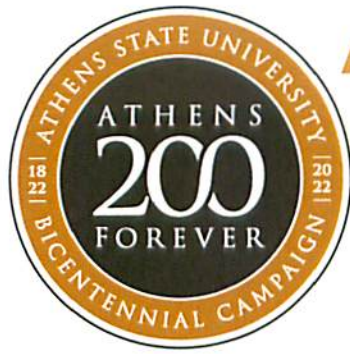
WE ARE...

- * Continuing the planning process for the "Athens Forever" gala scheduled for Saturday, February 29, 2020 in the Carter Gymnasium.
- * Currently working on a Federal Trio grant through the Department of Education. If received, the \$1.2 grant would provide funding for student support services.

WE WILL...

- * Begin the public phase of the "Athens Forever" campaign as we move towards our goal of \$20 million by the Bicentennial Celebration in 2022.





ATHENS FOREVER



TABLE SPONSORSHIP FORM

**GALA TABLE
SPONSORSHIP:
\$800**

SPONSORSHIP BENEFITS:

- Seating for eight guests
- Table Signage
- Name/Logo in Program
- Name/Logo in Presentation

Yes, I would like to sponsor a table at the Athens Forever Gala.

Number of Tables Requested: _____

Company Name (as you would like it to appear):

Contact Person: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Please send your company logo to communications@athens.edu.

Please return this form with payment by February 17, 2020 to:

Athens State University Foundation
P.O. Box 70 | Athens, AL 35612

Save a stamp and purchase your table sponsorship online at AthensForever.org/Gala.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED

ATHENS FOREVER

Gala

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY
CARTER GYMNASIUM

or

COCKTAILS & HORS D'OEUVRES: 5:30 PM
DINNER: 6:30 PM

Join us for the public launch of
ATHENS FOREVER
a Bicentennial Campaign Celebration

COCKTAIL ATTIRE | PLATED DINNER | CASH BAR
ENTERTAINMENT BY "THE FLASHBACKS SHOW BAND"

\$75 per Guest

SPACE IS LIMITED

**Purchase tickets online at AthensForever.org/Gala
or return the enclosed RSVP card with check payment.**

THANK YOU

If you are unable to attend the gala,
the Athens State University Foundation
welcomes your personal or company
contribution at AthensForever.org/Give.



All proceeds to benefit the General Scholarship Endowment unless otherwise designated.

RSVP

ATHENS FOREVER



Kindly respond by **February 17, 2020** by purchasing tickets online at AthensForever.org/Gala, by returning this response card, or by contacting the Office of University Advancement at advancement@athens.edu or (256) 233-8185

Name(s): _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

- I/we accept with pleasure. A check made payable to Athens State University Foundation for \$75 per person is enclosed.
- I/we decline with regret.
- Please accept my donation in support of Athens Forever. My check made payable to Athens State University Foundation is included. (Save a stamp and donate online at AthensForever.org/Give.)

Please return this card with payment by February 17, 2020 to:

Athens State University Foundation
P.O. Box 70 | Athens, AL 35612



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ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT SERVICES

JANUARY 17, 2020

WE HAVE...

Spring enrollment reflected below as of January 14, 2020, following the completion of late registration:

Ongoing Spring 2020					
Day over Day Total Comparison					
	01/16/20 (Thurs)	01/17/19 (Thurs)	% change	SP20 Goal	% of Goal
Credit Hours	26,466	25,924	2.1%	26,190	101.1%
Students	2,794	2,802	-0.3%	2,831	98.7%
New Admits	654	671	-2.5%		
ABC/CERT	67				
New Enrolled	405	386	4.9%	393	103.1%
Continuing Students	2,389	2,416	-1.1%		
Continuing Students %	85.5%	86.2%			
UG Comparison					
	01/16/20 (Thurs)	01/17/19 (Thurs)	% Change	SP20 Goal	% of Goal
UG Hours	25,371	24,991	1.5%	25,254	100.5%
UG Students	2,623	2,645	-0.8%	2,673	98.1%
New Admitted	596	621	-4.0%		
New Enrolled	371	358	3.6%		
GR Comparison					
	01/16/20 (Thurs)	01/17/19 (Thurs)	% Change	SP20 Goal	% of Goal
Grad Hours	1,095	933	17.4%	936	117.0%
Grad students	171	157	8.9%	158	108.2%
New Admitted	58	50	16.0%		
New Enrolled	34	28	21.4%		
Credit Hour Production by College					
	01/16/20 (Thurs)		01/17/19 (Thurs)		
	UG	GR	UG	GR	% change
AS	7,732	90	7,402	93	4.4%
BU	9,247	519	9,176	261	3.5%
ED	7,912	465	7,766	564	0.6%



ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT SERVICES

JANUARY 17, 2020

- * Late Registration and the refund period ended January 13.
- * New enrolled students enrolled in the term are up 5.2% overall.
- * Recruiting continues to build interest and connections through fairs, events and one on one meetings.

WE ARE...

Welcoming new employees

- * **Ms. Jasmine Crutcher** moved from Recruiting to Financial Aid processing.
- * **Mrs. Tricia Oleyte** moved from Recruiting to Student Success Coach.

We added three new Recruiters to the Athens State Team:

- * **Mr. Drake Jackson**, a recent UNA graduate
- * **Ms. Hannah Devine**, a recent Auburn graduate with dual enrollment recruiting experience
- * **Ms. Amber Martinez**, bilingual with recruiting experience with Texas Lutheran University

With Title III funding, we added two new Student Success Coaches to the Athens State Team:

- * **Ms. Tricia Oleyte** moved from the Recruiting team and earned her coaching experience in schools and with the Army.
- * **Ms. Victoria Mould** worked with our Admissions team in the past and returns to us as a Student Success Coach.



ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT SERVICES

JANUARY 17, 2020

WE WILL...

- * Continue to work on implementations with **Title III funding** including growth in the gateway course, Pathways to Success (approximately 175) and the capstone course, Career Seminar (approximately 15). Both courses are currently funded by the Title III grant.
- * Continue to recruit and shepherd our new **Men of Kennis**. The College of Education program, made possible by the state funding, is working to increase the presence of Black Male teachers in the K-12 education system of Alabama. We added 15 male education majors for Spring and interest growing as funding permits. This exceeds our anticipated goal of 5 for Spring.
- * We have signed an MOU with Drake State Community College and will provide advising and other student support services to their students. In addition, we were able to make connections in Student Services and are working toward a joint service project for the Spring Semester.
- * We graduated 260 Undergraduate Students and 12 Graduate Students and awarded 9 certificates to students in the Fall Semester 2019. To improve student services, we are continuing to work to implement Secure Print for Transcript delivery by the National Student Clearinghouse. This automated print/mail service will provide faster fulfillment of transcripts by student request.
- * We provided Scholarship funding of \$ \$266,154 to 339 students in Fall. Federal Funding provided 1798 students with \$9.1 million dollars (including loan funding).



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FINANCE AND FACILITIES

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- * Financial Statement Audit expected to be completed within the next 30 days.
- * EBO budget request submitted to ACHE for 2020-2021 that included a 17% increase in state appropriations
- * Continue to meet with legislators regarding funding needs for 2020-2021 fiscal year
- * Current outstanding bids:
 - Management of the University bookstore services
 - Custodial Services
 - Integrated Library Information Systems
- * Hiring of two restricted grant accountants approved and in process

ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY				
UNAUDITED FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR THE 3 MONTHS ENDING 12/31/2019				
	OPERATING	10/01-12/31/19	10/01-12/31/18	VARIANCE
	BUDGET	ACTUAL	ACTUAL	POS (NEG)
REVENUES:				
REGULAR STATE APPROPRIATION	\$ 14,349,039	\$ 2,391,506	\$ 2,135,880	255,626
SPECIAL STATE APPROPRIATION	\$ 306,455	\$ 239,956	\$ 37,500	202,456
GRANTS AND CONTRACTS	200,000	35,028	69,120	(34,092)
TUITION & FEES**	20,642,730	12,236,829	11,958,037	278,792
RENT	200,000	72,530	62,747	9,783
INVESTMENT INCOME	200,000	43,310	66,195	(22,885)
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE	10,000	50,358	11,929	38,429
INDIRECT COST REVENUE	135,000	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES:	\$ 36,043,224	\$ 15,069,517	\$ 14,341,408	728,109
EXPENDITURES:				
INSTRUCTION	\$ 15,931,337	\$ 3,853,998	\$ 3,542,327	311,671
ACADEMIC SUPPORT	3,497,597	882,795	779,892	102,903
STUDENT SERVICES	3,083,935	689,946	655,335	34,611
INSTITUTIONAL SUPPORT	8,835,157	1,764,237	1,548,803	215,434
OPER. & MAINT. OF PHYSICAL PLANT	3,575,658	736,995	673,164	63,831
SCHOLARSHIPS	1,000,000	297,752	271,005	26,747
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$ 35,923,684	\$ 8,225,723	\$ 7,470,526	755,197
CAPITAL PURCHASES:				
BOOKS	\$ 53,370	\$ 1,860	\$ 2,004	(144)
AUDIO VISUAL	56,170	-	26,605	56,170
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	10,000	-	11,645	(11,645)
TOTAL CAPITAL PURCHASES	119,540	1,860	40,254	(38,394)
EXCESS REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	\$ -	\$ 6,841,934	\$ 6,830,628	11,306

FACULTY SENATE

JANUARY 17, 2020



2019-2020 FACULTY SENATE

(FRONT ROW, L-R): Mary Aquila, Library • Letitia Bergantz, COE • Marla Williams, COE
Quanda Stevenson, COAS • Darlene Turner-White, COE
(BACK ROW, L-R): Mark Durm, COAS • John Berzetti, COB • Elizabeth Pruett, COE
Debra Vaughn, COB (Presiding Officer) • Pamela Keller, COAS • Jim Kerner, COB
NOT PICTURED: Kimberly Jack, COAS • Michael Essary, COB

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Bethany Campbell, Presiding Officer
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Morgan Meadows
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Debbie Wilson



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INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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Information Technology Services (ITS)

- * **Single sign-on project, Banner/Blackboard Integration, and Banner 9 Self Service projects**
Work continues with planned implementation in summer 2020
- * **Desktop upgrades**
Approximately 90 existing systems will be upgraded this academic year.
- * **Security**
The recent Wallace State ransomware infection has been followed by the ITS security team.

Athens Teaching, Learning & Innovations Space (ATLIS)

- * **Quality Matters (QM) course design**
Instructional Design Services continues to work on the QM initiative and reports the following progress:
 - 49 courses in total have received the QM Certified Course designation
 - 30+ courses submitted for QM design
- * **Take10 Series Launched**
ATLIS kicked off a new series of live webinars called Take 10 beginning November 19th. The webinars were produced in the new studio space by the ATLIS team. The webinars are archived for viewing at www.Athens.edu/Take10

	<p>Please join us this Tuesday, November 19th at 10am, for Take10, a LIVE Webinar from Instructional Design Services at Athens State University. These brief, 10 minute episodes feature tips, strategies, and technologies from fellow instructors.</p> <p>In our first episode, Dr. Mark Gale shares how he uses TechSmith Relay to engage his students.</p>
<p>Tues., Nov. 19th @10am - Engaging Students with TechSmith Relay</p>	

- * **Faculty Open House in ATLIS**
On December 3rd & 4th, ATLIS hosted an open house for faculty. During the open house, training sessions were held on TechSmith Relay, Blackboard course design, Access Athens, and HonorLock. Similar sessions will also be held in Spring 2020.



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GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

JANUARY 17, 2020

SPRING 2020 HONORS CONVOCATION

Friday, May 1, 2020
Carter Gymnasium



SPRING 2020 COMMENCEMENT

Saturday, May 2, 2020
Carter Gymnasium

9:00 am – College of Business

12:00 Noon – College of Education

3:00 pm – College of Arts and Sciences

FAQ LIST FOR THE PROJECT 2020

The PROJECT logo, featuring the word "The" in a script font and "PROJECT" in a bold, sans-serif font with a horizontal bar through the letters "O", "J", and "E".

Use this checklist to help answer questions you have about applying for The Project 2020.

WHAT IS THE PROJECT AND WHAT WILL WE LEARN/DO DURING THE PROJECT 2020?

Each summer, The Project's focus is on exploring and creating new works in the arts. During The Project 2020, students will create and produce short films that will be shown during The Project's Film Festival on the final day of camp. Students will explore every aspect of this artistic endeavor, from concept to writing to designing to filming and editing. Included in this 2-week experience are Master Classes in Pottery, Sculpture, Music and Sound Design, and Acting for Film, as well as 2 community building events on Wednesday afternoons.

WHEN IS THE PROJECT?

The Project is scheduled for June 8-12 and June 15-19, 2020.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PROJECT?

Rising High School sophomores, juniors, and seniors

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST TO PARTICIPATE?

The Project is fully funded, so it is completely FREE for students to participate.

DO I NEED TO HAVE TAKEN ART/DRAMA CLASSES?

It is not required, but having experience in art, music, theatre, photography, etc. is a bonus!

WHO SHOULD I ASK FOR A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION?

Art teachers, Music teachers, Theater teachers, Band and Choir directors, Creative club coordinators/advisers, English teachers, and any private instructors you may learn from. We want someone who knows your creativity and has taught/worked with you.

WHAT IS THE SCHEDULE FOR THE 2 WEEKS OF CAMP?

The Project runs from 8:30am-3:30pm on Monday-Friday of each of the 2 weeks. Please note, the only exception to this schedule is on Wednesdays for the community events, which will extend the day on Wednesdays to 6pm. A detailed 2-week schedule will be sent to those students who are accepted into the program to show daily classes and timeframes.

I WORK DURING THE SUMMER AND HAVE A TIGHT SCHEDULE. IS THIS A PROBLEM IF I CAN'T BE THERE?

Students must be available to attend the full 2-week program.

ARE THERE THINGS I NEED TO BRING?

Check out the "What to Bring to Camp/What Not to Bring to Camp" List that we have created. This will help guide you on things you may want to bring, as well as things that are not permitted on campus.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE PROJECT AND WHAT DO I NEED TO SUBMIT?

To be considered for acceptance into this program, student applicants must:

1. Complete an application form available through Google Forms at: <https://forms.gle/Qkg2JfaVGVcfZ5x89>
2. Submit a Letter of Recommendation
3. Digitally submit samples of their work
4. Submit a short 500-word essay to describe a concept for a short 2-4 minute film (scene), please note that we are looking for scene concepts with 4 characters or less.

WHERE DO I FIND DETAILS ABOUT THE LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION, SAMPLES OF MY WORK, AND THE ESSAY?

Specifics about the Letter of Recommendation, Samples of Student Work, and the Essay are all posted on the online application.

WHERE DO I SEND MY APPLICATION AND WHAT IS THE DEADLINE FOR THE APPLICATION?

All application materials can be submitted to jacki.vadney@athens.edu or chris.vrenna@calhoun.edu by March 20, 2020 at 5pm.

I APPLIED FOR ACCEPTANCE TO THE PROJECT. WHEN WILL I HEAR IF I GOT IN?

Students who are accepted to participate in The Project 2020 will be notified via email starting April 20, 2020.

I STILL HAVE QUESTIONS. WHO CAN I CONTACT?

If you still have questions, please contact one of the Co-Directors of The Project 2020 at the following information:

Jax Vadney:
jacki.vadney@athens.edu
(256) 260-4295

Chris Vrenna:
chris.vrenna@calhoun.edu
(256) 306-2692

The Project 2020 Student Application

**Alabama Center for the Arts
131 2nd Avenue NE
Decatur, AL 35601**

The Project is an intensive, 2-week, summer camp experience, open to rising sophomore, junior, and senior high school students who will work with faculty from Athens State University and Calhoun Community College on a collaborative performance project using all aspects of Fine and Performing Arts. Students must be available to attend the full 2 weeks of our program, which is scheduled for June 8-12 and June 15-19, 2020. To be considered to this program, student applicants must:

1. Complete this application form
2. Submit a Letter of Recommendation
3. Digitally submit samples of their work
4. Submit a short 500-word essay to describe a concept for a short 2-4 minute film (scene), please note that we are looking for scene concepts with 4 characters or less.

All application materials can be submitted to jacki.vadney@athens.edu or chris.vrenna@calhoun.edu by March 20, 2020 at 5pm. Please note, if accepted to participate in The Project, you will be notified via email starting April 20, 2020. Thank you.

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Street

Apartment/Unit #

City

State

Zip Code

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Full Name: _____ Date: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

High School: _____

Address: _____

Street

City

State

Zip Code

What year are you currently in high school?

___ Freshman

___ Sophomore

___ Junior

Courses/Training

Please list any courses you have taken in any of the following areas and please include your teacher's name, the school or program this class was taught, and what date/year. These can be classes you took in school, as well as workshops and trainings, or private instruction you may have had.

Art (Ex. Painting, Drawing, Sculpture, Ceramics):

Theater (Ex. Acting, Scenic/Lighting Design, Props, Stage Management, Stage Combat, Puppetry):

Music/Voice (Ex. Vocal Training, Music Production, Sound Design, Music/Instrument Training):

Graphics, Photography, or Design (Digital Design Classes, Photography and Film, Animation, Theater Design, Costume and Makeup Design):

Please note your Area of Interest (1st Choice):

Design Film Acting Music/Sound Writing

Please note your Area of Interest (2nd Choice):

Design Film Acting Music/Sound Writing

Please list 1 reference, this must be either an arts teacher (visual art, music, theater, or design), humanities teacher (English, History, etc), guidance counselor, band director, church leader, private arts instructor, or art club leader who is willing to write a Letter of Recommendation for you participating in The Project.

Reference's Full Name: _____

Visual/Performing Art Specialization or Occupation: _____

School/Church: _____

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

How does this person know you? _____

How long has this person has known/worked with you? _____

Please submit each of the following with your application form:

1. Submit a Letter of Recommendation from the person you noted above.
2. Please email digital copies/links to online samples of your work (visual art samples, images from performances, production work, etc) to either jacki.vadney@athens.edu or chris.vrenna@calhoun.edu. All application materials are due by March 20, 2020 at 5pm.
3. Please submit a short 500-word essay to describe a concept for a short 2-4 minute film (scene).

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Do you have any food allergies or food choices (vegetarian, vegan, gluten free, etc) that we should be made aware of if you are accepted to the program?

If you are accepted to this program, attendance for the full 2 week period is expected. Please acknowledge you understand this commitment and there are no conflicts that would prohibit you from fully participating for the 2 week camp.

I understand and my schedule is clear to fully participate.

I have some other summer programs I am involved with which may limit my time and I will email Chris or Jax to explain.

I cannot commit to the full 2-week camp experience.

ATLIS UPDATE

TOOLS & SERVICES FOR QUALITY INSTRUCTION



Welcome to Spring!

A new semester has begun, and along with it the crunch of new courses, and new students. Don't forget: you are not alone! Athens State University has a wide range of services to support you and your students.

Knowledge Base – This resource contains tutorials and how-to guides for Blackboard, technology tools, and other self-help support information. To access the Knowledge Base, visit: <https://helpdesk.athens.edu/hc/en-us>

Instructional & Technology Services – ATLIS also provides a variety of services to help with specific instructional and technology needs. Some of these services include: Technology Support, Course Design, Faculty Development, and Classroom A/V. To access these services, visit: <https://www.athens.edu/helpdesk/> or call (256) 216-6698



Christen Lott hosts an episode of Take 10, with featured guest Mark Gale. Take 10 is a live video webinar series produced by Instructional Design Services for Athens State instructors.

Take10 – Online Webinars

Take 10 is an online live webinar series for instructors at Athens State University. Each episode lasts just 10 minutes, and features live demonstrations and discussions about technologies and strategies for teaching and learning. During the Zoom session, viewers submit questions that the host and guest answer. Links to how-to guides, tutorials, and other information are also provided.

The first episode was in November 2019, and featured Dr. Mark Gale, demonstrating *Techsmith Relay*. Hosted by Christen Lott, new episodes of *Take 10* will air each month. Previous episodes can be viewed at: www.athens.edu/take10



Spring Schedule

Date	Description
1/21/20	HonorLock (Kim Jack)
2/18/20	Accessibility Tools (David Walker)
3/24/20	Student Engagement (Kim Roberts)
4/14/20	Blackboard Collaborate (Tedi Gordon)

Webinars are at 10am on Zoom. For more info, visit www.athens.edu/take10

ATLIS AT A GLANCE	Department	Areas	Contact
	Help Desk	Blackboard, academic software & technology	For help with all these services, please contact the Help Desk: www.athens.edu/helpdesk/ (256) 216-6698
	Academic Technology Services	Blackboard, academic technology	
	Instructional Design Services	Course Design, Faculty Development, Quality Matters	
	A/V Services	Classroom & Event A/V support, Video Production	
	Faculty Commons	ATLIS conference rooms, Faculty Book Exchange	

QM Cohort: A New Opportunity for Design

Quality Matters (QM) is an international organization of educators committed to excellence in online education. The QM rubric for higher education is a set of 8 general standards and 42 specific standards used to design and evaluate the quality of online and blended courses. The review process involves peer reviewers in an open and collegial process.

Athens State University has embraced the QM Rubric for online and blended courses. Participation is voluntary, and faculty can choose three different levels of involvement: No Design Support (NDS), Design support (DS), and Cohort Design Support (CDS). The table to the right describes the key features of each option, including incentives for participation.

Beginning this Spring, a new option is available: Cohort Support. In this option, 6-8 faculty members meet regularly with Instructional Design Services to design and develop their course in 5-6 weeks. In this option, there is a set schedule of meetings and deadlines for developing components. The first Cohort is set to begin February 18th.

For more information, please contact Lynn Frank at: lynn.frank@athens.edu.



QM Course Design Options	
Option	Description
No Support*	Instructor designs & develops course on their own. - \$1,800 stipend - \$1,000 travel credit
Design Support	Instructional Design Services works with Instructor to design & develop course - \$1,000 travel credit
Cohort Support	Instructors meet in group with IDS staff to design & develop course in 6 weeks - \$1,200 stipend - \$1,000 travel credit

* Instructors must first participate in Design Support or Cohort.

The Athens Teaching & Learning Innovation Space (ATLIS) is located in the Classroom Building, next to the Faculty Commons.

Check out the latest books in the Faculty Commons Book Exchange



For more info, contact Pam Bridges at: pam.bridges@athens.edu
Or, just drop by the Faculty Commons!

FACULTY DEVELOPMENT

Spring Workshops for Faculty

Last semester faculty were surveyed on topics and times for training and development. Based on the results of that survey, we're offering the following face-to-face workshops. To sign up for a workshop, just visit www.athens.edu/atlis/workshops

<p>TechSmith Relay <i>Creating Engaging Videos with TechSmith Relay</i> – January 22nd (9:00-10:30)</p>
<p>Honorlock <i>Unlocking the Power of Honorlock</i> – February 4th (10:00-11:00)</p>
<p>Blackboard learn+ <i>Blackboard 101: The basics needed to teach a pre-built course</i> – February 25th (10:00-11:30)</p>
<p><i>Making documents & videos accessible</i> – March 3rd (10:00-11:30)</p>
<p>QM <i>What is Quality Matters?</i> – March 31st (10:00-11:30)</p>
<p><i>Strategies to engage students</i> – April 14th (10:00-11:30)</p>
<p>zoom Video Conferencing <i>Web Conferencing tools for online courses</i> – May 26th (10:00-11:30)</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All workshops will take place in Waters Hall, room N205. • Computers are provided, but you may bring your own device. • Space is limited, so please sign up today at: www.athens.edu/atlis/workshops