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2023 Spring Newsletter

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ASPSF students and staff shared photos of the destruction across Central and Eastern Arkansas.



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Communities come together for Spring 2023 award ceremonies



Hot Springs families enjoyed a fun evening of scholarships, magic, and electrical safety by The Scott Davis Comedy Magic Show, sponsored by Electric Cooperatives of Arkansas.



University of Central Arkansas professor and single parent Dr. Jen Talbot offered school and life tips to Faulkner County recipients.



Sixty-four Northeast Arkansas single parent families received goody bags with over \$130 of donated items from local businesses.

Fast Facts ABOUT SPRING SCHOLARS

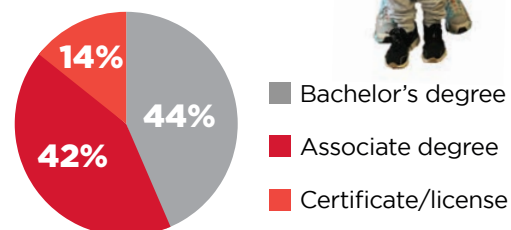
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Scholarships awarded

**Nursing
Business
Education**

Top 3 majors

Types of degrees



Shanell Robbins of Arkansas Construction Education Foundation gave a workshop at the Monticello ceremony.

— A note from the executive director —

Ahhh, Spring! My favorite time of year. I get to plant my garden soon!

Here at ASPSF, Spring is synonymous with *graduations*. Oh, how we love seeing our recipients graduate!

This year's graduations are extra special as some of the single parents who started with us in 2020, during the worst of the

pandemic, are graduating.

They've stuck it out through terrible times, prioritized their education, and are now ready to graduate and move to new heights in their professional and personal lives.

My heartfelt thanks to you, our donors, for your investment in our program and their futures. Education is the changemaker

and you've made that possible.

I'll be celebrating and honoring you as each student walks across the stage and steps out confidently into a better life!

With gratitude,

Ruthanne Hill
ASPSF Executive Director

SUPPORTER SPOTLIGHT

University of Arkansas - Fort Smith Foundation, Inc.

Did you know ASPSF recipients enrolled at University of Arkansas - Fort Smith receive extra aid every semester?

The UAFS Foundation matches each single parent scholarship by 25%. The money is deposited into the students' school accounts.

That means our single parents are receiving up to \$300 more each term!

"We can't thank UAFS enough for this creative and innovative idea," ASPSF Executive Director Ruthanne Hill said. "And while they'll always be the first, we invite every Arkansas college to consider such a partnership."

UAFS provides additional ways to help nontraditional students succeed. This includes the Adult Degree Completion Program, which awards college credits for work experience. And starting next fall, UAFS will offer on-campus child care.

UAFS "wholeheartedly" believes in investing in single parents, said Blake Rickman, the Vice Chancellor for University Advancement and Executive Director of the UAFS Foundation.

"We want the power of a college degree to be available to everyone with the passion to aim higher," he said.



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— Why we give —



"I can make a difference in a single parent's life and help them accomplish their goals."

—Maxine White

First-time donor in Wynne



ASPSF students and Murphy USA employees shared their experiences at a networking event.

Murphy USA shares career advice

ASPSF students in Union County recently attended Speed Career Networking, an event hosted by Murphy USA in El Dorado.

Similar to speed dating, students spent 15-minute sessions with employees, asking questions about their career journeys and learning about their current roles and responsibilities.

"Our students learned so much, and we are grateful to MUSA for the time and attention devoted to them," ASPSF Program Manager Sandra Warren said. "We heard lots of laughter and saw genuine connections being made."

Thank you to MUSA and their employees for being outstanding community partners!

► **Why do you give?** Send an email with a quote and photo to jpara@aspsf.org, and you may be featured in the next newsletter.

Women's Giving Circle chapters form across Arkansas

The ASPSF Women's Giving Circle has officially launched!

Excitement is building as women gather across the state, connecting with friends, meeting other women, and planning ways to support our single parent families.

With chapters in Fort Smith, Hot Springs, Jonesboro, Little Rock, and online, no matter where you are in Arkansas — or even out of state — there's a chapter for you!

Women's Giving Circle members are professional women, age 21 and older, at different stages of their careers. Varied in their professional backgrounds, they share a passion for education and for championing other women.

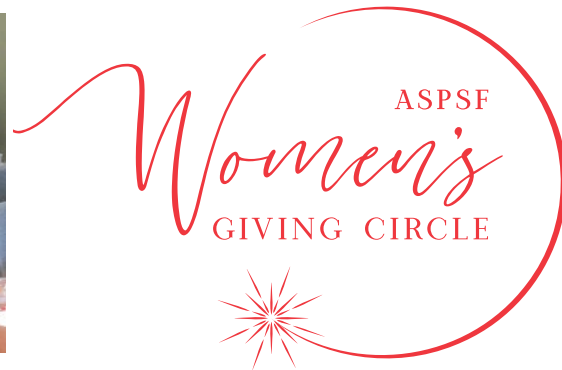
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Founding Members to date: Becky Timmons, Mary Pat Anthony, Marti Little, Heather Walker-Clark, Kerry Tew, Sonya Sanders, Dr. Kathy White Loyd, Sharmane Andrews, and Sarah Kinser.



Ladies of Little Rock (top photo) enjoyed a fun evening of networking with wine and appetizers, while Jonesboro women (bottom photo) met for a delicious lunch.



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