



2020-2021

ANNUAL REPORT

MESSAGE FROM THE CHANCELLOR



Welcome to the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana.

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as the 8th chancellor of this remarkable institution. As an institution with campuses in Hope and Texarkana, we are comprehensive and holistic in the services we provide to the communities we serve. Since the college's inception, more than 55 years ago, we have been and will remain steadfast in our commitment to provide excellence through:

- Dedicated and devoted faculty to student success and academic achievement
- Supportive staff to listen and guide our students to the appropriate services
- Relevant content knowledge coupled with practical application
- Affordable tuition, fees, and textbooks
- Access to up-to-date technology and classroom spaces
- Flexible class times to accommodate complex and busy schedules

Upon completing their studies, our students are equipped to transfer to a four-year university or have marketable skills to enter the workforce. UAHT students are afforded the opportunity to transfer seamlessly to any public university in Arkansas to earn advanced degrees. Moreover, we have transfer agreements with schools inside and outside of Arkansas. On the other hand, some students opt to go directly to work in occupational fields such as business, information technology, health professions, and technical and industrial professions. We even have some students enroll in non-credit courses through workforce development (to start new careers or advance in their current fields) and continuing education for self-fulfillment and self-actualization.

Remember, learning can also occur outside of the classroom, our students are encouraged to participate in extracurricular and co-curricular activities for personal enrichment and growth. UAHT has a host of student organizations and intramural sports where students can learn about themselves, meet new friends, develop leadership skills, and become more familiar with the college. In addition, through Hempstead Hall, a state-of-the-art events venue, UAHT offers social and cultural activities such as movie nights, plays, cultural programming, and concerts.

Without question, we are committed to working with our students to help ensure their college and life success. UAHT has created academic pathways and entry points to make it easy to navigate the college environment and has taken steps to help eliminate financial barriers. UAHT offers many institutional scholarships and, through the generosity of our donors, offers numerous foundation scholarships to help eliminate the financial burden of our students.

If you have not already, we hope you will soon join the UAHT family. To learn more, visit our website at www.uaht.edu or come by one of our campuses and let us assist you.

Sincerely,
Dr. Christine Holt, Chancellor

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QUICK FACTS

1,261
STUDENTS ENROLLED
FALL 2020

1,135
STUDENTS ENROLLED
SPRING 2021

438
STUDENTS ENROLLED
SUMMER I/II 2021

#1 Most Affordable Tuition in Arkansas

2 Convenient Locations

16:1 Student to Teacher Ratio

53 Programs of Study

\$20 Cost of Rental Textbooks per Credit Hour

720 Average Degrees Awarded Annually

110+ Regional Employer Partnerships

100% EMT & Paramedic Placement Rate

100% LPN Placement Rate

92% Funeral Services Employment Rate

22
CERTIFICATES OF
PROFICIENCY

18
TECHNICAL
CERTIFICATES

21
ASSOCIATE
DEGREES

ACCREDITATION

The University of Arkansas at Hope-Texarkana completed its 10-year reaccreditation review by the Higher Learning Commission this year. UAHT was reaccredited through 2031, having fully met all Criteria standards without further review or follow-up.

The HLC accreditation is a quality assurance verification that the institution meets threshold standards and engages in continuous improvement. The evaluation process includes such things as faculty quality, student learning outcomes, mission, ethics, and the institutional use of data-based assessment to improve curricula and student services.

UAHT has been continuously accredited by the HLC since 1996. The College is on the Open Pathway of HLC's 10-year accreditation review cycle. The Open Pathway Assurance Review requires a virtual Assurance Review four years following the Year 10 review.

“We are very proud of the work and progress we have made over the last few years,” said John Hollis, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness. “Now, through the Assurance Review process, we are encouraged that we can continue to advance our institution toward the goals we have set, and in a manner consistent with the Obligations of Affiliation of the Higher Learning Commission.”

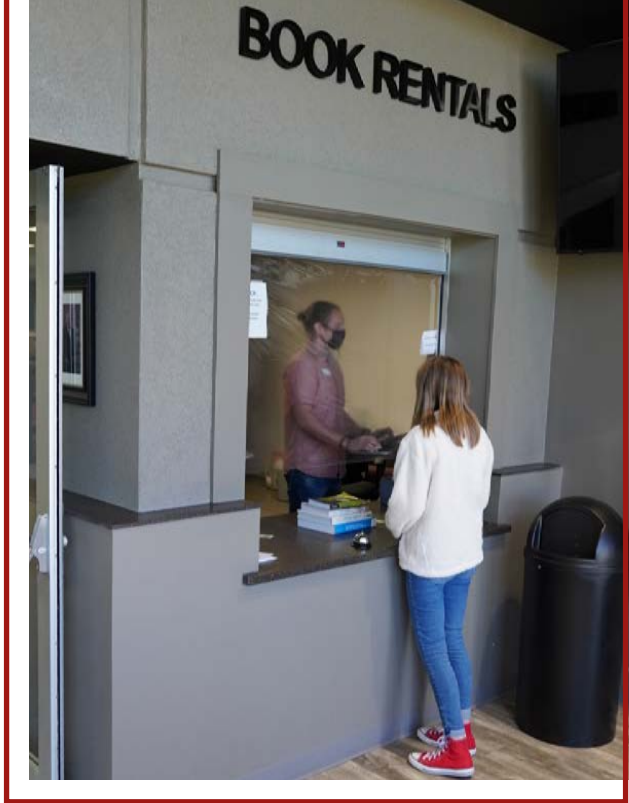


UAHT AWARDS & RECOGNITION

UAHT Named Finalist for Bellwether Award

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana was named as a top 10 national finalist this year for the highly coveted Bellwether Awards in the Planning, Governance, and Finance category for the college's innovative textbook rental program. Bellwether finalists represent leading community colleges whose outstanding and innovative programs and practices were selected among competitive submissions as exemplary.

"The cost of college textbooks is one of the leading cost barriers preventing students from obtaining higher education, and in some cases, UAHT students were paying more for textbooks than for tuition," said Laura Clark, Vice Chancellor for Academics. Under the UAHT Book Rental Program, the college purchases the textbooks and rents them directly to students. For students who participate in the book rental program, textbooks cost only \$20 per credit hour plus tax. Since the inception of the program, students have saved over \$3.9M on textbooks. That represents an average savings of \$460 per student each semester.



UAHT Phi Theta Kappa Receives Reach Award

For the fourth consecutive year, the UAHT Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) honor society received the PTK Reach Award. The award is given to PTK organizations that achieve or exceed fifteen percent for their membership acceptance rate. UAHT is one of only eighteen colleges in Arkansas to receive the award in 2020.

\$2.1 Million in Federal Title III Grant to Improve Student Success

In 2018 the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana was awarded a \$2.1 million Title III grant from the U.S. Department of Education. This award is the largest federal grant the College has ever received. The grant, paid out over a five-year period, supports the College's continued efforts to improve student success, retention, and graduation of students from low-income families.

The grant serves to increase student success, including completion and transfer rates, through a variety of objectives. Funds are being used to increase services for currently enrolled students, develop intervention and transfer advising, secure classroom technology updates, enhance early alert systems for student success, implement course redesigns, and add support staff to increase the on-time graduation of students from low-income families.

The grant has enabled UAHT to create and develop the Purtle Advising Center, which includes a project director, activities director, curriculum development coach, four advising coaches, and an administrative assistant.

PURTLE ADVISING CENTER



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PURTLE ADVISING CENTER

UAHT IN THE FUTURE

Breaking Ground on New Texarkana Facility

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana broke ground on a new \$3.85M facility at the Texarkana campus on October 7, 2021. The new 14,754-square-foot facility will house a welding program, the Secondary Career and Technical Education Center, the Arkansas High Collegiate Academy, and more. “This new facility is a testament to our dedication to higher education in the Texarkana area community and the region as a whole,” said Dr. Christine Holt, UAHT Chancellor. “UAHT has seen significant growth at the Texarkana campus, which shows that the Texarkana community is committed to us. Therefore, we want to showcase our commitment to this region by expanding our footprint to improve and grow the programs and services we offer to our Texarkana area constituents.”



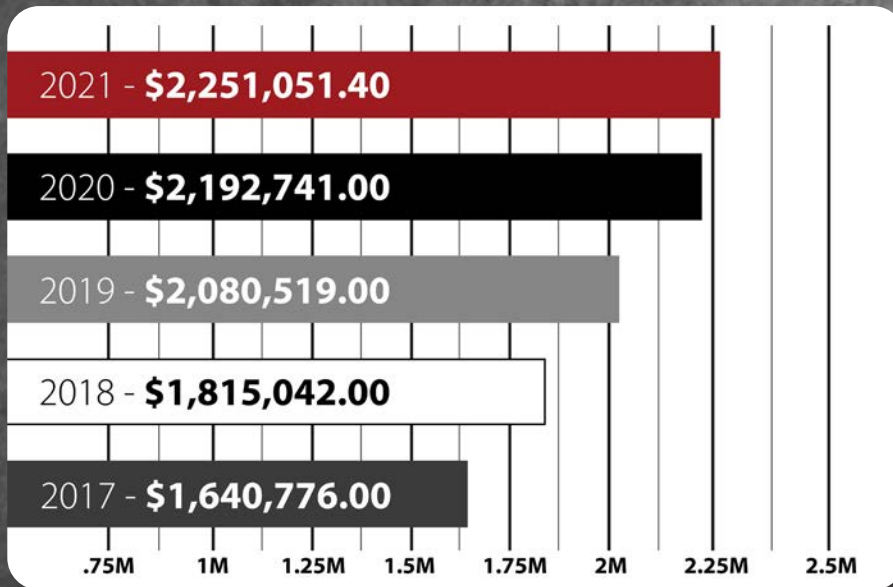
Pictured left to right: Bob Bruggeman, Jay Ellington, Representative Carol Dalby, Dr. Donald Bobbitt, Dr. Christine Holt, Freddie Smith, Mayor Allen Brown, Dennis Ramsey, Ethan Miller

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UAHT FOUNDATION

ENDOWMENT GROWTH



\$86,750

In Annual & Endowed Scholarships
in Fall 2020 - Spring 2021

ANNUAL AWARDS:

Internal Giving Bridge Builder Scholarships: \$4,000

Ambassador Scholarship: \$5,000

U-Can Scholarship: \$10,000

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As a result of your generosity, we have been able to continue to address the needs of our institution and students. None of this would be possible without our exceptional donors who have turned their philanthropy into better educational opportunities for students in the Ark-La-Tex.



It is the ongoing support of individuals, businesses, community members, and those who are dedicated to helping keep our community college vital that makes the difference in so many lives each and every day. Every gift can truly change a student's educational story. We are forever grateful to receive donations as an investment in the education of UAHT students. Furthermore, your investment is in your community and the future of our region. To be a part of UAHT's story through a donation, contact Anna Powell, Executive Director for Institutional Advancement, at 870-722-8516 or anna.powell@uaht.edu.

PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

10-15 Scholarships awarded annually

The Foundation Gas Card Program

10-15 Students served annually



Over **150** orders each semester!

UAHT Foundation Underwritten Programs

Kids College Program: **200-225** Students

Camp Save-A-Life: **20-30** Graduates

Engineering/Manufacturing Camp of Creativity:

10 Graduates



MISSION

The primary purpose of the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Foundation is to advance higher education by securing private financial support for all units and activities of the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana.

GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Foundation supports students through scholarships and special projects to advance the institution. The most common giving opportunities are annual and endowed scholarships, and the Foundation currently has over 125 privately funded annual and endowed scholarships awarded to students each year. Additionally, the Foundation supports \$10,000 each year in "U-Can" scholarships for students who have not been enrolled in college in the past two years and have not completed an associate degree or higher.

University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana employees strongly support the Foundation by giving internally to the UAHT Bridge Builder Scholarships each year. Other opportunities for giving include naming of buildings, estate planning, securities, life insurance, matching gifts, event sponsorships, and memorial or honorarium donations. Your investment in the education of University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana students is an investment in your community and the future of our region.

NEW ENDOWMENTS

2020

- Chris and Sondra Townsend Endowed Scholarship
- Fuqua Family Endowed Scholarship
- Super 1 Foods Scholarship
- Steve and Celia Montgomery Endowed Scholarship
- Richard Hogue Family Endowed Scholarship
- Lorenza A. Miers Memorial Endowed Scholarship

2021

- Chester Lee Carrigan Memorial Endowed Scholarship
- Angela Faye Henderson Memorial Scholarship
- Dr. Brent Bennett and Dr. Allyson Hanson Scholarship Honoring Christus Trinity Clinic
- Carolyn Thornton Memorial Endowed Scholarship in Nursing

The Iron Horse Depot Foundation Store

200+ Students served annually



CAMPUS GROWTH

New Academic Programs

- Associate of Applied Science in Funeral Service Education-Online
- Arkansas Trucking Academy (ArkTA) Consortium
- Certificate of Proficiency in Solar Energy Technology
- Information Technology Bachelor's Degree Partnership with UA system eVersity
- Teaching Assistant: Certificate of Proficiency/Technical Certificate

James Black School of Bladesmithing and Historic Trades

In 2019, the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana launched a new bladesmith school at Historic Washington, Arkansas, to celebrate and preserve the art of bladesmithing and the birth of the famous Bowie Knife in Arkansas. The Bowie Knife is designated as the official knife of the State of Arkansas.

The Arkansas General Assembly passed and Governor Asa Hutchinson signed into law ACT 818, which designated Historic Washington, Arkansas, as the “Birthplace of the Bowie Knife, Arkansas Heritage Site” and designated UAHT to develop and operate a school of bladesmithing located in Historic Washington.

The purpose is to promote and protect the art of bladesmithing and the Bowie Knife crafted in Historic Washington. UAHT works collaboratively with Historic Washington State Park and the Arkansas Department of Heritage to teach and celebrate Arkansas’s history, bladesmithing, and other heritage trades.

The school offers the only for-credit Certificate of Proficiency in Bladesmithing in the U.S. and community education courses. Courses in the program include Introduction to Bladesmithing, Forging, Beginning Bladesmithing, Intermediate Bladesmithing, Handles and Guards, and Damascus Steel. The course instructors are world-renowned Master Bladesmiths Jerry Fisk, James R. Cook, and Lin Rhea, and Journeymansmith Ricardo Vilar.



The ONLY for-credit Certificate of Proficiency in Bladesmithing in the U.S.

Secondary Career & Technical Education Center

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana Secondary Career & Technical Education Center is an area secondary career center located on U of A Texarkana Campus, Arkansas High School Campus in Texarkana, and the U of A Hope Campus. The Secondary Career Center provides area high school juniors and seniors with the unique opportunity to earn college credit while still in high school at no charge. The center's curriculum serves as an extension of the high school curriculum offerings by providing students with hands-on experiences in a variety of career fields taught by UAHT Faculty.

“ Provides students with a three-year curriculum that allows them the opportunity to complete a high school diploma and an associate degree simultaneously...FREE of charge! ”

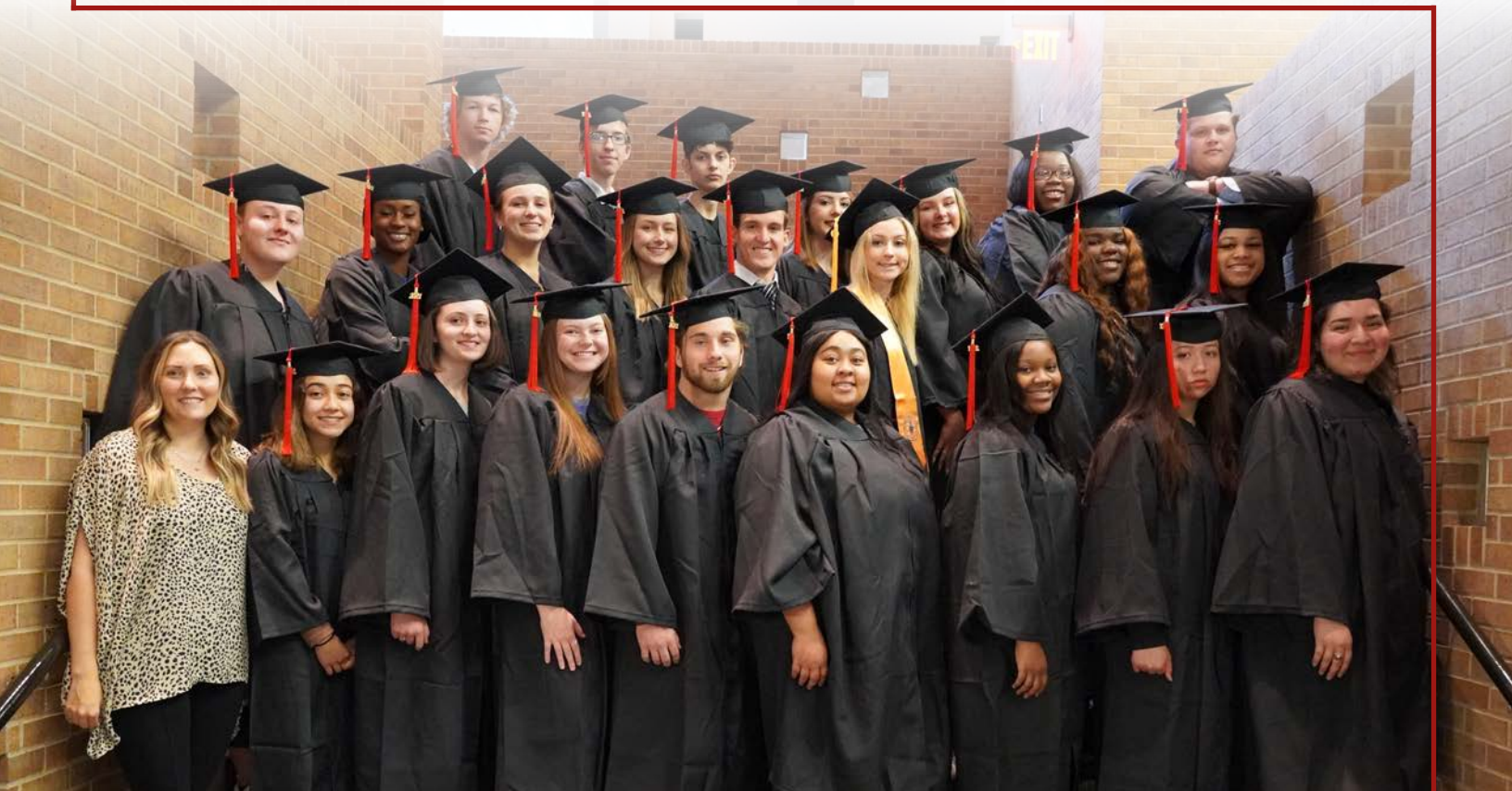
Hope and Arkansas High Collegiate Academies

In 2018 the University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana and the Hope Public School District (HPSD) embarked on a public school partnership program that was the first of its kind in Arkansas and the Ark-La-Tex region. The fall 2018 semester marked the beginning of the Hope Collegiate Academy. The program's pilot year on the UA Hope campus was so successful that the Texarkana Arkansas School District (TASD) partnered with UAHT to begin the Arkansas High Collegiate Academy at the Texarkana campus in 2019.

The goal of the academy is to provide students with a three-year curriculum that allows them the opportunity to complete a high school diploma and an associate degree simultaneously. What makes the program particularly unique is that academy students take all their courses on the college campus. Both collegiate academies are public schools that are free of charge to qualifying students.

This year, a total of twenty-seven students from the Hope and Arkansas High Collegiate Academies graduated with both their high school diploma and associate degree at the same time. These students received their first two years of college 100% free of charge. Based on the average annual tuition and fee costs for four-year universities in Arkansas, the collegiate academy graduates

saved \$474,876 on tuition and fees by attending the academy.



CAMPUS GROWTH

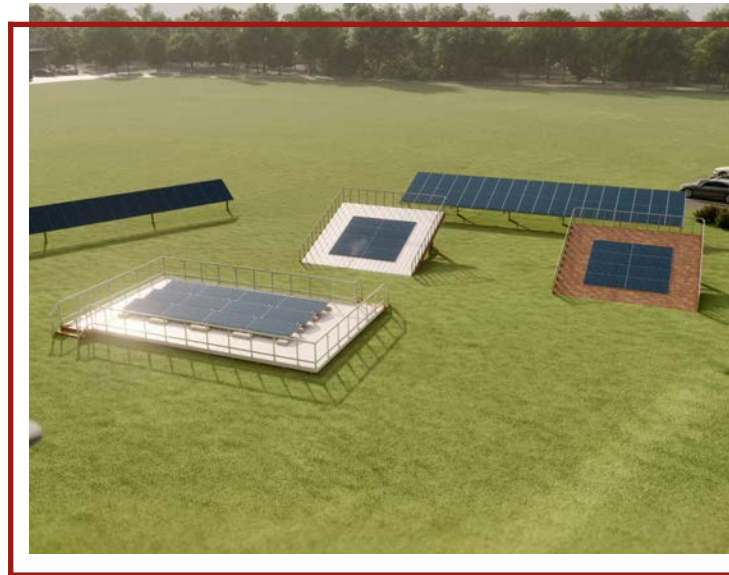
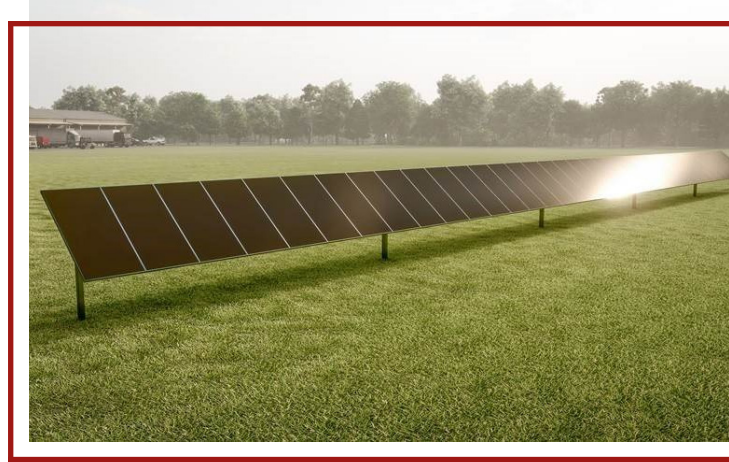
Arkansas's First Solar Education Lab and Array Planned for UA Hope-Texarkana

The University of Arkansas Hope-Texarkana received approval from the University of Arkansas System Board of Trustees this year to install a one-megawatt solar array and solar learning lab on the Hope campus. The array will take up approximately seven acres on the south end of the campus. It will allow the college to become more environmentally friendly and save money by producing electricity for the college.

A key component of this project is the installation of a smaller, hands-on solar learning lab. The solar lab will be integrated into the new Certificate of Proficiency in Solar Energy Technology program. The lab will be modeled after the state-of-the-art Solar Energy International (SEI) lab in Colorado and will allow our students to take their classroom instruction and apply it by installing and uninstalling several types of solar arrays. "The lab will be the first of its kind for photovoltaics in Arkansas and the region and fills a current need for accredited technicians in Arkansas," said Laura Clark, Vice Chancellor for Academics.

The Certificate of Proficiency in Solar Energy Technology curriculum is adopted from SEI, the global leader in providing classroom curriculum and lab training in solar energy. By using the SEI curriculum, UAHT will become an approved training provider for the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP). NABCEP is the most respected, well-established, and widely recognized certification organization for professionals in the field of renewable energy. This certificate provides the necessary training to install, construct, maintain, and operate solar electric systems.

Funding for the solar lab was awarded from an AEP SWEPCO Foundation grant in the amount of \$200,000. In addition, Entegriety Energy Partners, which was selected to design and install the solar project, as well as First Solar and OMCO Solar, donated solar modules and racking equipment to help complete the laboratory.



COVID-19 IMPACT TO CAMPUS

The COVID-19 public health crisis greatly impacted college campuses across the globe starting in the Spring of 2020, with UAHT being no exception. The lasting effects of this pandemic are still felt on campus to this day. From the beginning, UAHT focused on maintaining the health of the campus and surrounding community. Some of the precautionary measures taken by UAHT include:

- Carefully monitoring information from the CDC and state health officials
- Creating a “Coronavirus Information” web page to provide updates and important information to campus
- Working closely with public school districts to ensure continuity and safety for shared students
- Pivoting to online and modified instruction when necessary
- Compiling a “Quick Start Guide to Remote Learning and Campus WiFi Hotspots”
- Establishing a drive-through testing center on campus
- Creating an online student help center to facilitate the effectiveness of the changing educational environment
- Canceling or altering campus events and ceremonies
- Giving students an option to elect to convert their spring 2020 grades to credit (CR)/non-credit (NC)
- Creating new campus and classroom safety protocols, such as enforcing mask mandates and social distancing
- Providing resources for additional information for the campus community
- Creating anonymous methods of reporting safety concerns on campus
- Providing vaccinations to employees and students
- Never wavering in our mission to ensure student success

Relief Fund Distribution to UAHT students

Round One

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Funds: \$578,168
Institutional Funds: \$12,932
Total Distributed to Students in 2020: \$591,100

Round Two

Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA) Funds: \$578,168
Total Distributed to Students Spring 2021: \$553,700

Round Three

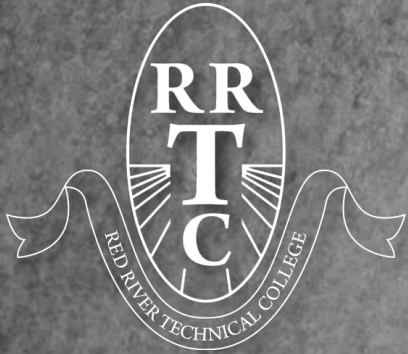
American Recovery Plan (ARP) HEERF III Funds: \$2,229,286
Total Distributed to Students Summer 2021: \$134,300
Total Distributed to Students Fall 2021: \$734,650





RED RIVER TECHNICAL COLLEGE

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1991



your bridge to the future

1996



Community College at Hope

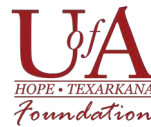
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2012



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