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BY THE NUMBERS

It's easy to get lost in all the numbers of square footage, endowed totals and rising national rankings. What you'll find, though, is that the students, faculty and staff at the University of Arkansas are doing the right things, the smart things and the wise things to make education, research and service more profound.

Our growth in student population, the construction of new buildings and the U of A's continuing rise in national rankings are reflections of what we've been doing right. The rankings are not a destination on the road trip of college life but merely a nice reflection to see in the rear-view mirror.

GOING BEYOND YOUR DREAMS

Our undergraduate students have excelled at attaining prestigious scholarships due in part to the support they receive from our faculty and staff. Our students must still have drive and ambition and a good sense of how to make the world a better place.

In the last three years, more than 150 of our undergraduates have won State Undergraduate Research Fellowships to support research projects they are pursuing with faculty mentors.

Our institution has the highest graduation rate in Arkansas, a rate that has continued upward during the last decade. The average high school GPA of our freshmen, now above 3.5, also continues to rise.

U of A teams have won 20 national business plan competitions in recent years and over \$2 million in cash prizes.

For more, visit our full [list of undergraduates](#) who have earned prestigious national and international awards.

52

Goldwater Scholars

67

Fulbright Scholars

43

Gates Millennium Scholars

7

Marshall Scholars

21

Truman Scholars

10

Rhodes Scholars

9

Udall Scholars

122

NSF Graduate Research Fellowships

BUILT FOR SUCCESS

We've poured a lot of resources into the improvement of our campus in the last five years, renovating, expanding and building anew. Just the last year, a new residential hall was added and another was renovated as a home for honors students.

Two academic buildings on the National Register of Historic Places — Ozark Hall and Vol Walker Hall — were also renovated with additions, one to create a home for our nationally prominent [Honors College](#) and a second to provide facilities for our top-ranked [School of Architecture](#).

In 2015, we finished renovation of another historic building — the 1937 Field House in which musicians such as Louis Armstrong, Chuck Berry and Dave Brubeck have performed — into the 600-seat [Jim and Joyce Faulkner Performing Arts Center](#).

Our Greek Life membership is also growing at a phenomenal rate. New fraternities and sororities have joined the university in the last couple of years even as established chapters grow their ranks and enlarge the size of their chapter houses.

The newest addition to campus is an academic building called [Champions Hall](#), which provides lab space for biological sciences, classrooms for mathematics and airy study spaces.

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Greek amphitheater

27,194

New record enrollment in 2016

175,000

Names of graduates engraved on our sidewalks

2,000,000

Volumes in the university libraries

948,600,000

Dollars in university endowment

RESEARCH AND INVENTION

The latest economic impact survey indicated the University of Arkansas has an [economic impact in excess of \\$1.2 billion](#) on the state. The Arkansas Research and Technology Park contributes \$55 million of that.

The U.S. Department of Education awarded a \$35 million five-year grant to the College of Education and Health Professions and the Arkansas Department of Education to fund a program aimed at improving the education and career outcomes of low-income Arkansas teenagers with disabilities.

The U.S. Department of Energy awarded a \$2 million grant to a collaborative research partnership to develop new technologies for fuel-efficient vehicles.

Scientific American ranked The Sustainability Consortium, a program jointly funded by the University of Arkansas and Arizona State University, among the top 10 World Changing Ideas for 2012.

The Arkansas Research and Technology Park, managed by the University of Arkansas, has helped three dozen promising tech firms get started, firms that have created nearly 350 jobs that pay an average salary of \$80,000 each annually.

The University of Arkansas Community Design Center's design proposal for the Trailhead Complex at the Maumelle River Nature Center won the 2013 Unbuilt Architecture and Design Award from the Boston Society of Architects.

The National Science Foundation provided a grant to research plant fungi that cause disease on the leaves of crops such as corn, sorghum and soybean and the strategies they use to infect the plant.

The U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the university \$1.4 million to create the Maritime Transportation Research and Education Center, a consortium of researchers with expertise on maritime and multimodal transportation.

133,700,000

Dollars in 2015 research spending

36

Tech start-ups at Research and Technology Park

35

Faculty Early Career Development Awards for faculty

45

RANKINGS

Nathanael Franks was the U of A's first male athlete to be a named [McWhorter Scholar](#).

In Kiplinger's [25 Best College Values Under \\$30,000 a Year](#), U of A ranked #5.

The women's indoor track team won their [first national title](#).

The Division of Advancement collected 736 children's books for Arkansas Reads, [the second largest donation ever](#).

The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching elevated the University of Arkansas to its highest research status, a level at which only 2 percent of the nation's universities and colleges operate.

In 2012, *U.S. News & World Report* named the University of Arkansas one of the nation's top 10 "up and coming" public universities.

Businessweek ranked the Sam M. Walton College of Business at No. 6 among American business schools for return on investment.

The Chronicle of Higher Education rated the University of Arkansas as the 7th fastest-growing public university in the country.

The National Jurist ranked the U of A School of Law as one of the top two best values among American law schools.

The Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences was ranked 51st internationally in the QS World University Rankings by subject, as published by TopUniversities.com.

Our athletic teams once again competed so well collectively that the University of Arkansas scored among the Top 30 schools competing for the Learfield Sports Directors Cup, the sixth time in seven years.


U.S. News & World Report ranked Fayetteville the 3rd best town in America to live in for 2016.

- 1st best small architecture school design program
- 4th best online graduate engineering program
- 7th best value for American law schools
- 7th fastest-growing public university
- 8th best public architecture school
- 13th best rehabilitation counseling program
- 17th best public Honors College
- 22nd best in category of agriculture
- 27th best public business college
- 31st best industrial engineering program
- 39th best creative writing program
- 69th overall national ranking among public universities

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NEWS

Bumpers College, School of Law Help Quapaw Tribe With Processing Plant

Experts Set to Discuss Economy at 23rd Business Forecast Luncheon

Are U of A Classes Canceled? Offices Closed? Opt-in to Find Out Fast


EVENTS

Margulis Piano Studio (12/7/2016)

Graduate Recital: Cali Alexander, flute (12/8/2016)

Schola Cantorum Present "A Child's Christmas in Wales" (12/8/2016)

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