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THANK YOU for 50 years of service



E. Robert Burns, Ph.D., started his career at UAMS in July 1, 1968, as the first faculty hire made by John Pauly, Ph.D., then the new chair of the Department of Anatomy in the College of Medicine. Now, Burns is a professor of Anatomy and Interdisciplinary Toxicology in the Department of

Neurobiology & Developmental Sciences.

In addition to his research in experimental oncology, cell kinetics, chronochemotherapy, Burns directs the highly successful UAMS Partners in Health Sciences (PIHS) program, a statewide PreK-14 educational outreach program in health sciences. He was given this task in 1991 by then-College of Medicine Dean I. Dodd Wilson, M.D., and has continued to lead the effort ever since.

Burns enjoys spending time outdoors, specifically fishing, hunting and taking photographs.

THANK YOU for 45 years of service



Robert Arrington, M.D., started his career with UAMS in 1973 in the College of Medicine's Department of Pediatrics as a professor. He is still serving in that role in the Neonatology Section of the Pediatrics Department.



T.K. Short started her career with UAMS in 1973 as a clerk. In 2009, she became an administrative analyst with MCPG Payment Processing and remains in that role today.

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The annual UAMS recognition of employee service will be held later this month and in early November.

Employees with 20 years or more of service will be honored at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 30, with an event on the 12th floor of the Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute.

Check in for service award recipients is at 12:30 p.m.

For employees with 20 or more years of service who will be recognized on Oct. 30, please RSVP to (501) 686-5650 or online at hr.uams.edu by Oct. 18 to pick up your pin, have

your name announced and your photo taken at the ceremony. All others will be mailed to their slot number.

Employees with 5, 10 and 15 years of experience will be honored at a reception at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1, also on the 12th floor of the Stephens Spine & Neurosciences Institute.

For a list of this year's recipients, visit our website at hr.uams.edu/other/employee-recognition/employee-service-awards/.

GET YOUR FLU SHOT



Chancellor Cam Patterson, M.D., MBA, gets his flu shot during the Sept. 17 Town Hall meeting.

It is that time of the year again — time to get your flu shot. Flu vaccinations are mandatory for all UAMS employees, students and volunteers.

The deadline to receive your vaccination is Nov. 14.

Employees, students and volunteers are encouraged to take advantage of the vaccination clinics. See <http://go.uams.edu/flushot>, as well as digital signs around campus, for a list of clinic dates and locations.

Compliance with the mandatory flu vaccine policy is a condition for employment at UAMS. However, a medical exemption or a religious exemption may be requested. It will be evaluated by Human Resources and/or Student & Employee Health Office on a case-by-case basis. The deadline for requesting an exemption is Nov. 14.

HONORING EDITH IRBY JONES



UAMS held three events in September to honor the life and legacy of Edith Irby Jones, (seated, at right) who was the first African-American medical student at UAMS —and in the South. M. Joycelyn Elders, M.D. (seated, at left) credits Jones as her inspiration. Behind them are (from left) Elder Granger, M.D., Brittany Demmings, TiaAsia James, and Billy Thomas, M.D., M.P.H.



PRINTSMART SAVES UAMS \$3.25 MILLION IN THREE YEARS

It has been three years since PrintSMART started at UAMS.

In those three years, UAMS has saved more than \$3.25 million through the print optimization project. The ultimate goal is to save \$6 million over five years, said Dave Ripa, assistant vice chancellor for finance and a PrintSMART project leader.

Most of the savings have been realized by moving equipment leases and supply purchases (including toner and paper) to a single vendor. These two steps have saved \$818,474 and \$1.7 million, respectively, between June 2015 and July 2018. UAMS saved \$70,000 in supply purchases in the month of July — a 61 percent drop from June 2015 levels.

“One of the best things about the PrintSMART project is how simple many of the solutions were,” said Ripa.

The third component of the process is building optimization, in which a PrintSMART team member meets with a department’s managers, determines their printing needs and then works with the department to allocate resources to meet those needs. More than \$730,000 has been saved through this process from June 2015 to July 2018.

Most of the campus has now been optimized, said Wesley Dawson, the IT project manager who is overseeing the PrintSMART project. The remaining areas, which should be completed by the end of the year, are Ward Tower, the Emergency Department, Hospital B1-2, Radiation Oncology, the Walker Annex and the College of Medicine’s Department of Pediatrics at Arkansas Children’s Hospital. Various Regional Campus buildings also are due to be optimized.

THANK YOU for 40 years of service



Rebecca Bryant is the student clerkship coordinator in the College of Medicine's Surgery Resident Education program. She started at UAMS after her sister — a nursing student who was offered a job in Pediatrics (then located on the sixth floor of the Central Building) — told her about the open position.

Bryant says one of the great things about UAMS is she's had the opportunity to work with people from all over the world. She enjoys reading and attending her husband's concerts.



Nancy Clark, the assistant director for Library operations, joined UAMS in November 1978 as a secretary in the Library. In her perfect world, she envisions a Library that has everything the students, staff and faculty need to learn and provide the best care for our patients. She enjoys spending time

with her family, knitting, reading, singing in the church choir and traveling.



Patricia Crittenden is the financial manager in the Division of Laboratory Animal Medicine. She began her career at UAMS in 1974 as the administrative assistant to Darrell Walters, the then-chief fiscal officer who later became the first vice chancellor for finance. She left UAMS for three years but came back

when a position opened up, because UAMS was home. She has worked in several areas at UAMS, including campus administration, the College of Medicine and now, research.



Artie Dutcher, B.S.R.T., a senior diagnostic radiology technologist, was hired at UAMS in April 1978. He also attended school at UAMS in the then-College of Health Related Professions. Dutcher says one of the keys to remaining in the same profession for 40 years is knowing you are a respected member of the

medical team. He also strives to be the best patient advocate he can be, remembering that oftentimes the day one comes to the hospital is usually not their best day, and it is up to him to make them as comfortable as possible.



Dianne Falls started with UAMS in 1978 as a ward coordinator. In 2001, she became a patient services coordinator, otherwise known as an RN II. She now works in the main operating room in that same capacity.



Edgar Garcia-Rill, Ph.D., a professor of anatomy and psychiatry in the College of Medicine's Neurobiology & Developmental Sciences Department, was at the University of Central Arkansas when he was offered positions in Chicago, Boston and at UAMS. He chose UAMS ("best decision I ever

made") and started in September 1978. He is very proud to have played a role in the establishment of the Center for Translational Neuroscience, which has helped bring in more than \$130 million in awards to UAMS over the past 5 years. He enjoys writing and is working on a trilogy of historical novels.



Suzanne Leslie began in January 1978 as a secretary for the director of procurement. Forty years later, she holds that title — a feat she finds pretty surprising. Through the years, she has held a variety of roles in the department and can remember purchasing the first MRIs and tabulating the bid costs for the

furniture going into the "new" Education II Building. She says, "I just enjoy every minute of serving this campus and our patients. UAMS is not just where "Medicine Lives," it's where I live, hope to continue to serve and to see a 45-year milestone!"



Abdul K. Muhammad started with UAMS in 1978 as a patient care technician and now serves in that role in Medical Neuro ICU.



Faith Reeves, a senior finance manager, started at UAMS in September 1978 in the treasurer's office as the rent clerk for student housing at a time when the monthly rent charges and payments for the dorm were posted to individual ledger cards on a large and very loud NCTR bookkeeping machine. She

is proud of her role in creating the Click and Claim program, which is a process to handle patient-related electronic payments to UAMS. She and her husband love to travel and have purchased an RV they plan on putting to good use.

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ACCOLADES

Frances Clinkscale, food preparation supervisor in the Gathering Place Café, received the **Golden Mug for September** as the staff member at the Cancer Institute whose work deserves special recognition.

Tim Dockery, executive director of principal and planned gifts in UAMS Institutional Advancement, has been chosen for the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy's inaugural *Forty Under Forty* class.

Rose Hill, a patient care technician on H9 Solid Organ Transplant/General Surgery, has been named the **October BEE of the Month**, an award by the Center for Nursing Excellence that honors non-nurse staff who provide exceptional care for patients and families.

Lawrence McKnight, R.N., who works on F4 Trauma/Progressive Care, has been selected as the **October DAISY of the Month**.

H7 Medical Oncology was selected as the **Outstanding Area of the Month for October**.

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Claudia Reynolds began her career with UAMS in 1978 in the operating room as a head nurse. In 2002, she became an RN and now works in the main operating room.



Cheryl Roy, a patient services coordinator in the Interventional ACC Surgery Center, said she basically grew up at UAMS — both of her parents retired from UAMS. At the age of 12, she became a candy striper and volunteered in many areas around the hospital until she was hired as a secretary in the operating room in July 1978. In exchange for filing services, a coworker taught her how to use a computer. Now, she says, she's the one coworkers come to for help solving their computer issues. She loves spending time with her grandchildren and scrapbooking.



Annette Sawyer is a medical billing specialist for the Medical College Physicians Group (MCPG). She was hired in June 1978 after a neighbor who worked for MCPG told her they were hiring. She says she never believed she would still be here after 40 years, but she is proud to work at UAMS. She enjoys watching movies, listening to music and traveling.

IN MEMORIAM

JOYCE RANDOLF, 65, OF LITTLE ROCK, DIED AUG. 23, 2018. SHE WAS THE DIRECTOR OF INPATIENT NURSING CARE. SHE WOULD HAVE RECEIVED HER 40-YEAR PIN THIS YEAR.

SONIA GRAY, 35, OF LITTLE ROCK, DIED SEPT. 16, 2018. SHE WAS A SUPPLY TECHNICIAN IN CENTRAL STERILE SUPPLY.

SHERRY MILLER-WOODS, 43, OF LITTLE ROCK, DIED SEPT. 17, 2018. SHE WAS A FISCAL SUPPORT ANALYST IN NUTRITION SERVICES.

VICKI CLARK, 61, OF WHITE HALL, DIED SEPT. 27, 2018. SHE WAS AN ADMINISTRATIVE SPECIALIST FOR UAMS SOUTH CENTRAL.

VISIT THE IN MEMORIAM INTRANET SITE,
[HTTP://INSIDE.UAMS.EDU/INMEMORIAM/](http://inside.uams.edu/inmemoriam/),
FOR FULL OBITUARIES ON UAMS EMPLOYEES AND STUDENTS
WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY.



Mary Scott, R.N., works in the NICU. She attended school in the UAMS College of Health Related Professions School of Medical Technology. She was hired in the hospital laboratory in 1978 and moved to the NICU lab two years later. During her time at UAMS, she went to nursing school to become a registered nurse. She loves spending time with her grandchildren, sewing and refinishing furniture.



John Stidham, a facilities manager in Parking Operations, started at UAMS in July 1978 in the UAMS Police Department. During his time at UAMS, he earned his Senior Certificate in Law Enforcement from the State Law Enforcement Academy and his bachelor's degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. He tries to help everyone, regardless of the circumstances, and treat everyone with respect. He enjoys relaxing with his two dogs and reading books.

