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Today's Student Government at the University of Arkansas



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WELCOME FROM DIRECTOR OF CAMPUS LIFE MORGAN FARMER

Dear Razorbacks,

My name is Morgan Farmer. I was born and raised in Springdale, Arkansas. Growing up in the heart of Razorback Nation, I have always loved Fayetteville. I made the decision to go to the University of Arkansas without hesitation. There is just something so special about this campus. Perhaps it is the wave you get from a student or professor on your way to class or the sound of the hog call filling Donald W. Reynolds Stadium on a Saturday in the Fall, but whatever it is, the University of Arkansas will always hold a special place in my heart.

My love for this campus is what inspired me to get involved in the Associated Student Government. I see ASG's role as a powerhouse for students on this campus. Our job is to listen to students and represent them in the process of shared governance. I have had the opportunity to represent students through ASG in a couple of different ways. I served as a Fulbright Senator, member of the SafeRide Committee, and I currently serve as the Director of Campus Life. In this position, I have the opportunity to voice students' opinions on libraries, dining, and residence halls. I have spent a lot of time working on dining. I am currently working on initiatives for better breakfast options in the

student union, new outlets for entertainment, a safe dining option for students with Celiac Disease, and publicizing nutritional information in dining halls. My goal with this position is to make the campus a great place for students to live, study, and make memories that will last a lifetime. I have made it my personal goal to make valuable differences on the University of Arkansas campus. ASG Alumni have played a critical role in this organization. They serve as a valuable resource to ASG leaders by giving us the materials and advice to help our organization maintain a meaningful mission and vision.

I look forward to continuing my partnership with the Associated Student Government to enhance our campus for the betterment of our student body.

Sincerely,

Morgan Farmer

ASG Director of Campus Life



Morgan Farmer
ASG Director of Campus Life

“I look forward to continuing my service in ASG as the Vice President. The rest of the Executive Team and I are excited for the year ahead in hopes of making our campus a better place for students.”





FACES OF ASG

Kyle Ranger Guillory
Chief Justice

Why did you want to get involved with ASG?

I wanted to get involved with ASG because I knew it would allow me to make a difference on campus, meet new people, and grow on a professional level. I knew that student government would be a great place to meet other successful and well-rounded students who have similar aspirations as I do.

What are your personal goals for your current role in ASG?

Currently, the ASG Judiciary worked diligently to make sure the Primary Elections ran smoothly. As Chief Justice, I am happy to see these elections come to a successful end. There was a lot of planning that had to be done for the election, especially for events like the Election Cook Out and Town Hall. Ultimately, our goal was to foster student involvement by recruiting potential candidates for ASG who will serve as representatives for their fellow students and increasing student awareness about ASG as a whole.

What have you enjoyed most about your experience in ASG?

I have really enjoyed the friendships I have made and my interactions with others. I think being social is a huge part of the college experience, and being involved in ASG has just enhanced that for me. ASG has

members who are involved all across campus, so it is nice to meet people I might not have met without being a part of this organization.

How has being a member of ASG benefited you as a student leader at the University of Arkansas?

Being in ASG has benefited me as a student leader by instilling in me a focus on the diverse needs of all students on campus. Sometimes it is easy to only focus on the needs of students in certain areas on campus, but ASG is an organization that works to serve all of the students here at the University of Arkansas.

What are your professional goals upon graduation from the University of Arkansas, and how do you believe your time in ASG will help you achieve these goals?

After I graduate from the University of Arkansas in May, I will be attending medical school at

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UAMS College of Medicine. ASG has allowed me to grow as a leader. In my experience, I've learned a lot about time-management and delegating tasks to others. The members of the ASG Judiciary focus heavily on integrity and confidentiality. I believe all of these leadership skills have helped me work towards my goal of becoming a doctor and will continue to help me in medical school.

What advice would you give to students considering becoming involved in ASG?

Go for it! I would encourage anyone to get involved. Students mostly see promotion for elections, so often times they think the only way to be involved in ASG is by being elected as a senator. ASG is much larger than that. ASG has several branches and functional areas where members are selected by application and interview processes.

How do you plan on being engaged with ASG or the University of Arkansas when you graduate?

I hope that I am able to be engaged with ASG and the University of Arkansas when I graduate. I will be busy with medical school shortly after graduation, but I believe communication will allow me to be engaged early on as an alumni. While I will be busy in medical school, I hope that I can always help and reach out to students at the University of Arkansas in some way. Later in my career, I would love the opportunity to contribute and help the organization in as many ways as possible.



ASG ALUMNI WEEKEND 2015

Fellow Razorbacks,

My name is Michael Dodd and I served as ASG President during the 2011-12 school year. Since graduation, I have stayed in Northwest Arkansas to work in Merchandising at Walmart. I recently finished being a part of an ASG alumni weekend and spending some time with our outgoing Chancellor, Dr. Gearhart. I wanted to share a few reflections on his leadership as he moves on to retirement.

First of all, ASG would be nowhere near the organization it is today without the Chancellor giving it such an influential seat at the table. Each year, he seemed to trust the leadership of student leaders more and gave us more responsibility to steward. Amidst the construction, student growth, and state funding difficulties, I came to admire the Chancellor's level-headed, laser-focused commitment to excellence. His work and commitment to students made the University of Arkansas an institution the state would be proud of. Above all else, I was lucky enough to share some quality one on one time with Dr. Gearhart during my year as President. I will always treasure those experiences. John Wooden once said, "Be more concerned with your character than your reputation, because your character is what you really are, while your reputation is merely

what others think you are." In essence, that is what Chancellor Gearhart taught me, and that lesson will live on in my life and in the lives of hundreds of others who learned it from him.

Thank You,

Michael Dodd

90th ASG President and Recruitment Vice
President for ASG Alumni Society

WANT MORE INFORMATION

ON THE

ASG ALUMNI SOCIETY?

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Billy Fleming, ASG President 2010 catches up with Gary McDonald, ASG President 1971.



Left to right: Past ASG Presidents Tori Pohlner 2012, Billy Fleming 2010, Daniel McFarland 2014, Bo Renner 2013, Michael Dodd 2011, and chair of Senate Tammy Lippert 2007 and 2009 gather with Chancellor Gearhart for an appreciation banquet.

Below: Former and current ASG members tailgate and cheer on the Arkansas Razorbacks at the Kentucky v. Arkansas baseball game.



ELECTION RESULTS: ASG GENERAL ELECTIONS

With the 2014-2015 academic year and the administration of ASG President Daniel McFarland coming to a close, the University of Arkansas student body went to the polls in March to elect leaders for 2015-2016. ASG General Elections for the 2015-2016 concluded on Thursday, March 12th. Tanner Bone of Jefferson City, MO was elected the 94th President of Associated Student Government. Bone is a junior majoring in International Business in the Sam M. Walton College of Business.

President-Elect Bone will be joined by an executive team of Vice President-Elect Morgan Famer of Springdale, AR who is a junior majoring in Political Science; Secretary-Elect Meera Patel of El Dorado, AR who is a junior majoring in Accounting with a minor in Information Systems; and Treasurer-Elect Raymond Todd of Rockwall, TX who is a junior majoring in Finance.

Joining those students in the ASG Executive Committee will be the Chair of Senate-Elect Jace Motley of Conway, AR who is a sophomore majoring in Political Science and a minor in Spanish.

In addition, ASG Senators and Representatives of the Graduate Student Congress were also elected in March. The new executive team and members of the Senate and Graduate Student Congress were sworn in at the ASG Inauguration on May 1, 2015.

Executive:

Tanner Bone *President*
Morgan Farmer *Vice President*
Meera Patel *Secretary*
Raymond Todd *Treasurer*
Jace Motley *Chair of Senate*

Graduate Student Congress:

*J. William Fulbright College
of Arts & Sciences*

Madeleine Forrest
Scout Johnson
Michael Shane Powers
Eddie Ardeneaux IV
Mark Nabors
Frankc Berlanga-Medina
Rebekah McMillian
Arley Ward
Michael William Bohlem
Megan Vallowe
Eric Paul Totten

College of Engineering

Nasya Sturdivant
Philip Gilley

Graduate School

James Wesolowski
Riajul Hossain

*Dale Bumpers College of Agriculture,
Food, & Life Sciences*

Andrew Moritz
Jade Newsome
Rachel Spencer

College of Education & Health Professions

Ruby Ferraro

Sam M. Walton College of Business

Rustem Galiullin
Sarah Holtzen



Left to right: Chair of Senate-Elect Jace Motley, Treasurer-Elect Raymond Todd, Vice President-Elect Morgan Farmer, Secretary-Elect Meera Patel, and President-Elect Tanner Bone celebrate at the ASG General Election Results Announcement.

Senate:

J. William Fulbright College of Arts & Sciences

Chance M. Townsell
Kara Bell
Layne Winn
Katie Hicks
Andrew Counce
Avery Walker
Alex Smith
Kristin Day
Garrett Bethel
Erin Overman
Katie Hiett
Jordan Canter
Courtney Brooks
Blakely Glass

College of Engineering

Parker Fitzgerald
Michael Sharp
Carson Alsup
Vinit Modi

College of Education & Health Professions

Macy Bodishbaugh
Kate Thrash
Kristen Cagle
Teila Creekmore

The School of Law

Christina Cole

Sam M. Walton College of Business

Scott Sims
Mason Lester
Rachel O'Neal
Mackenzie Lantefield
Drew Maney
Cole Anthony
Will Watkins
Katie Balok
Jack Casey



ASG SPOTLIGHT: GSC SPEAKER SCOUT JOHNSON

Hello,

I am currently working on a PhD in History here at the U of A, after having completed my BA and MA in History at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas. My area of specialty is twentieth century history of the South, specifically the Civil Rights Era. My research focuses on the darker side of the era, women in the Ku Klux Klan, and more broadly, right-wing women's violence. I am completing my second year of coursework and my first year of service in the Graduate Student Congress.

Alex Marino, the GSC's inaugural Speaker, approached me last spring about running for Representative and I jumped at the chance to serve with the organization. Shirley Chisholm, one of my personal heroes, said, "Service is the rent we pay for the privilege of living on this earth." I have really taken that message to heart and I feel that it is my duty, and a great honor, to serve others.

It has always been my goal to leave every place I've

been better than I found it. I feel that the Graduate Student Congress is an incredible opportunity to improve the graduate student experience at the University of Arkansas. We have six years left in which to reach our goal of becoming a Top 50 Public Research University, and as Chancellor Gearhart has noted, graduate students are a critical component to reaching that goal. Many of the issues that we have been working on, such as health care, stipends, childcare, and graduate student housing, are all areas in which we trail our peer institutions. We know that there are no easy fixes, but we are ready to put in the work to make them happen.

We have built a really solid foundation in our first year, and I think we surprised some folks with how quickly graduates students engaged the organization and became involved with issues all across campus. In addition to serving as the Vice Speaker of the GSC, I am also the



Scout Johnson
GSC Speaker

Southcentral Regional Chair of the National Association of Graduate-Professional Students, an organization which advocates for graduate student issues at the national (and international) level. Other campus activities include the history honor society, Phi Alpha Theta, of which I am the president of the Alpha chapter, and an assistantship at the Wally Cordes Teaching and Faculty Support Center. I also teach at Lone Star College-University Park in Houston.

I am very excited to see what our second year will bring as we build on that experience and bring even more graduate students into student government.

Thank You,
Scout Johnson

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ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Emily Burrow Treasurer 2008-2009

Co-Founder of Little Explorers Hong Kong

Why did you want to get involved in ASG at the University of Arkansas?

I always enjoyed being involved in my sorority, Kappa Delta. I was involved in extracurricular activities such as Chinese Club and study abroad groups like the India trip through the Walton College. As I got involved, a good friend of mine who was running for president suggested I look into student government. He convinced me it was a good idea to get involved. To be honest, I never would have looked into it without his support and encouragement.

What did you enjoy most about your experience in ASG?

My most valued experience from ASG has to be representing the student body and being responsible for not only passing along their messages to various departments on campus, but also fighting for what they believe in and care about.

How did student government benefit you, both as a student leader at the University of Arkansas, and as a leader in your career?

ASG provided me with my first true introduction into politics. I was able to take away working knowledge of being voted into a position and taking care of those that subsequently came to be represented by me. As the founder of Little Explorers Hong Kong, not only do I have to be responsible for my school's brand and represent it in everything

my company does, but also the results that it creates through what the children at my school learn. In many ways, ASG was a critical stepping stone in my life to be able to understand the weight that representing others holds.

What advice would you give to students currently involved in ASG or considering becoming involved in ASG?

You have the chance to perform your role in ASG as a person along for the ride or be the driver and take control of where you will end up. Learn the balance between the two because both are necessary. Enjoy the ride, but don't be afraid to take control sometimes. New policies are being created at the university every day. It is truly amazing to be involved with such monumental decisions at the school and diversity within ASG that will make everything better for everyone.



Emily Burrow | Former ASG Treasurer



Little Explorers Hong Kong is a nursery located in the Olympian City area.

What was your most memorable experience during your time at the University of Arkansas?

From a day to day business perspective, I will never forget being able to sit in on planning committees for the future design of the university. To be able to say that I once had a say in those decisions, makes me very proud to have been involved. I will certainly never forget walking out onto Donald W. Reynolds Stadium at half time to award the family of the year. Razorback football is always at the heart of every Arkansasan. Being able to see the crowd and feel their energy will be an experience I will cherish forever.

What are you doing now?

In 2014, I co-founded Little Explorers Hong Kong which is the premier International Nursery and Tutorial Centre in the Olympian City area. Our international standard Nursery delivers consistently high quality child-focused and teacher-led lessons. Little Explorers Hong

Kong has a proven track record of students developing English fluency and progressing on to International Kindergartens. Our International Tutorial courses promote phonetic reading, speech, and writing across a wide range of themes tailored to the children's interests. We set out to bring Hong Kong a better style of learning. After I completed the foundational staff, we all set out to prepare an ideal learning environment for any child in Hong Kong that wants a place they can go to be themselves. My team and I plan to expand Little Explorers to Hong Kong and Shanghai. We aim to have both projects up and running within two years as well as a company to recruit, train, and settle teachers in their roles in Hong Kong or Mainland China teaching. This program will be those wanting to take a gap year or teachers wanting to gain experience teaching abroad. We are really excited about our new opportunities and would love to share it other fellow University of Arkansas graduates.

You can find more information about Little Explorers Hong Kong at <https://littleexplorershongkong.com/>.





ASG Chair of Senate Raymond Todd gets a photo with Secretary Kelsey Furr.



Advisor Rudy Trejo with President-Elect Tanner Bone, Current President Daniel McFarland, Past President Bo Renner at ASG General Election Results Announcement.



The National Association of Graduate Professional Students Southcentral Conference 2015 attendees gather at the University of Arkansas.



ASG Leadership Team gathers for a photo at one of their last leadership meetings of the 2014-2015 academic year.



President Daniel McFarland helps Jonathan Ladd of ASG Judiciary cook hot dogs for the Elections Cookout.



Members of the Month Cody Burch and Davis Trice from January and February show off their new ASG shirts.



ASG Fresh Hogs eat and play games at the Fayetteville Veterans Home during their spring Community Service Event.



Former GSC Speaker, Alex Marino, hands off the gavel to the 2015-2016 GSC Speaker Scout Johnson at the last GSC meeting of the year.



Provost Sharon Gaber listens and answers ASG Senate questions about the future of academics at the University of Arkansas.



Members of ASG participate in the monthly All Call Meeting.



Hua Wang with Vice Chancellor of Diversity Affairs Charles Robinson, Vice President of Governmental Relations Sarah Collins, Arkansas World Trade Center President and CEO Dan Hendrix, and Wal-Mart Global Chief Diversity Officer Sharon Orlopp at the Conversation with Diversity Leaders event.



Secretary Kelsey Furr, Advisor Rudy Trejo and President Daniel McFarland at the Arkansas Alumni Seniors of Significance Award Banquet.



ASG Professional Development Series allows ASG Advisors to provide monthly seminars to members of ASG to help each member grow and learn in different areas of professionalism.



Members of the Judiciary Committee cook hot dogs for the Elections Cookout.



During the ASG Alumni Weekend, former ASG members meet for lunch with current members to discuss the organization, at Coffee with ASG Alum.

PHOTOS: SPRING 2015



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