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WELCOME

FROM THE

PRESIDENT

Fellow Razorbacks,

My name is Tanner Bone, and I have the honor of serving as the Associated Student Government President during this 2015-2016 year. Coming from Jefferson City, Missouri, I did not grow up a Razorback. But since that first day I stepped on campus, there has been no looking back. The University of Arkansas is in the midst of an exciting period of rapid growth, not only in the quantity of our students, but in the quality as well. With over 200 areas of study offered to the nearly 27,000 students, the University of Arkansas reputation is continuing to grow worldwide with a brand name respected across the globe. It is my sincere hope that this progress is simply a sign of even greater things to come.

This has been a season of change here on the Hill, but we are glad to welcome the U of A's sixth Chancellor, Dr. Joe Steinmetz, to our campus community. He has already made his commitment to students clear, and we are excited to see where our university is headed under his leadership both as an organization and as a student body. As we begin the spring semester, ASG is the largest it has ever been. With a diverse group of innovative and enthusiastic student leaders, we look forward to establishing new relationships, tackling complex initiatives, and making each Razorback's experience at the U of A the best that it can be.

For 93 years, this organization has worked diligently to make this university a place for all students to live, to learn, and to thrive. It has remained effective despite change in leadership, change in student



Tanner Bone | ASG President

demographics, and change in the times. The 94th year has been no different. We look forward to all the upcoming challenges and opportunities, but we also look forward to hearing from those who have served before us. I hope that all is well, and as always, please feel free to let us know any of your thoughts, questions, or concerns!

Best regards, and Woo Pig!

Tanner Bone
ASG President





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Director of Razorback Readership Program

Why did you want to get involved with ASG?

I wanted to get involved with ASG because I wanted to help impact the community around me and have a voice in the policies that affect me as a student. I had never done student government before college, but coming to the University of Arkansas seemed to be a great time to start getting involved in the decision making process. After going to an informational session about Fresh HOGS, I knew that it was a great place for me to start my career in student government. After completing the program in the first semester, I knew I wanted to continue working in the program and help others have the same wonderful experience I did, and so I applied to work on the staff.

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

I would like to continue helping out the Freshmen Leadership Forum (formerly Fresh HOGS) in any way I can, since it is one of the best ways to introduce incoming students to how ASG works. The Freshmen Leadership Forum staff helped me learn about who I am as a person by challenging us to think critically about subjects like philanthropy, leadership, and diversity. Freshmen in the program had to coordinate a service project, which helped me learn that I love organizing service events. Being on staff taught me that I

love helping others and if there is any chance I can help others like they have helped me, I will take it.

What have you enjoyed most about your experience in ASG?

Twenty other Fresh HOGS and I had the opportunity to plan the first ever Big Event, a service project that we designed and executed. For our service project, we chose to collect clothing, food, and toys for families in need during the holiday season. There was a lot of pressure on us to make this project succeed, and many people were concerned that it wouldn’t get finished in time, but we successfully helped over 65 people (more than 14 families total) have gifts and food for the holidays. This experience has been my favorite because it taught me that hard work pays off and that I love organizing events of this nature.

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

ASG has helped me learn that being a student leader transcends oneself. It has taught me that in order to be a good leader, one has to be selfless and realize that there is a bigger picture than the project or issue that someone may be working on in that exact moment. ASG has so many amazing student leaders that care about the U of A and it has been great seeing what these people can accomplish to make our school better. Seeing these

FACES OF

ASG

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people has made me want to be a better leader and understand that no matter what I do, I represent a bigger cause.

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?

I have set a personal goal for myself to go to an Ivy League school after I graduate from the U of A. I hope to one day be a practicing lawyer who is politically active and involved in the community I live in. ASG will help me reach this goal by pushing me to be the best student I can be in all aspects of my life. Through the advisors and other student leaders, ASG creates an environment where people are pushed to be great students who are well-rounded individuals. From the very first ASG meeting I went to until the last of this year, everyone has made it clear that as an ASG member, I must hold myself to high standards because the advisors and executive members hold every ASG member to these standards and they know we can meet them if we work hard enough. It's great to be part of an organization that believes in me and gives me the tools to reach my goals.

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

ASG is a very warm and welcoming group that always

wants student input, and so everyone who wants to be involved and part of the decision-making process on this campus should apply to be in ASG. I had no background in student government before I got involved at the U of A, but with programs like the Freshman Leadership Forum and the Associate Memberships, there are many ways to get involved and learn about ASG in a quick and efficient manner, and there are people along the way that are willing to help and ensure that each student succeeds in their goals both inside and outside of ASG.

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

I think that visiting and coming back to football games and any alumni events that ASG sponsors will be a great way to stay involved upon my graduation. I hope that even after I graduate that I will still be able to help people learn about leadership and the roles they can play in being a leader.

Why do you appreciate the ASG Alumni?

Alumni help me see that student leaders can continue to be leaders later on in life. They show me what I can accomplish if I work hard and keep the right mindset. Seeing Alumni come back and still care about the University shows that ASG helps create people who truly care about others, and it is very humbling to be a part of such a great organization and seeing Alumni who have done great things both during their time at the U of A and after they have graduated.





2014 Homecoming Court.

All ASG retreat



ASG cooks hot dogs and serves sodas and waters at the annual Welcome Back Cookout on the first day of classes, as a part of Welcome Week across campus.



Oct

Sept

Aug



ASG Executive lunch with Chancellor Gearheart.

40 students are selected to be a part of the ASG Fresh HOGS leadership development program.



The Reed Family accepts the Family of the Year award.

President McFarland gives his Fall State of the Students Address.

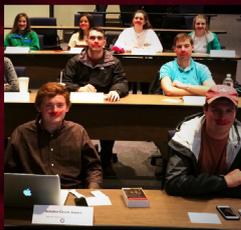
Past ASG President Eddie Armstrong (State Representative) and ASG President Daniel McFarland attend the MLK Vigil.



Nov

Dec

Jan



HogStache senate.



Fresh HOGS Fall Cohort host their Big Event at the Yvonne Richardson Center. During the fall, Fresh HOGS collected toys and clothing for this event.

ASG partners to host the annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Vigil on the UA campus.

HIGHLIGHTS: ASG EVENTS 2014-2015

ASG Graduate Student Congress hosts Graduate Student Day at the Ladybacks Basketball Game. Tickets for 50 grad students are purchased as are refreshments and giveaways.

ASG General Election cookout in the Union mall to promote voting.

The Razorback Action Group makes a visit to Little Rock to meet with Governor Hutchison, the commissioner of higher education, and other members of the Arkansas House and Senate to discuss the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery, textbook costs, and other issues important to college students.

President Tanner Bone and the 94th Administration is inaugurated at ASG Inauguration.



Feb

ASG hosts Conversations with Diverse Leaders. The event brings in Sharon Orlopp, Global Chief Diversity Officer for Wal Mart; Sarah Collins, Vice President for Roberts GR Strategies, and Dan Hendrix, President and CEO of the Arkansas World Trade Center.

Mar

ASG Graduate Student Congress hosts the National Association of Graduate and Professional Students Regional Conference. A dozen graduate student leaders spend time in Fayetteville learning about leadership,

Apr

The ASG Alumni Society Board of Directors meets to discuss the upcoming year as well as hosts an ASG Alumni Society Day at the Ballpark event. Nearly a dozen ASG alumni attend the event.

May

Graduate Student Congress hosts their Family Picnic on Old Main Lawn.



ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT:

Doug Walker Chair of Senate 1986-1988
President 1988-1989

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

I enjoyed leadership roles in high school specifically in organizations that followed parliamentary procedures and were “change” agents. The Associated Student Government intrigued me because I could see that it was an organization that had influence with the administration, faculty, and students. Also, the fact that the meetings used parliamentary procedures intrigued me as well. I noticed early as a senator that the senate had influence thru policy deployment and allocation of funds. I saw that ASG could positively influence the lives of fellow students.

What did you enjoy most about your experience in ASG?

It is hard to narrow it down! I was a part of ASG for 3.5 years. I really enjoyed the relationships that I built with my fellow Senators. I also look back at the strong relationships I built with the administration. Dr. Lyle Gohn was a positive influence in my life. I cherished his guidance and friendship.

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

I learned how to grow thick skin. As an idealist, I wanted to do things that pleased everybody. I learned as a leader that it is very important to do the right thing. You need to stay true to your ethics and character. Especially in a public office. People elect

you to serve them because of “who” you are. This lesson that I learned has served me well in my career.

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

Get involved. I know that sounds simple but I saw many student senators that just showed up for the weekly meeting. My advice is to really get involved. Serve on a committee, help develop policy, run for an office. There are so many areas to plug into but you have to initiate. No one will do it for you. If you decide to engage, you will not regret it. It is a fun ride!

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

Wow, now that is a loaded question. I loved my experiences at the University of Arkansas. I met my wife at the U of A. Many of my best friends even today were made during my time at the U of A. I would have to say that serving as the Student Body President my senior year was the most memorable experience. It allowed me



Doug Walker
ASG Chair of Senate 1986-1988
ASG President 1988-1989

to meet so many people across our state thru various speaking engagements. I also was able to serve on many subcommittees which allowed me to influence administration and faculty for the benefit of my fellow students. It was a great honor that I cherish deeply.

What are you doing currently?

Currently, I live in Fayetteville, AR with my family and I am the Group President at Pace Industries. Pace Industries is North America's leading full-service aluminum, zinc, and magnesium die casting company. Strategically located throughout North America. Our company is more than a die casting company though, we are a solution provider offering a wide array of capabilities and services. The company was founded in 1970 with a small die casting facility located in Harrison, AR. From there, the company has grown into one of the largest and most diverse die casting companies in the world.

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Funds raised from Pizza Wars were donated to the U of A Cares Fund.



Emily Olander recognized as ASG Member of the Month for November 2014.



ASG Chef Takeover.



ASG at the Student Involvement Awards.



(Left to right) Blaire Waddell, Freshman Forum Coordinator, Tanner Bone, ASG President, Jace Motley, ASG Chair of Senate, and Morgan Farmer, ASG Vice President promote ASG in the residence halls.



New ASG Executives and administrative lunch.

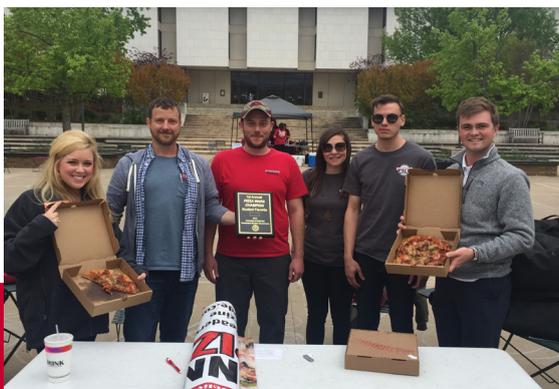
All-ASG retreat in September 2014.



Cabinet Meeting.



Pizza Wars winner, Damgoode Pies.



Seniors gather at the last All Call event.



ASG End of the Year Banquet.



PHOTOS: SPRING SEMESTER





ASG students at the Chancellor's Ball.



Students meet with Leslie Rutledge, Attorney General of Arkansas during a campus visit.



Taylor Farr speaking at the RedTalk for Sexual Assault Awareness.



Morgan Farmer and Meera Patel with Fayetteville mayor, Lioneld Jordan.



President Tanner Bone at the annual ASG Cookout.



Graduate Student Congress Speaker Scout on ASG Sexual Assault Awareness Day.



President Bone escorting Rachel Reece, 2015 Homecoming Queen.

Homecoming pep rally.



ASG holiday party.

Sexual Assault Awareness Day RedTalk.



Annual ASG cookout.

2015 Homecoming Court.



PHOTOS: FALL SEMESTER





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“I know that I am on the right path to achieving my goal of obtaining a quality education... this great academic institution is constantly expanding my horizons further each day.”

–Toni Jankovski

2015 President’s Council Scholarship Recipient

In 2011, the ASG President’s Council Scholarship was established by the ASG student leadership to award to University of Arkansas students. In order to provide permanent scholarship support for generations to come, the Division of Student Affairs and ASG are working collaboratively to endow the scholarship.

Over \$12,700 has been raised for the scholarship, with \$5,500 being awarded to 13 students.

We are asking all ASG alumni to consider a gift to the ASG Scholarship. You are supporting the next generation of University of Arkansas student leaders.

Our goal to endow the scholarship is \$50,000.

To make your online gift today, visit

<https://onlinegiving.uark.edu>.

Under the designation field, select **“Other Department, program, or fund.”**

Then type **“ASG President’s Council Scholarship”** in the prompt box.

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