

Kays Foundation



Board Members honored in Alumni "Voices"

October 2009

In October "Voices" a magazine published by the ASU Alumni Association titled "Arkansas State University Centennial Celebration 100 Years 100 Voices" was published. It includes three of our current Board of Directors. Mr. Bob Ferralasco, Mr. Charles Rasberry and Dr. Eugene Smith. It gives a brief glimpse of their roles and dedication to ASU. Also spotlighted in this magazine are our two founders. Dr. V. C. Kays and his son V. H. "Buddy" Kays. Two more individuals who were dedicated to the success of Arkansas State University.

If you have not viewed the magazine, we have a copy available for you to view.

Congratulations to each of you.



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Eugene Smith Hall Dedication

On May 29, 2009 ASU honored president emeritus, Dr. Eugene W. Smith, for his leadership and service to the university. The Eugene W. Smith Hall was dedicated in a ceremony on the newly renovated Chickasaw Student Services Center across from the Student Union. The ASU Board of Trustees passed a resolution in September 2008 to rename the structure housing the Center for Excellence in Education, which administers the doctoral program in educational leadership. Much of ASU's growth took place under his tenure including establishment of the institution's first doctoral degree program in educational leadership, expansion of the Dean B. Ellis Library and ASU moving to (NCAA) Division 1 status.



Birthdays

Eugene Smith	June 10
Lucinda McDaniel	Aug. 29
Charles Rasberry	Sept. 14
Wayne Blake	Oct. 08
Bob Ferralasco	Oct. 19
Betty Jo Rousey	Oct. 31
Tom Bishop	Nov. 13



2009 Grant Recipients

The Foundation funded two grants for the 2009 school year. The first grant was used to help fund the ASU Centennial Book: 100 Years; 100 Stories which will be part of the ASU Centennial Celebration. The book is being published by the ASU Centennial Celebration Office and Arkansas Heritage SITES. The publication date is scheduled for Fall 2010 to coincide with the conclusion of the celebration. You can pre-order the book at the following link:

<http://wt-dcprod.astate.edu/a/centennial/centennial-book/>

The second grant was to the Crowley's Ridge Best (Boosting Engineering, Science and Technology) Robotics Program. This year on October 31, 2009 in the Centennial Hall of ASU's Student Union Center on the ASU campus they hosted their Fourth Annual Game Day Competition. The mission is to introduce young people to educational and vocational opportunities in technology. This year they had students from 17 schools in Jonesboro and the surrounding region participating in this nationwide program.



Community Corner

In February 2009 Lucinda McDaniel along with ASU faculty and staff and some 60 other Craighead County residents participated in the 20th annual Washington, D.C. Fly-In sponsored by the Jonesboro Regional Chamber of Commerce. This trip allows the participants the opportunity to meet with their Congressman and Senators as well as their respective staffs and present an agenda of issues of interest to the Jonesboro community and ASU. We are fortunate to have representatives who are receptive to these types of special appropriations for our area.

We are proud of all the time and work our members contribute to the community.

The Pleasance

In February this year we started the final stage in completion of the Pleasance walkway. Two pedestrian bridges were constructed along the pathway providing access to the Alumni Association property. We have also added a picnic table to the area near the lake directly behind the Foundation offices. We are still working with the Arkansas Forestry Department and the ASU Agricultural Department on getting the underbrush cleared and more trees planted. The only remaining project is the historical plaques and we have begun the process on this. I have included the brief description of the Pleasance which will appear on our website as well as our new brochure. It was prepared by Charles Rasberry.

Webster defines a "Pleasance" as "a pleasure ground or garden, usually part of an estate" and "a pleasant rest or recreation place" It was a dream of V. H. "Buddy" Kays to provide a "Pleasance" somewhere on Foundation property. Consequently, just such a place has been created on the grounds of the Kays Foundation office building at East University Loop and A Street. You'll find the Pleasance tucked between the Kays Foundation office and the Cooper Alumni Center, and it can be accessed from either area, though the official entrance is just east of the Foundation office. The Pleasance provides the visitor with an opportunity to stroll through a quiet, wooded area near the heart of the ASU campus, rest for a while or view the various markers which

recall the men, women, and events that are so much a part of the history of Arkansas State University. The Pleasance is available to the University community and campus visitors each day of the year.



Seasons Greetings

Holidays—Offices Closed

Christmas: December 21-25, 2009

New Year's Day: January 1, 2010



Blast from the Past

Bob Ferralasco featured on the ASU Centennial Celebration Decade Photo gallery 1950's page.



You can find more great photos by going to:

<http://www2.astate.edu/a/centennial/>

