

# Celebrating 100 years

## *Kays Foundation*

### CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

On Saturday, September 18, 2010 the Kays Foundation hosted a celebration from 2:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. to commemorate a century of funding and service to Arkansas State University.



Tours of the "Pleasance" walkway were given to guest by the Arkansas Forestry Department.



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The event featured three speakers. Dr. Ruth Hawkins, Dr. Michael Dougan, and Dr. Eugene Smith. Each speaker remarked on the past, present, and future impact of the Kays Foundation and its goal to assist Arkansas State University.

On hand for the event was past grant recipients in booths setup to showcase how they have made advancements with funding provided by grants received from the Foundation.

We had demonstrations by students with the BEST Robotics competition in which we provided funding for as well as a performance by the ASU "Sound of the Natural State" band.



### BOARD MEMBERS HONORED

#### ASU's First 100 Distinguished Faculty

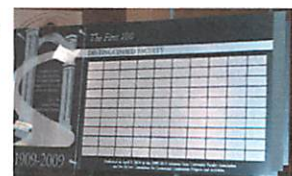
They are:

The centennial faculty wall honoring the first 100 distinguished faculty members in Arkansas State University's history was unveiled April 5, 2010 at an afternoon reception in Centennial Hall in the Reng Student Services Center/Student Union. The wall is part of ASU's continuing Centennial Celebration. Photos of the reception may be viewed on the [Alumni website](#). The name of each distinguished faculty member was included on a wall plaque placed outside Centennial Hall. Two of our members were rewarded this honor.

**Robert Ferralasco**, Ed. D.  
Professor of Administrative Services 1952-1989.

**Charles L. Rasberry**, M. T.  
Professor of Radio-Television 1961-1987.

Congratulations to each of you.





Area school students participating in the BEST Robotics Competition held on September 18, 2010 on the grounds of the Kays Foundation.



## 2010 GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 2010 the Foundation granted two grants.

The first grant was to the ASU Band Program and used to assist in providing the ASU Wind Ensemble funds to travel to Las Cruces, New Mexico on April 10, 2010 to perform at the College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) Conference.

The second grant was issued to the ASU Department of Computer Science to Dr. E. T. Hammerand, Associate Professor in which funds were used to expand the Crowley's Ridge BEST Robotics program from seventeen (17) participating schools to twenty-four (24) to help reach a wider audience and expose more high school students to engineering and science.



ASU "Sound of the Natural State Band"

## TRUSTEES RECONGIZED BY UNIVERSITY

### ASU Centurions & Trustees



Inside the ASU Centennial Celebration Finale Program we had several of our past Board of Trustees listed under the "Board of Trustees for the First Century" many of these individuals served on the University board as well as on the Foundation board in the early years. Eight of our *Charter Members* were listed as well as several others that joined our foundation over the years.

Two of our members were chosen by the Centennial Celebration Commission for their service and leadership to ASU during the university's first century.

They are:

**Dr. Eugene Smith**, President 1980, 1984-1992, 1994-1995.

**V. C. Kays**, President 1910-1943.

At a date to be announced a ceremony will be held to unveil the plaque listing the Arkansas State University Centurions.

"Embrace Our Past: Imagine Our Future." from Arkansas State University Centennial Celebration

## 1909-2009 ASU'S CENTINNAL

Nancy Hendricks as Senator Hattie Caraway



Arkansas State University has brought its celebration of its 100-year anniversary to a close. The celebration began April 1, 2009, with the commemoration of the university's founding, and concluded October 3, 2010, marking the Centennial of the first day of classes.

The Centennial Finale event that was held on October 3 in the Fowler Center featured a play written by Dr. Nancy Hendricks about letters written between Mr. V. C. Kays & Hattie Caraway as well as a performance by the ASU Wind Ensemble.

An encore presentation of *Dear Mrs. Caraway, Dear Mr. Kays* a Dramatization and Book Signing was held on November 4, 2010 at the Cooper Alumni Center"



Bob Ferralasco Celebrated his 85th Birthday in October

## Birthdays



Eugene Smith Celebrated his 80th Birthday in June

