

# Kays Foundation



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## Spring Meet & Greet

On March 3, 2025 the Foundation held a Meet & Greet at the Foundation office for all A-State faculty, staff, entities and departments to drop by and learn about the Foundation's grant opportunities.



## Former member honored

Former Board of Director, Charles Rasberry was inducted into the A-State Press Box Wall of Honor on Saturday, October 26, 2024. Board President, Lucinda McDaniel attended the event.



## Board member retires

On December 10, 2024 Leonard McDaniel announced he would be retiring from the Foundation board. He served seven (7) years from 2017-2024



Office Closed:

**November 24-28, 2025—Thanksgiving Break**

**December 22-31, 2025—Christmas Break**

**January 1-5, 2026—New Years**



Students who work with Dr. Mohammad Abrar Alam, professor of chemistry, attended and shared research at the American Chemical Society (ACS) fall 2025 meeting in Washington, D.C. The students presented posters and gave talks on novel drug development research in which they are involved at A-State.



Terry Carty, Kays Foundation Executive Vice President visits with Marty Scarbrough, program director, KASU which was awarded a grant for the "Arkansas Roots Music Collection" for the station's library.

## 2023-2024 Grants

The Kays Foundation awarded a grant in spring of 2024 to Dr. Alam to help in his research.



## A-State Students with the Baja vehicle

## 2025 Spring Grants

The Kays Foundation selected two grants to fund in the spring grant cycle totaling \$60,052.00. The first grant was awarded to Dr. Nicholas Balla, Director of Bands, in the Department of Music for the "Sound of the Natural State Marching Band" for \$13,440.00. The second grant awarded was to Dr. Brook Fluker, associate professor of aquatic ecology in the Department of Biological Sciences, for the "Modernization of fisheries equipment in support of students in Biological and Environmental Sciences" in the amount of 46,612.00.

Kays Foundation awarded Dr. Haran in the Department of Mechanical Engineering funds to participate in the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) Baja International Competition held at Williamsport, PA in May of 2024. The A-State students named their team "Red Wolves Racers." They traveled, designed and assembled their vehicle and competed in the international competition which is limited to 100 schools worldwide. A-State undergraduate mechanical engineering students were involved in building the newer version of the Baja vehicle for the 2024 competition. The vehicle will be utilized for teaching, outreach and recruitment efforts when it is taken on the road or displayed at events on or near the campus.



## In Sympathy

Lucinda McDaniel: On the loss of her mom Miss Ann Smith and her brother Brad Smith who both passed away this year.

Betty Moad: On the loss of her sister, Nancy Ferralasco Taylor in January 2025.

Family of Richard (Rich) Carvell who passed in September 2025.

## Misc. Photos