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Snow storm

On January 26-30, 2026, a snow storm came through the area and caused major travel issues which resulted in all area schools, ASU campuses and the Foundation to close.



Spring Meet & Greet

On March 5, 2026, the Foundation held an hour long meet and greet at the Foundation office for A-State faculty, staff, and departments to learn about grant opportunities. Two of our fall 2025 grantees attended, Kendall Youngman and Jody Nutt. We also had a former spring 2024 grantee attend, Dr. Sarah Webb.



Pictured L-R: Dr. Jennifer Bouldin, Sharon Phillips, Dr. Sarah Webb, Lucinda McDaniel, Betty Rousey, and Terry Carty. Meet & Greet 2026



Pictured L-R: Kendall Youngman, Betty Rousey, Lucinda McDaniel, Sharon Bishop Phillips, and Jody Nutt. Meet & Greet 2026

The Kays Foundation

Newsletter 2026

Dr. Heidi Banse and Dr. Len Frey gave a tour of the A-State College of Veterinary Medicine Building for the Kays Foundation Board of Directors on Friday, September 4, 2026. The Kays Foundation donated \$534,000.00 for the "Kays Foundation Endowment for Veterinary Excellence", which supports the Veterinary clinical skills training program at ASU Jonesboro.



Pictured L-R left side: Lucinda McDaniel, Steve Metzler, Maxine Pruitt, Dr. Len Frey and Betty Moad.

L-R right side: Sharon Phillips, Dr. Heidi Banse, Tom Bishop and Terry Carty.

The Foundation offices will be closed the following dates:

November 23-27, 2026—Thanksgiving Break

December 21-31, 2026—Christmas Break

January 1, 2027—New Years Day



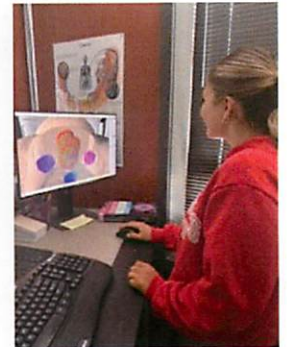


2025 Fall Grants

The Kays Foundation awarded three grants in the fall of 2025. The first grant was awarded to Ms. Kendall Youngman, MRI/CT program director, assistant professor for the Medical Laboratory & Radiation Sciences, for the "Corsmed MRI Simulator Software" in the amount of \$4,425.00 to purchase Corsmed MRI Simulator Software and one faculty license for three years. The second grant was awarded to Ms. Jody Nutt, tenure-track assistant professor in the Department of Medical Imaging & Radiation Sciences for "VERT Proton Therapy Simulation for Student Training" in the amount of \$25,858.00 for two pieces of equipment. The IBA & Varian Proton Package and the Varian Probeam Pendant will allow students to have firsthand training and knowledge of this technology. The third grant was awarded to Ms. Orithea Regn, research associate in the Ecotoxicology Department for partial funds in the amount of \$3,000 for the room and tank set up portion of the proposal "Establishing long-term fish experimentation and analytical capabilities at A-State".



Here are a few photos of the grants that we funded in 2025.



Happy Birthday!

Terry Carty celebrated his 80th birthday in June

Betty Jo Rousey celebrated her 65th birthday in October

Years of Service

Lucinda McDaniel 30 years and Terry Carty 15 years

In Sympathy

Sharon Phillips on the loss of her mother-in-law Patsy Phillips in June 2026

