

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS

Strategic Planning Open Forums

The President is hosting three Strategic Planning Open Forums to discuss the current draft of the Strategic Plan. Forums will be held:

- Monday, March 14 from 2:00P-3:30P in the Doc Bryan Lecture Hall, <https://atu.zoom.us/j/316579855>
- Tuesday, March 15 from 9:00A-10:30A in the Doc Bryan Lecture Hall, <https://atu.zoom.us/j/778486266>
- Friday, April 1 from 9:00A-10:30A on the Ozark Campus, <https://atu.zoom.us/j/678994110>

All three sessions will be live streamed and recorded for viewing convenience. Please click on the appropriate Zoom link above to watch the correlating forum during the live session. For more information on Strategic Planning or to read the current version of the Strategic Plan please visit <http://www.atu.edu/strategicplanning/>.

Professional Development Day

This spring's Professional Development will be held over two days. The first session will be a faculty meeting during the afternoon of Wednesday, May 4. The second session will be coordinated by the CETL and held "conference style" during the morning of Thursday, May 5. Look for more details to come.

Outstanding Senior Award

Each year the Arkansas Tech University community recognizes three outstanding graduating seniors. Students nominated for these awards must be scheduled to graduate in 2016 at either the May, August or December 2016 ceremonies. All candidates should have excellent academic credentials along with a significant level of campus involvement through academic and/or co-curricular contributions. If you know of a student who should be considered for any of these awards, please email your nomination to apennington@atu.edu by 5:00P on Friday, March 18. Please include their name and a brief statement about why you think this student should be considered. Should you have any questions, please call 968-0407.

May Commencement Ceremonies

In order to continue to accommodate our graduates and their families, we will hold three undergraduate ceremonies on Saturday, May 7 at 10:00A, 2:00P and 6:00P. In response to calls from the faculty to rotate the sequence of the colleges, the ceremonies will be as follows:

- 10:00 a.m. - eTech and Natural and Health Sciences
- 2:00 p.m. - Arts and Humanities and Business
- 6:00 p.m. - Education, Engineering/Applied Sciences, and Associate Degrees

Please note that these changes for spring 2016 are an experiment, and it may not be possible to follow a standard rotation process in future years due to the need to get fairly equal distribution of graduates per ceremony.

Dates to Remember:

- **Early registration for summer and fall, March 14—April 22.**
- **Strategic Planning Open Forum, March 14 from 2:00P—3:30P.**
- **Strategic Planning Open Forum, March 15 from 9:00A—10:30A.**
- **Outstanding Senior Award nominations due, March 18.**
- **Spring holidays, 7:00A March 21—7:00A March 28.**
- **Ozark Strategic Planning Open Forum, 9:00A—10:30A April 1.**
- **Online catalogs posted to website, April 1.**
- **Deadline for Professional Development Grant Applications, April 15.**
- **Last day to drop courses with a "W," April 15.**
- **Reading Day, April 27.**