



UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

**Education Renewal Zone
Advisory Board Meeting
March 9, 2016
10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**

General updates:

- [E.Y.E. to the Future 3](#) will be held in June, 2016, with details to be announced soon in a collaborative effort between the Northwest Arkansas Education Service Cooperative (NWAESC), RAZORC.O.A.C.H, and the Education Renewal Zone. (Education, Youth, and the Economy = E.Y.E.)
- [Adopt-A-Classroom](#)

Celebration Reception will be held May 12th, 4:30-6:30 pm in the Arkansas Union, Rooms 509-511 as a final event to share successes between sixteen UA professors and the classrooms they adopted.
- [NWA Administrator's Retreat](#): **Vicki Collet**, (Asst. Professor of Childhood Education, UA) invited area administrators to a retreat to be held June 2, 2016, in Rogers, Arkansas. ([See Attachment.](#)) Focus will be on building administrators' capacity as instructional leaders. Includes improving reading, writing, and redesigning writing instruction for your school or district. The attachment includes *all summer projects, retreats, workshops and institutes hosted by the National Writing Project in Northwest Arkansas.*
- [NWA P-20 Task Force](#): The focus of the meeting was Career and Technical Education and looking back at the NWA P-20 Task Force beginnings in 2012 to address how our needs have changed and how to plan goals and action steps for the future. Minutes of the meeting can be found on the Education Renewal Zone webpage by clicking the above hyperlink for the NWA P-20 Task Force.

Update on 2016 Teacher Education Fair:

- **Jake Ayo**, Director of Field Placement, discussed the changes to the [Teacher Education Fair](#) taking place on Wednesday, May 11, 2016, from 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 1:00-4:30 pm in the Arkansas Union Verizon Ballroom. Actual interviews will be held for graduating interns in all education fields. Mr. Ayo will send out a Razorback Career link for administrators to see uploaded resumes and preschedule interviews for this day. Contact [Jake](#) if you have questions or do not receive the registration information.

UA New Teacher Academy

- **UANTA** will be hold a reception to honor those participating in the UANTA on May 12, 2016 from 1:30-2:30 in the Arkansas Union rooms 509-511. Administrators are invited to attend. Please [register](#) or contact [Priscilla Wetzel](#) at (479) 575-4582.

Razorback AgCademy

- Kate Shoulders, Assistant Professor in the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food and Life Sciences, stated that beginning August 22, 2016, online classes in agriculture will become available for high school students. These courses are \$39.00 per module with 3 modules available. Upon admission to the U of A, students are eligible to take a for-credit exam on each module. Students earning a minimum exam score of 80% will receive 2-3 hours for the aligning course, up to 8 hours. See flyer attached to next page.



Razorback AgCademy

Available Online Beginning August 22, 2016 \$39 per module; 3 modules available

The Razorback AgCademy gives high school students the opportunity to access online modules that align with specific on-campus courses within the Dale Bumpers College of Agricultural, Food, and Life Sciences.



BENEFITS

- All Razorback AgCademy students are engaged in online learning experiences that model the U of A's on-campus courses and exposed to the wide array of career opportunities within various agricultural industries.
- Students who choose to apply to the U of A and are admitted are then eligible to take a for-credit exam for each module accessed, as well. Students who earn a minimum exam score of 80% will receive 2-3 credit hours for the aligning course, up to 8 hours.
- For a total fee of \$64 per module (\$39 for module access + \$25 exam administration fee), and upon passage of the for-credit exam, students will receive 2-3 credit hours. The total possible tuition and fee savings for all 3 courses is \$1,638 (2015-2016 rates; tuition and fee rates are subject to change).

REQUIREMENTS

Students must meet the following requirements to be eligible:

- Be a current high school sophomore, junior, or senior (verified by an active high school email address and a letter from a teacher or administrator within the high school).
- Register for each AgCademy module through the Global Campus. Students will have access to the modules for which they register until they graduate from high school.
- Pending high school graduation, apply and be accepted to the University of Arkansas (students who wish to take for-credit exam only). Upon acceptance, contact Kate Shoulders to schedule course credit examination(s).

MODULES

AGED 1123

Foundations of Agricultural Education (3 credit hours). A preparatory course evaluating the historical foundations of agricultural education.

ANSC 1032

Introduction to Animal Science (2 credit hours) Students will be introduced to biological sciences associated with modern systems of care and management of livestock.

AGME 1613

Fundamentals of Agricultural Systems Technology (3 credit hours) Study of basic mathematical and physical science concepts important in the mechanization of agriculture.

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