



SUPPORT STAFF WORKSHOP AGENDA

MARCH 14, 2019

9:30 Registration & Welcome

10:00 Autism Spectrum Disorder as Explained by Sheldon Cooper

Presenters:

Ronda McLelland, Director, TRIO Student Support Services, UACC-Batesville

Becky Warren, Director, Workforce & Career Services, UACC-Batesville

This session discusses some of the behaviors that students on the autism spectrum exhibit. The presenters will offer suggestions on dealing with these behaviors and ways to make students on the autism spectrum more comfortable in a college setting.

11:00 Break

11:15 Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA) Overview

Presenter:

Thomas W. Pennington, General Counsel, Arkansas Tech University

This session provides a comprehensive overview of FERPA, a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The session will be paced to be easily understood by new professionals, as well as comprehensive and current enough to be informative for seasoned employees. Material will include recent cases from letter rulings of the Family Policy Compliance Office.

12:15 Lunch

1:15 Weapons on Campus- A Discussion of Concealed Carry Law and Active Shooter Preparedness

Presenter:

Kevin Davis, Asst. Dir. of Public Safety, Harding University; and co-owner of D² Security Solutions

This session begins with a discussion of the recent changes in Arkansas law regarding “concealed carry” on property of institutions of higher education. Who can legally carry a weapon? What requirements are there? What are the exceptions? The presenter will also provide information on how to prepare and respond to an active shooter situation on campus.

2:30 Evaluations & Wrap-Up

More information about our presenters:

Ronda McLelland, UACC-Batesville

Ronda began her career in higher education as a peer tutor for the TRIO Student Support Services program at Ozarka College. In 2007, she was hired as the Tutor Coordinator for TRIO at Ozarka. In 2015, Ronda became Director of TRIO Student Support Services at University of Arkansas Community College at Batesville. Ronda has spoken at several conferences and institutions about autism awareness. This subject matter has a special place for Ronda; her oldest son, Michael, has autism. She earned an AA from Ozarka, a BA from Lyon College, and an MS from Walden University.

Becky Warren, UACC-Batesville

Becky is an Arkansas native and is a proud alum of Arkansas Tech University. She earned her MS of Science in Student Affairs in Higher Education from Missouri State University. After graduate school, she spent time briefly as a Hall Director/Student Development Specialist at ASU-Beebe, then served as Career and Disability Services Coordinator at UACCB from 2013-2018. In August 2018, she transitioned to the position of Director of Workforce and Career Services, and also took on a faculty role.

Thomas W. Pennington, Arkansas Tech University

Thomas has been the general counsel for Arkansas Tech University since 1996. He also serves as Professor of Legal Studies. He was selected Professor of the Year by the student body at ATU in 2004, 2012, 2014, and 2016.

Kevin Davis, Harding University

Kevin has over 20 years' experience in the security industry, most of which has been in an educational setting. He received a BA from Harding, and earned a Juris Doctorate from UALR School of Law in 2013. Kevin currently serves as the 1st Vice Chairman for the ASIS International School Safety and Security Council. He is a current board member and past president of the Arkansas Association of Campus Law Enforcement Administrators (AACLEA). He is a certified NRA Law Enforcement Handgun, Shotgun, and Patrol Rifle Administrator and a Concealed Handgun Carry License Instructor. Kevin is co-owner of a security consulting and training business, D² Security Solutions, which specializes in active shooter preparedness and response.