



Arkansas Northeastern College

NEWSLink

WEEKLY ONLINE NEWSLETTER

Upcoming Important Events

Thurs 1/17: Registration Ends (Evening & INET)

Thurs 1/17: ANC Choirs Italy Trip meeting, 6:30pm, Adams/Vines Recital Hall

Fri 1/18: Academic Affairs Meeting, 9:30am, B113

Mon 1/21: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (COLLEGE CLOSED)

Thurs 1/31: President's Reception honoring Dr. Shemwell, 5-7p, A101

Submissions

Have items of interest you'd like featured in *NEWSLink* online newsletter? Please send your departmental news, upcoming events, etc., to Ammi Tucker at atucker@smail.anc.edu
Weekly deadline is 5pm Friday.

Suggestions?

Is there something you'd like to see more (or less) of in *NEWSLink* online newsletter? Please send your suggestions, comments, and other feedback to Ammi Tucker at ext 1523 or atucker@smail.anc.edu.

ANC Mission:

Arkansas Northeastern College is committed to providing accessible, quality educational programs, services, and lifelong learning opportunities.



ANC Community Choir to Perform in Italy

Trip is Open to Additional Guests; Informational Meeting TONIGHT

The ANC Community Choir has been accepted to sing in Rome and Southern Italy December 27, 2013, through January 4, 2014. The tour will include three or four performances; the ensemble will perform across the region and various locations in Rome.

The trip is also open to those who wish to accompany the choir on the trip. There will be

lots of sight seeing opportunities and free time for guests, as well as the singers. *An informative meeting for this trip will be held TONIGHT, Thursday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall, before Community Choir practice.*

Several meals, at least one each day, are included, as well transportation and admission to some of the landmarks. Highlights include either free exploration or guided tours through various landmarks in Naples, Pompei, Caserta, Assisi, and ringing in the new year in Rome.



The cost is \$2,500 without travel insurance. However, each participant is **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to purchase this for an additional \$164.00. "This trip is an **AMAZING** price for Europe and I hope many of you strongly consider going," said ANC Choral Director Keith Hearnberger.

The first payment for this trip is due January 25, 2013. This initial payment of \$400 is the security deposit and will be applied toward the balance. Payments will be due each month, and will be due in full by October 1, 2013.

Dr. Keith Hearnberger asks that you please consider going with the group as the ANC Music Department represents the college abroad! He hopes to see many of you at the informational meeting tonight.

For more information, contact Dr. Keith Hearnberger at khearnberger@smail.anc.edu.

You are cordially invited to a reception honoring

Dr. James Shemwell

President, Arkansas Northeastern College

Thursday, January 31, 2013

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. (drop-in)

A 101, Main Concourse

John P. Sullins Administration Building

Please RSVP to Courtney Fisher at 870-762-3191

Hearnsberger to Present Research at Symposium

Dr. Keith Hearnsberger, director of ANC Music Department, has had a research paper accepted for the Mid-South Music Education Research Symposium, which will be held February 8 and 9, 2013, at the University of Mississippi in Oxford, MS. This symposium spotlights current trends in music education, with over 100 scholars and professors of music education from across the United States



Dr. Keith Hearnsberger

His paper, titled *Literacy Achievement*

and *Choral Music Involvement*, will be presented to music education scholars, as well as editors for the Journal of Research in Music Education. A synopsis of his research is below:

The relationship between music education and academic achievement has been discussed in numerous contexts. In this paper, the relationship between participation in choral music and academic achievement in relationship to literacy achievement, based on data from five high schools is explored. In this correlation study, research demonstrated evidence that prolonged involvement in choral music program during secondary training in grades 8-11, have a statistical impact upon

literacy achievement than those students who do not participate in choral music programs. The methodology behind the study included an ANCOVA (a fancy statistical term that basically means comparing two groups while examining an outside constant). The 8th grade 'Benchmark' exam scores and the 11th grade EOC literacy scores were used as the variable of achievement. Factors that were considered were social economic status, race, gender, and minimum of one full academic year (2 consecutive semesters) of choral music involvement between grades 8-11.

For more information about his research, contact Dr. Keith Hearnsberger at khearnsberger@smail.anc.edu.

ANC Music Department Activities, Opportunities

Dr. Keith Hearnsberger, director of ANC Music Department, is excited and eager to begin the 2013 season! Fall 2012 showed to be a season of exhilarating music, phenomenal learning, and great illustration of talent for the ANC music department.

The ANC Music department is filled with excitement as we begin the spring term with the promise of even greater musical opportunities for ANC musicians and patrons! This term will see the production of an opera workshop, a first for ANC, in which the music majors and music enthusiasts will present Purcell's masterpiece *Dido and Aeneas* (April 2013). Those interested in singing in the chorus for this opera (there are multiple choral roles), are encouraged to contact Dr. Hearnsberger.

The ANC Community chorus will be performing some emotional pieces (all secular) that are centered around a theme of *Let Me Be The Music*, and the other ANC choral ensembles will join with a variety of literature to present our con-

certs on Friday/Sunday April 19/21 in the Adams/Vines Recital Hall. Carl Ciaramitaro, Ben Hubbard, Misty McDowell, and other soloists will be adding to the resounding theme of music being a joy in our lives!

The spring 2013 term officially began the week of January 14, 2013. All ANC choral ensembles will begin their respected rehearsals this date:

ANC Community Choir: Thursday, Jan 17, 2013 Adams-Vines Recital Hall 7-9 p.m. (*Members can still join in they miss the first rehearsal...Bring friends who love quality choral music!*)

Community Choir Rehearsals EVERY THURSDAY 7-9 p.m. EXCEPT: *Tuesday, February 12 and Monday, March 11*

ANC Concert Singers: Monday, Jan 14, 2012 B-104 10:50a.m.-12:05 p.m.

ANC Women's Chorale: Monday, Jan 14, 2012 B-104 12:15 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

ANC Opera Workshop: Friday, Jan 14, 2012 B-104 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

ANC Chamber Singers Sunday, Jan 13, 2012

Some important dates for the Fall 2012 Term include (NOT ALL DATES EFFECT ALL SINGERS :)

Last Day to Add/Drop Classes: January 17, 2013

MLK Holiday (College Closed) January 21, 2013

*Arkansas Intercollegiate Chorus February 14-15, 2013

President's Day Holiday (College Closed) February 18, 2013

Mid - Term Week: March 4-8, 2013

For more information about the various choral performance groups at ANC, please contact Dr. Keith Hearnsberger at khearnsberger@smail.anc.edu.

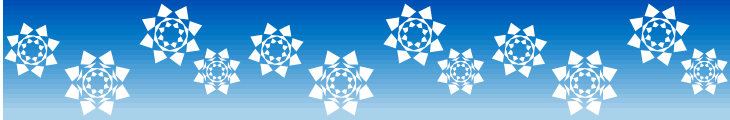


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When the Chief Academic Officer, or designated official, determines, based on available data, that the weather or other conditions have made roads impassable, the news media will be notified that the College is closed. Closings will be effective for all College operations, on and off campus, including the University Center.

In the event of inclement weather, please tune to one of the radio/TV stations listed for information concerning the College closing. Our local radio station (96.3FM) and KAIT TV Channel 8, Jonesboro, will be the two notified first because they are the fastest and easiest of our media to contact during inclement weather. For those of you who signed up for text messaging on the portal, you will receive a text message on the status of the closing.

In addition we will provide information on our website and update the automated telephone system as soon as a decision has been made.

Television/Radio Stations:

KAIT TV Channel 8	Jonesboro
KLCN Radio (910 AM)	Blytheville
KHLS Radio Station (96.3 FM)	Blytheville
KOSE Radio Station (860 FM)	Osceola

Academic Affairs Meeting Friday

An Academic Affairs Committee Meeting will be held this Friday, January 18, in room B113 at 9:30 a.m. This meeting will be an open forum which all employees are invited to attend.

The agenda items for this meeting include the Election of the Committee Chairperson, Innovation Sharing by Dr. Gary Yarbrough, and an Open Forum for employees' input.

Dr. Yarbrough's information will explain how in the fall of 2012, he conducted an experiment aimed at increasing the student success rates for general psychology students. The procedure was very simple. He added unannounced quizzes as a component of the course requirements and allowed students to use notes taken in-class on these quizzes. This added a very moderate amount of work as an instructor, but substantially increased student performance.

Compared to the fall of 2011, Dr. Yarbrough found the following.

- Statistically significant improvement of exam scores.
- A reduction in the percentage of "Ds" and "Fs" with a concomitant increase in "As" and "Bs" for exam scores.
- A statistically significant increase in attendance.
- A statistically significant increase in the student success rate (*As, Bs, & Cs versus Ds, Fs, & Ws*).
- Fewer "off task" student behaviors.
- Increased student note taking.

JANUARY 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30 COLLEGE CLOSED	31 New Year's Eve COLLEGE CLOSED	1 Happy New Year! COLLEGE CLOSED	2 Wellness Center Closed College offices reopen	3 Wellness Center Closed	4 Wellness Center Closed	5 Wellness Center Closed
6 Wellness Center Closed	7 Reconvening	8 Main Spring Registration Osceola	9 Main Spring Registration Blytheville	10 Main Spring Registration Leachville/Paragould	11	12
13	14 Classes Begin	15 Registration Ends (Day)	16	17 Choir Italy trip meeting, 6:30p, Adams/Vines Recital Hall Registration Ends (Evening & INET)	18 Academic Affairs meeting, 9:30a, B113	19
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