CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR RETIREMENT

Congratulations to

Barbara Burks

on her retirement effective
June 1, 2015.

Your service to
Athens State University
is sincerely appreciated!

Barbara Burks, Athens State Library
PEEHIP PARTICIPANTS

*(Deadline is extended to July 15, 2015)*

By completing the activities listed below, you can earn a waiver of the upcoming $50 monthly wellness premium. If you choose not to participate, you will begin paying the premium in October 2015. The new premium applies to both eligible members and covered spouses, resulting in a combined $100 premium if the activities below are not completed.

- **Get a Wellness Screening** between August 1, 2014 and May 31, 2015
- **Complete the Health Questionnaire (HQ)** on MyActiveHealth/PEEHIP between January 1, 2015 and May 31, 2015
- **Enroll in Wellness Coaching** or **Disease Management** if you get an invitation letter in January 2015. By May 31, 2015, you must complete at least 1 of these activities:
  - 1 phone call with a coach or nurse (ActiveHealth will begin contacting candidates for coaching in January 2015. At that time you will also have the option to initiate coaching calls by dialing 1-855-294-6580) OR “100 heartbeat units” of Digital Coaching at MyActiveHealth, complete over 4 weeks

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT

Athens State University
Community Band Spring Concert
Sunday, May 3rd at 3:00 p.m.
In the Carter Gymnasium
Come and enjoy the beautiful band tunes!

If you are interested in joining the community band, please contact Robert Burkhardt, ext. 660 or Suzanne Sims, ext. 314.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Randy Wells
I.T. Support Specialist

Bethlynn Sanders
P.T. Secretary, College of Arts & Sciences
FLASHBACK

Who is this flashback? 😊 The answer will be in next month’s newsletter.

Answer to last month’s Flashback: Back Row, Second from Left, Melissa Werner, College of Education
Back Row, Second from Right, Bonnie Heatherly, College of Education

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
RETIREMENT ADVISING AVAILABLE

- **Control Your Money Game - Mid-career Seminars**  
  Half-day seminars for TRS members who have between 1 and 19 years of service.

- **Retirement Preparation Seminars**  
  Full-day seminars for TRS members who are within 5 years of retirement eligibility.

- **Individual Counseling Appointments**  
  20-minute appointments for TRS members who are within 3 years of retirement eligibility. All appointments are outside the Montgomery area.

Visit [Retirement](#) for the seminar schedule or contact the Athens State Office of Human Resources.

Athens State was delighted to host two sessions of the Retirement Preparation Seminars in the ballroom on Thursday April 23rd and Friday April 24th. The seminars served approximately 140 potential retirees in Alabama who are within five years of retirement eligibility. Topics regarding making the transition to retirement, Social Security, Health Insurance with PEEHIP and Medicare, TRS Retirement estimate, and RSA-1 Deferred Compensation Plan were included.

Pictured from the TRS Staff:

Kit Gallup, Bob Crowe, Jane Hicks,  
(not pictured: Chris Townes)

NEW STAFF COFFEE

New Staff members were invited for coffee and breakfast snacks on Friday, April 10th, prior to the Full Staff meeting. The meet-and-greet was hosted by the Staff Senate.

New Staff Members Pictured:  
Randy Wells, Niki Hatton,  
Callie Patterson
EMPLOYEE DISCOUNT

DISCOUNT CODE INFORMATION:
15% off on wedding gowns, bridesmaid dresses, special occasion dresses, and accessories on SimplyBridal.com

USE CODE: ATEDUBRIDAL15
Discount amount: 15% off (shipping not included)
Expiration Date: May 20th 2015
We (Simply Bridal) would be more than happy to renew the code once it expires.

Information on available positions at Athens State can be found at: jobs.athens.edu

JOHN BOOTY MURRAY STAFF AWARD

Congratulations to KIM BRADEN for winning the John Booty Murray Staff Member of the Year Award for 2015! Dr. Glenn and the Staff Senate are shown announcing the surprise to Kim in her office April 15th. Kim was recognized at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon April 21st.

Seated: Kim Braden. Standing L to R: Damon Lares (Staff Senate Presiding Officer), President Glenn, Laura Allen, Cathy Brett, Lynn Frank, Trish Di Lullo, Nicki Johns, Suzanne Sims, and Dana Waldrop
**ATHENS STATE FAMILY NEWS**

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<th>Congratulations to upcoming graduates! Brock Brett (daughter of <strong>Cathy Brett</strong>) will graduate from the University of Alabama School of Law on May 2(^{nd}).</th>
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<td>Madeline Burkhardt (daughter of <strong>Robert Burkhardt</strong>) will graduate with a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Auburn University on May 10th.</td>
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<td>Savanna Smith (daughter of <strong>Jerrie Smith</strong>) will graduate with a Master of Arts in Education from the University of North Alabama, Saturday May 9(^{th}).</td>
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<td>Matthew L. Downs (son of <strong>Steve Downs</strong>), University of Mobile assistant professor of history, has received the prestigious 2015 James F. Sulzby Book Award presented by the Alabama Historical Association. He received the award for his published work, “Transforming the South: Federal Development in the Tennessee Valley,” 1915-1960.</td>
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The Athens High School Varsity Boys Soccer Team will play in the third round of the playoffs Saturday, May 2\(^{nd}\) in Fort Payne. Dean Bunnell, (son of **Jennifer Bunnell**) is the goal keeper for the Golden Eagles Boys Team.

The Athens High School Varsity Girls Soccer Team will also play in the third round of the playoffs Saturday, May 2\(^{nd}\) in Fort Payne. Mary Arlin Bunnell, (daughter of **Jennifer Bunnell**), plays for the Golden Eagles Girls Team. **Colby Phillips** coaches with the Varsity Girls Team.
Congratulations to **Sylvia Correa** on the arrival of her first grandson and second grandchild! Kellen Joel Brown was born Thursday, April 9th in Chattanooga, TN. He weighed 7 lbs., 3 oz.

Congratulations to Zac and Katie Mucci who were married at Athens State on Saturday, April 11th. Zac is the son of **Felicia Mucci**.

Damon Lares and his wife, Stephanie, were honored at a baby shower April 9th, in the Founders Hall parlor.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Pat Bradford**. Her father-in-law, James “Mickey” Bradford passed away. The visitation was Saturday, April 4th, at the Shelton Funeral Home in Decatur.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to **Dr. Mary Beth Johns**. Her father-in-law, Stanley A. Johns, passed away April 1st. His funeral service was Saturday, April 11th at the Holy Spirit Church in Huntsville.

**MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY**

Athens State University will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day.
The Center for Lifelong Learning celebrated its fourth year in existence Wednesday, April 29th. The celebration included lunch catered by Square Clock Coffee, birthday cake, and a fashion show of items from the Epiphany Boutique, which is located next door to the CLL. CLL Employees are pictured with Dr. Glenn.

L to R: Dana Waldrop, Wanda Campbell, Dr. Glenn, Diane Sauers, Leisl Stanford

**ETHICS FORMS FOR 2014**

Statement of Economic Interests was due to the State of Alabama Ethics Commission **April 30, 2015**. The wage threshold increased from $50,000 to $75,000 in 2012. Please access the form and additional details at [www.ethics.alabama.gov](http://www.ethics.alabama.gov). Each person who meets the necessary criteria found at this website is required to file.

**PEEHIP WELLNESS REQUIREMENTS FUN**

Jerrie Smith, in the Office Human Resources, along with Nancy Morgan, has been working very hard to assist Athens State employees in fulfilling the PEEHIP Wellness requirements by May 31st in order to receive the premium discount in October. She has provided candy for motivation. According to Jerrie, if you:

1) Know about the wellness requirements, but you just haven’t completed them yet, you may have a **Dum-Dum**.

2) If you don’t have a clue of what we are even talking about, please have an **AirHead**.

3) If you have completed all of your requirements, you are welcome to have a **Smartie**.
ABOUT THE NEWSLETTER

Your ideas and suggestions are welcome! Contact Suzanne at suzanne.sims@athens.edu or at ext. 314 for your suggestions and your ideas. The newsletter can be found at HR Newsletter and you will be sent an email when a new edition is put on the web.

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