August 1st will mark the end of an era here at Athens State when Tena Bullington, Student Activities Director, friend, and mentor retires after 32 years of employment at Athens State University.

Tena began her career in the bookstore where she worked as a clerk before moving on to work as an administrative assistant for several departments and finally finding her home in student activities. She eventually became the Coordinator of Student Activities and now is the Director of Student Activities and Campus Events Coordinator.

During her early years at Athens State, Tena was also a student, and in 1992 Tena earned her Bachelors of Science in Management of Technology.

Tena’s fondest memories of Athens State include the years she spent coaching and traveling with the Athens State Cheerleaders and Mascot. Tena also has meant a great deal to the students involved in SGA and The Athenian, both of which she supervises. She really enjoys working with the students to plan all of the campus activities, and does her best to help make any idea a student presents a reality. She believes in her students, and it shows in everything she does. Tena isn’t just an advisor she also a friend and mentor.

The Athenian’s Editor, Regina Kyle is especially appreciative for all that Tena has done. “She believed in me. I was extremely nervous about taking over the paper, and she kept encouraging me, and she told me she knew I could do it. She has been so supportive and helpful with everything regarding SGA and The Athenian. Tena is a great listener.”

Former Athenian Editor Brianna Wise shares that sentiment. “My time at Athens State was made so much better by being a part of the Student Activities office. Tena has been an influential and wonderful person to work with. She has always been so enthusiastic about the student events on campus, as well as caring for the students that came through her office. If ever I had a question or concern, Tena was quick to have an answer. If it were not for Tena, my time at Athens would have likely been just to attend class and nothing else. She encouraged me to take part of campus activities, and for that I thank her. She is such an incredible person, and I will miss seeing her on campus”.

I, Bridgette Pylant as assistant editor, am grateful for all of the opportunities that Tena has given me. She went to bat for me when there was a conflict with my scholarship, and she made sure that I could stay on with the paper, which has been an incredibly rewarding experience for me. This has also been a very hard year for me personally, as my father has been battling cancer, and Tena has always had time to listen when I needed someone to talk to. I will always be thankful for the opportunities she has given me, and for the time I was able to spend with her at Athens State.

Bailey Smith Gregory, recent Athens State Graduate and former SGA officer also credits her involvement at Athens State to Tena’s influence. “Tena took me under her wing. She introduced me to the Student Government Association. Joining SGA changed my life for the better. I became involved with other organizations, and became closer to my peers”.

I was able to ask Tena recently what she would miss most about working at Athens State, and she responded that she would miss the students the most. We will miss her too.

Tena is looking forward to some much needed down time, She plans on sleeping in and spending time with her husband Roger, local self employed electrician and plumber, and part time cowboy. She plans on traveling with Roger to rodeo events and spending time in Georgia with her favorite (and only) niece Maghen Smith.

Please join us in congratulating Tena on her well deserved retirement and in wishing her well as she begins this new chapter of her life.
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The future looks bright for KASU, ‘The Bear’ as many students and faculty have expressed interest in participating and listening to the new station. Dr. McCain sees the station’s activities becoming more integrated within the College of Business, Arts and Sciences, and even The College of Education. “By bringing the whole campus together via a platform that can instantly be accessed locally and world-wide, we can keep our University community entertained and informed as well as attract new students,” he commented. Dr. McCain and all involved will be working to make KASU comparable to other college radio stations and a valuable asset for the University. Listen in on your car or portable radio (89.9 FM) while on campus, or on your smartphone or PC from anywhere!

Contact KASU at kasuradio@athens.edu or Dr. McCain at campus extension 369 if you’re interested in participating or have info/material that you’d like to have broadcast.
Campus News

Athens State University’s Testing Center was recently admitted to the Consortium of College Testing Centers (CCTC) through the National College Testing Association (NCTA).

The CCTC is a referral service provided to facilitate distance learning. Its purpose is to make test administration services available to students away from their campuses, particularly at educational institutions. It is a free service for students or others who are seeking a professional location at which to take an exam.

Athens State and all participating test centers must be NCTA members in good standing and are expected to adhere to the CCTC guidelines. In addition the testing center must subscribe to and indicate compliance with the NCTA Professional Standards and Guidelines. Listings are only available to operational testing centers and not to individuals or other groups who wish to serve as proctors.

Athens State University’s Testing Center provides testing for:

- CLEP - College Level Examination Program
- DSST - DANTES Subject Standardized Test
- ADAI - Alabama Department of Agriculture
- MAT - Millers Analogies Test
- Proctored Exams for other Universities.
- College of Education
- Proctored Orientation Sessions

Tests are given by appointment only. Individuals are not required to be Athens State University students to use the University Testing Center. Students can call the University Testing Center to schedule appointments for tests, proctored exams, and orientation sessions.

For more information or to make an appointment, please contact Coordinator of Testing Services Brandy McMahan at 256-233-6540.

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Athens State University enters national consortium

Where did Tena Bullington begin her career at Athens State?

What is the CCTC?

What kind of music might you hear on Athens State’s new radio station?

First two students with the correct answers win FREE gas gift cards from Jiffy Mart.

Submit answers to the Student Activities Office in the Classroom Building.
Kevin Woods, a Computer Science major was awarded CO-OP Student of the Year for 2013 – 2014. Kevin has been employed as a Software Quality Engineer Intern at Mentor Graphics for four years and was highly recommended by his Supervisor, Mr. Rich DeThomas. Mr. DeThomas wrote that “It is because of Kevin’s tireless work to constantly look for ways to improve our testing, improve our process and focus on my final goal of complete automation of our installation validation process that in my opinion, make Kevin stand out as one of our best Cooperative Education Interns.”

Kevin will now go on to compete for the top Cooperative Education student in the state. The Alabama Association of Colleges and Employers (AACE) will announce the winner at the AACE Conference held in Birmingham later this month.

Saralyn Mitchell and Laura Allen of the Career Development Center presented Kevin with his recognition certificate, a personal letter from President Dr. Glenn, plus a $100 gift card to Monaco Pictures.

“Without the availability of the co-op program, none of this would have been possible during my formal education. I am now confident that I will not only graduate with the essential skills to perform at a job, but will also possess ample experience and an edged skill set, enough to excel at any software company.” - Kevin Woods

Blair Stephens, an Accounting major was selected as Honorable Mention for CO-OP Student of the Year. Blair currently works as a Paralegal for Lambert Law Firm in downtown Athens; she has been employed there for almost two years. Blair will graduate in August and plans to stay on with Lambert Law Firm while studying to take the CPA Exam.

Michael C. Lambert wrote that “Ms. Stephens has increased our ability to use technology with respect to each file in our office while hand holding clients, drafting discovery, reviewing and sending correspondence with opposing counsels as well as investigating clients and witnesses online and through social media. Most importantly, Ms. Stephens embodies trust and professionalism with everyone she works with at Lambert Law Firm.”

“Aside from a position in a CPA’s office, I don’t believe any job could prepare me more for the career I intend to pursue. Not only am I constantly immersed in the law and court system, I am the voice to our clients. I have gained more experience with customer service and customer relations in the past six months with Lambert Law Firm than I did in four years of retail work.” – Blair Stephens
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