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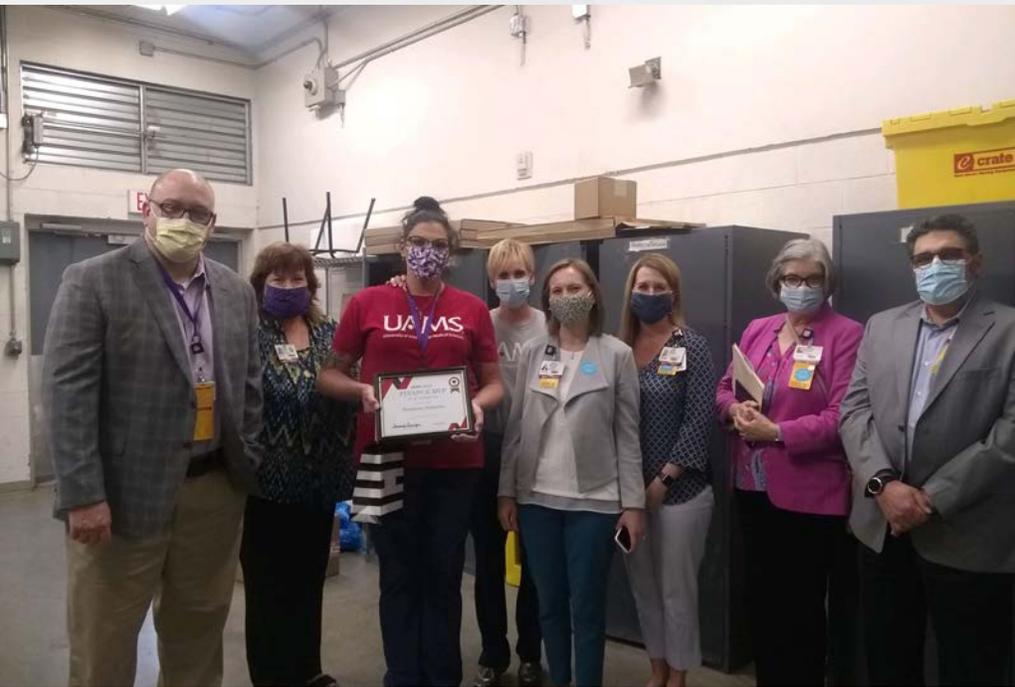
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#UAMSSTRONG - VACCINES

As of April 14th, 76% of UAMS employees had received the COVID vaccine. Unfortunately, the number of Arkansans who have received the vaccine lags behind this statistic. Please remember if you receive your vaccine somewhere other than UAMS, you will need to send a copy of your vaccination card to StudentandEmployeeHealth@uams.edu.

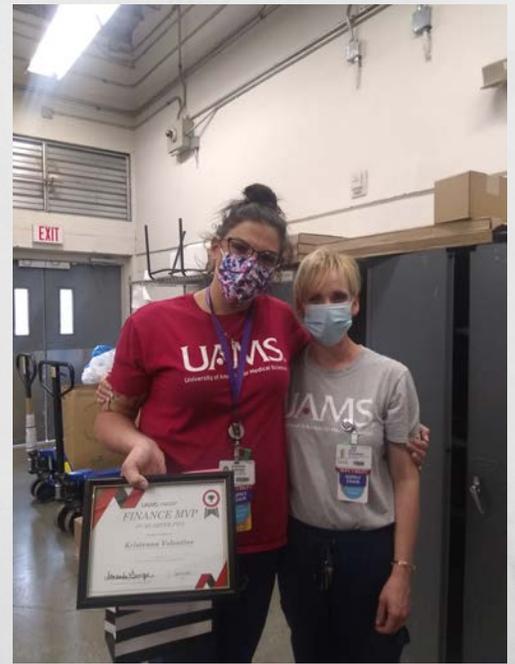
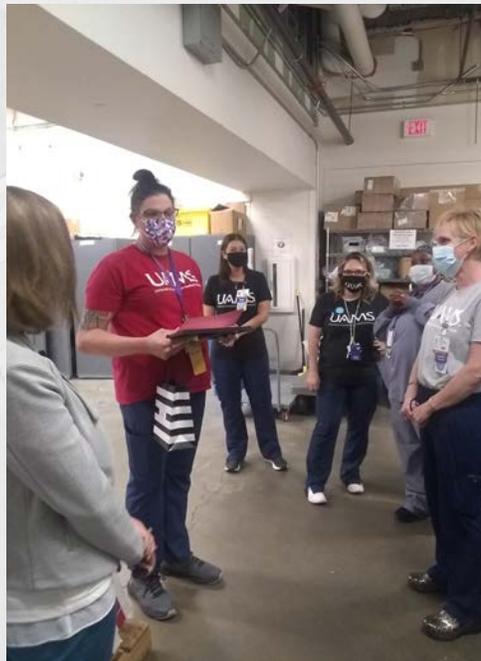
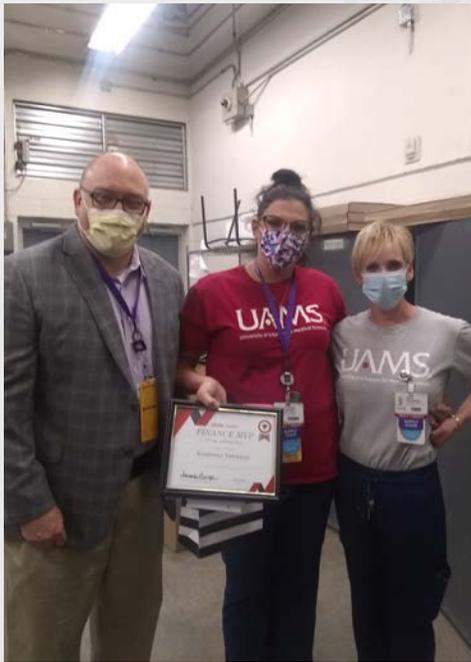
FINANCE MVP



Kristeana has a true heart for service. She's been with Supply Chain for over 4 years but with the amount of knowledge she has, it seems like she's been here far longer. There's not a product or SAP number she can't rattle off the top of her head. Kristeana was chosen to be a Supply Navigator for this vast knowledge as well as her desire to help people. She is currently working with NICU, ED, CDU, OP Clinics, and all of Cancer.

In addition to her new role, she is still assuming the role of HPCS Lead until that can be back-filled, although there a no way a replacement will ever measure up to Kristeana.

During the snowstorm of 2021, Kristeana was present the entire time. From spending the night, working double shifts, and picking up stranded employees, she did all of this with her infectious smile.



COST ACCOUNTING & DECISION SUPPORT

A little about Morie Mehyou in his own words.



I was born and raised in Beirut Lebanon until 1978 when I came to United States. I came straight to Arkansas!! Never mind that I did not know where Arkansas is.... let alone pronounce it correctly. My first pronunciation correction came from a New Yorker custom agent at JFK airport.

I completed my under graduate degree in Accounting from the University of the Ozarks at Clarksville, AR and few years later I passed the CPA exam. My first job in Accounting was with Donrey (Donald J Reynolds) Organization in Fort Smith. I then moved to Little Rock in late 1988 and I worked for the State of Arkansas and later for the University of Arkansas Cooperative Extension Services. In 1999, I started working Jefferson Regional Medical Center in Pine Bluff, AR. During my 18 years at JRMC, I worked in all areas of finance, financial reporting and revenue cycle. In 2012, I completed my Executive MBA from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Prior to accepting a job at UAMS, I was the Executive Director of the newly formed ACO between Baptist Health and UAMS which is the largest Medicare Accountable Care Organization in Arkansas.

I am married to Myriam Mehyou who is originally from Brazil, she is a retired High School French teacher. Together we have three adult children ages 38, 34, and 30. We had them when we were 5 years old!! We have three Grandchildren ages 7, 5 and 2 and one on the way.

WELCOME

My wife and I have hosted many foreign exchange students and guests from over a dozen countries and we are a designated host family for Global Ties, a U.S. State Department sponsored program that introduces international business and government officials to learn more about the American culture and government.

My wife and I enjoy traveling and experiencing different cultures. I enjoy biking, swimming and running among other outdoor activities.



TREASURY & FISCAL MANAGEMENT



Congratulations to Alisha McReynolds, Director of Student Financial Services, for completing the Leading with a Purpose program! It is a 6-month program designed for directors, faculty members, business administrators, supervisors, managers, or anyone who is on a managerial track to further develop the leadership skills and effectiveness of UAMS leaders. Through exploring a variety of leadership topics, leaders will develop ways to apply their learning to their everyday work for increased effectiveness.

CONGRATULATIONS

WELCOME TO GRANTS ACCOUNTING!



Please help the Grants Accounting Department welcome Brian Behrle as our new Grants Administrator. Prior to his current role, he most recently served PRI as a Research Program Manager for CHSR and simultaneously earned a post-baccalaureate degree in Accounting from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR). He has previously served in the Division of Finance & Administration as a Senior Contracts Analyst and in several capacities in the Department of Neurology. During Brian's professional career, he has gained experience with diverse business and educational systems. In his role as Grant Administrator, he will handle various pass-thru awards, as well as direct awards with DoJ, USDA, NSF, and clinical trials.

In addition to recently earning his degree in accounting, Brian also holds a Master's of Business Administration from UALR and a Bachelor of Science in Biology from the University of Toledo. In his spare time, he enjoys reading fiction literature, the Wall Street Journal and National Geographic; collecting bobbleheads of fictional characters from favorite movies and TV shows like Star Wars and Game of Thrones; engaging in outdoor activities such as hiking and kayaking; and traveling, especially cruising in the Caribbean and beyond. We are delighted to have him on our team!



SUPPLY CHAIN SUPERSTARS



**Supply Chain Operations had many superstars during the Great Snowstorm of 2021!
The following team members risked life and limb to be here all or most days during
the storm to ensure UAMS had medical supplies for the care of our patients:**

From Distribution Services

Jerry Lewis - Warehouse Manager

Shayne Finch - Inventory Manager

Ken Easter - Satellite Distribution Manager

Donnie Hinton - Distribution Driver

Kenneth Wainwright - Shipping and Receiving Clerk II

Omaree Monroe - Shipping and Receiving Clerk I

From Hospital Nursing Supply

Kristeana Volentine - Supply Nursing Navigator

Deidre Herring - Supply Technician

Susie Moore - Supply Technician

Carmen Parker - Supply Technician

LaKim Gordon - Supply Technician

From Hospital Nursing Supply Stocking

Corey Walker - Assistant Supply Manager

Scott Benton - Supply Technician

Herman Brown - Supply Technician

Eric Pickens - Supply Technician

From Hospital OR Supply

Brandy Burnett - Assistant Supply Manager

Maracia Williams - Supply Surgical Navigator

Jonathan Byers - Supply Technician

Eric Mills - Supply Technician

From Hospital OR Supply Stocking

Dexter Johnson - Supply Technician Lead

From Supply Chain Sourcing

Michael Chapa - Inventory Coordinator Lead



VCF Cost Acct/DSS/Prod and VCF Finance celebrate final radiation treatment with surprise parade for beloved director/coworker.

Grab your tissues for this one!

Coworkers/Friends celebrates end of radiation treatment

Heading home on March 29th Cancer survivor Belew rang the bell for finishing radiation treatment. Without a doubt, many family and friends would have been there to celebrate but because of COVID-19, his coworkers and friends found a way to celebrate from a safe distance his final day of grueling radiation. Friends and co-workers with balloons and posters surprised Belew as they celebrated him with a surprise social-distancing parade. They could not hug him as they wished but they certainly clapped, yelled, jumped up and down, shed tears as they held posters and signs to get their message to him in the middle of the drive through at the Cancer Institute.

As family drove Belew, he burst into tears of joy as he saw those who had assembled jumping up and down, waving and cheering him as he saw friends and coworkers lining the drive through of the Cancer Institute. Belew was not expecting anything and was surprised and grateful that everyone came to celebrate with him. It really hit him that everyone was there for him. It was exactly what he needed and a great transition into his recovery from treatment.

Several coworkers and friends kept saying, "We are so excited for him. He has gone through his treatment like a warrior." "We just want to bring some more smiles into his life because he's been through so much." It was all for BELEW but in reality he is not the only one whose day was made by the compassion shown by so many. Everyone was touched.

I think this is the most genuine thing we have ever done—all the raw emotion came out. A VERY SPECIAL THANKS to everyone who have sent cards, texts, well wishes, prayers and support. Never more has it been so important to show those you care about how important it is to stick together and support each other in this hard time.

Make Every Day Count "TEAM BELEW"

A very special thank you to everyone for your overwhelming support to our director, co-worker and friend George Belew.

I leave you with this...Make Every Day Count

• Be Grateful. Being thankful for what we have, who we are, and all we do is the simple act of acknowledging all the good that is in our life. ... Express Yourself - Share a Little Kindness - Laugh...A LOT - Learn Something New - Do What you Love

BUDGET AND FINANCIAL PLANNING



Budget and Financial Planning – It's Budget Time

The Budget team recently moved in December from their former offices in CHP Building 6A and joined other UAMS VCF Finance departments in Westmark. We were thrilled to join other finance teams. We are also excited to announce we have a new team member, Kevin Mitchell, as an Associate Budget Analyst. He joined our team in early January. Kevin has been a great team member and asset for UAMS Finance.

The Budget team has been busy since December planning for the FY22 Budget Cycle. In late January, the Budget team conducted a UAMS Campus wide call with senior leaders and budget administrators to review all FY22 UAMS Budget Guidelines and Templates. The past several weeks we have consolidated Divisional budget requests for additional and one-time budget requests, including new positions, equity and market requests, position reclassifications, capital expenses, IT purchases, and space requests. In the following weeks, the Budget Team assisted campus wide budget administrators in entering their final budget allocations and positions into our legacy budget system called ZBudget. We were able to meet the April 30th deadline of reconciling the ZBudget submissions and producing the final UAMS FY22 Budget for the University of Arkansas Board of Trustees.

NEW BUDGET EMPLOYEE, KEVIN MITCHELL



IN MEMORIAM



Kathleen Brooks, 67, passed away peacefully on Monday, February 22nd, 2021. Kathy was with UAMS for several years, and was in Financial Accounting at the time of her passing. Kathy was selfless and considered the rock of her family. She was preceded in death by her parents, Raymond Kiehl and Kathryn Grayson Scott, and her sister, Diana Osburn. She is survived by her daughter, Tammy Brooks; son, John Brooks; sisters, JoAnn Carter, Sharon Kiehl; brothers, Robert Kiehl, Mel Scott, and grandchildren Eric Taylor, Levi Raymond Taylor, Kourtney Brooks, Kennedy Brooks, Kyle Schooley and Jonathan Schooley. She is also survived by nieces, Tracy Rallens, Teresa Grayson, Katy O'Keefe, Jennifer Carter, and nephews, Richard Osburn, Chris Justice, Steven Carter, Micah Godfrey, Alex O'Keefe and Mike Hunter. She will be greatly missed by her co-workers.

RETIREMENTS

Donna McCall, Administrative Assistant Extraordinaire, reported to Westmark for the last time on April 29th, 2021. A small reception was held for her on April 28th, in the Controller's Conference Room. If you see Donna around town, wish her luck on her retirement! She will definitely be missed, not just in Finance, but across the campus!

