Arkansas Academy of Computing Newsletter

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Annual Meeting!

Mark your calendars for October 29 and 30 for our Annual Meeting. There is a possibility of a carryover to the 31st, with some site visits to local businesses. We have reserved the Fayetteville Country Club for the banquet on Friday night. This year's meeting will be an in person event!

New Member Process

Each year, the Executive Committee approves about ten new members who have impacted technology in Arkansas. If you would like to recommend someone for membership consideration, please forward their name(s) to me or any Executive Committee member.

AAoC Scholarships

Thank you for your previous donations to Arkansas Academy of Computing. Students have benefited from your generosity. Please make a donation now!

Arkansas Academy of Computing exists for just a couple of reasons:

- · We honor and recognize successful people in the computer industry who have made an impact in Arkansas. Our members have been very successful in the business of technology, technology education, and have a strong interest in mentoring and developing the next generation.
- · The second reason Arkansas Academy of Computing exists is to grant scholarships to students pursuing a computer related degree in an Arkansas college.

We are working now to raise money for the scholarships we plan to grant this year. Last year we granted $21,856 in scholarships to Arkansas colleges and universities. To grant 50 scholarships we need to raise $25,000.

If you can, please donate. If you give $500 or more, we will apply that donation to the college of your choice. For those super successful individuals, we will happily accept larger gifts and will find a way to honor your generous donation. Any donation helps us reach our goal of 50 scholarships of $500 each. Donations less than $500 go to the general scholarship program, and will be used to provide scholarship continuity at the many schools we support.

Our scholarship recipients are chosen by the faculty at each school. The scholarships are typically need-based, and make a significant impact toward college expenses for students who are awarded them. This year in our monthly newsletters, we have highlighted a student scholarship recipient -- these are real kids, focused on starting a career in the computer/IT industry. They are the future of our businesses.

To sum it up, I have ONE request -- keep supporting Arkansas Academy of Computing in its quest to promote the industry and develop the talent pool by donating generously to the scholarship fund. Go to http://araoc.org and click on the general scholarship "Donate Now" button. Should you want your donation to go to a particular school, just drop me an email. If you have questions, contact me at 501-231-8860 or ejones@connect4business.com.

Thanks

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