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### **UAM Chosen As Satellite Site For Arkansas Leadership Academy**

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MONTICELLO, AR — The University of Arkansas at Monticello has been chosen to serve as one of four satellite locations for the Arkansas Leadership Academy (ALA), according to Dr. Peggy Doss, dean of the UAM School of Education.

Other locations include the ALA's host site at the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville and satellite locations at the Arkansas School Board Association in Little Rock, Crowley's Ridge Educational Service Cooperative in Harrisburg, and the Wilbur D. Mills Educational Service Cooperative in Beebe.

"We are pleased to be chosen as a satellite location for the Arkansas Leadership Academy," said Doss. "The ALA plays such an important role in the ongoing efforts to improve public school education in the state."

Created in 1991, the Arkansas Leadership Academy is a statewide partnership of 15 universities, nine professional associations, 15 educational cooperatives, the Arkansas Departments of Education, Higher Education, and Workforce Education; the Arkansas Educational Television Network, Tyson Foods, Inc., Walmart Stores, Inc., the Office of the Governor, and two superintendent representatives.

The ALA provides training for superintendents, principals and teachers to develop and sustain a cadre of leaders in public education in Arkansas.

The ALA's satellite locations were created by legislation passed during the most recent session of the Arkansas General Assembly.



## PHOTO CAPTION

(From left) UAM Provost David Ray, Chancellor Jack Lassiter, Peggy Doss, Dr. Debbie Davis of the Arkansas Leadership Academy, and Belinda Akin, ALA building capacity leader, at a reception announcing UAM's selection as an ALA satellite location.