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UAM School of Education Receives Continued Accreditation From NCATE

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MONTICELLO, AR — The National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) will continue the accreditation of the School of Education at the University of Arkansas at Monticello for another six years.

UAM Chancellor Jack Lassiter received the accreditation news from James G. Cibulka, NCATE president.

“I am pleased to announce the continued accreditation of our School of Education,” said Lassiter. “This is good news, not only for our teacher preparation program, but for the institution as a whole. Accreditation is a reflection of the academic quality of the entire university. I want to thank Dean Peggy Doss and her faculty for their tireless efforts during the accreditation process and commend them for a job well done.”

NCATE accreditation, which includes preparation of an extensive self-study as well as an on-campus visit from an accreditation team, means UAM’s teacher preparation program “meets rigorous standards set forth by the professional education community,” said Cibulka.

The accreditation covers both UAM’s undergraduate and graduate programs in teacher preparation.

“We are obviously gratified by the NCATE report,” said Doss. “This is the culmination of a great deal of hard work by our faculty and I want to join Dr. Lassiter in praising their efforts on behalf of the School of Education.”

UAM has been continuously accredited by NCATE since 1969 when the school was known as Arkansas A&M College. NCATE currently accredits 623 institutions which produce two-thirds of the nation’s new teacher graduates each year.

Beverly Williams, assistant commissioner for the Arkansas Department of Education, said it was “no small task to meet NCATE standards, including the assurance that teacher candidates have content knowledge of the subject areas for licensure, meet assessment criteria, and

have meaningful clinical and field experiences to become highly effective for Arkansas' K-12 classrooms. Since the early 1980's Arkansas' Colleges of Education have been required to be accredited by NCATE, and thanks to the leadership of Dr. Doss, UAM has continued to meet the standards of NCATE.”

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PHOTO CAPTION

UAM administrators joined faculty and staff from the School of Education to celebrate the school's continued accreditation from NCATE. Pictured from left are Chancellor Jack Lassiter, Peggy Doss, dean of the School of Education, Pam Beard, Kathy King, C. Morrell Jones, Frances Jordan, Julie Gardner, Kimberly Johnson, Provost David Ray, (second row) Max Terrell, Donna Hunnicutt, Danta Briggs, Rebecca Newton, Memory Frazer, Kim Level, Tracie Jones, Debbie Givhan, (back row) Alayne Zimmerly, Barbie Johnson, Jeff Longing, Dwayne Massey, Deanna Duncan, Vera Lang-Brown, Sue Martin, and Albert Snow.