

1909-Present . . . Milestones in History

1909 – Fourth District Agricultural School established by Act 100 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas on April 1.

1910 – Fourth District Agricultural School Board unanimously selects Monticello, and the land offered by the family of Judge William Turner Wells, as the school's location; John Spence named superintendent; Main Building, Willard Hall, Sorrells Hall completed; first classes held September 14.

1912 – Wells Hall, named for Judge William Turner Wells, completed.

1913 – Frank Horsfall named president.

1925 – Name changed to Agricultural and Mechanical College of the Fourth District by Act 45 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas.

1926 – Festus H. Russell named interim president; National Guard Armory completed.

1927 – Frank Horsfall named president again, to serve through 1934.

1928 – Junior college accreditation received from North Central.

1932 – Harris Hall, named for Trustee C.T. Harris, and Horsfall Hall, named for President Horsfall's wife, Margaret, dedicated.

1934 – College celebrates 25th anniversary.

1935 – Hugh Critz named president; Fine Arts Building, Student Commons, and Cotton Boll Stadium completed.

1936 – Marvin S. Bankston named president.

1939 – Name officially changed to Arkansas Agricultural and Mechanical College

(Arkansas A&M College) by Act 106 of the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas.

1940 – Science Building completed; senior college accreditation received from North Central.

1943 – Navy V-12 Program instituted.

1945 – Forestry program begins.

1946 – William E. Morgan named president.

1949 – Horace E. Thompson named president.

1952 – Student Union Building completed.

1956 – Jeter Hall, named for Trustee R.E. Jeter, completed.

1957 – Forestry Building dedicated.

1959 – A&M celebrates 50th anniversary; Fieldhouse completed.

1960 – Jack Mears named president.

1961 – Maxwell Hall, named for Trustee Ray Maxwell, completed.

1962 – Claude H. Babin named president.

1964 – Science Center dedicated.

1971 – Arkansas A&M College merges with the University of Arkansas to become the University of Arkansas at Monticello on July 1.

1976 – Fine Arts Center, new Administration Building, and Agriculture Building dedicated.

1977 – Fred J. Taylor named chancellor.

1980 – UAM receives first unconditional accreditation from North Central.

1983 – Department of Nursing receives accreditation from National League of Nursing;
John F. Gibson University Center dedicated.

1984 – UAM celebrates 75th Diamond Jubilee; Department of Forest Resources
accredited by the Society of American Foresters.

1986 – Accreditation received for School of Education from the National Council on
Accreditation of Teacher Education.

1988 – Division of Music receives accreditation from the National Association of
Schools of Music.

1994 – UAM leaves the Arkansas Intercollegiate Conference and NAIA for the Gulf
South Conference and NCAA Division II.

1999 – Accreditation received for Bachelor of Social Work program by the Council on
Social Work Education.

1999 – University Library and Technology Center dedicated.

2003 – Great Rivers Technical Institute in McGehee and Forest Echoes Technical
Institute in Crossett merge with UAM and are renamed the UAM College of
Technology at McGehee and the UAM College of Technology at Crossett on July
1.

2004 – University Library and Technology Center renamed Fred J. Taylor Library and
Technology Center in honor of retiring chancellor; Jack Lassiter named chancellor.

2006 – Weevil Pond, Weevil Walk, and Willard Hall renovated.

2008 – Convoy Leslie-Cotton Boll Stadium renovated.

2009 – Wells Hall and Sorrells Hall renovated; new Indoor Practice Facility opens;

UAM celebrates centennial and Centennial Clock Tower erected.

2011 – UAM leaves the Gulf South Conference to join the Great American Conference.

2012 – George H. Clippert Forest Resources Annex dedicated.

2013 – Bankston Hall renovated and enlarged, and changed from all-male to

coeducational residential facility; Randy S. Risher Wellness Center dedicated.