



HISTORY OF THE ACADEMY

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HARVARD

- Harvard is the oldest institution of higher education in the United States, established in 1636, by vote of the Great and General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony.
- Of Harvard's list of past alumni are eight who have signed the Declaration of Independence including John Hancock, Samuel Adams, John Adams, William Ellery, William Williams, William Hooper, Elbridge Gerry, and Robert Treat Paine.
- Students:
 - Harvard College: About 6,700
 - Graduate and professional students: About 14,500
 - Total: About 21,000

MAJOR COLLEGES IN ARKANSAS

○ 1871:

○ University of Arkansas

○ 1890:

○ Henderson State University

○ 1907:

○ University of Central Arkansas

○ 1909:

○ Arkansas State University

○ Southern Arkansas University

○ 1910:

○ University of Arkansas at Monticello

○ Arkansas Tech University

○ 1924:

○ Harding University

○ 1927:

○ University of Arkansas at Little Rock

UNIVERSITY OF ARKANSAS

- Who established it?
 - The Arkansas State Legislature
- Original Name:
 - Arkansas Industrial University
- Students and Faculty then vs. now:
 - Then: 8 students and 3 faculty members
 - Now: About 26,000 students and 1,384 faculty members
- Fun Facts:
 - During the first year, a student was wounded by a knife in an argument over a math problem.
 - Coach John McDonnell coached more national championship teams than any other coach in any other sport in the country, a title he still holds in retirement.

ARKANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY

- Who established it?
 - Arkansas General Assembly
- Original Name:
 - First District Agricultural School
- Students and Faculty then vs. now:
 - Now: About 13,140 students and over 750 faculty members
- Fun Facts:
 - The act creating Arkansas state university was signed on April fools day.
 - On January 12, 1931 there was a mysterious fire that burned down the main administration /classroom building yet no classes were cancel after finding temporary class room space in places such as the school Dairy barn.

ARKANSAS TECH UNIVERSITY

- Who established it?
 - The 37th Arkansas General Assembly
- Original Name:
 - Second District Agricultural School
- Second Name:
 - Arkansas Polytechnic College
- Students and Faculty then vs. now:
 - Then: 186 students and 9 faculty members
 - Now: About 12,050 students
- Fun Facts:
 - March 1922: The first radio was installed on campus.
 - November 17, 1920: The first time they are called the Wonder Boys

SOUTHERN ARKANSAS UNIVERSITY

○ Southern Arkansas University (SAU), a comprehensive regional public university, was founded more than a century ago as the Third District Agricultural School (TDAS). SAU's agricultural roots are also evident in its unique symbol—Muleriders—adopted in 1912 when its football players rode mules, ubiquitous and essential to Southern agriculture, to practice and games. The student yearbook was named *The Mulerider* in 1922, and the newspaper *The Bray* in 1923. At each home football game, a student rider on a mascot mule celebrates team successes.

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