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**Arkansas State University Mid-South Announces
2018 Tommy Goldsby Wild Game Dinner Date**

Wild Game Dinner & Auction March 10

ASU Mid-South Foundation's Board of Directors has announced the date for the 2018 Tommy Goldsby Memorial Wild Game Dinner & Auction, a fund-raising effort in memory of a Crittenden County businessman who believed in improving access to higher education, Thomas B. Goldsby, Jr.

The event will be held Saturday, March 10, at the Shop at Mark Pirani Farms, just north of Marion. Sponsorship opportunities are still available but will close on February 9. For information about sponsorships, contact Alicia Mooney by email amooney628@yahoo.com or call 901-240-5908.

Tables of eight and a limited number of individual tickets will go on sale February 12, at 9:00 AM online only at <http://goldsbywildgamedinner.com/>. Last year, the event sold out in two hours.

Created in 2001, the Goldsby Scholarship for concurrently-enrolled high school students allows area 11th and 12th grade high school students to receive both high school and college credit. The program has grown dramatically in recent years. Over 3,100 scholarships have been awarded and nearly 20,000 college credit hours earned by students across Crittenden County. While everyone expected the scholarship initiative to be successful, no one anticipated the overwhelming response for the program.

Foundation board member, G.A. "Bert" Robinson, III is chairing the event for a third year. "Since starting this event in 2016, we've seen firsthand how much the Goldsby Scholarship

has impacted students and families across this region. Certainly this is a great party, incredible atmosphere and fun experience. But more than that, it is an excellent example of how this area supports the right thing. Combining great food, great friends and a great cause is what makes the Goldsby Wild Game Dinner unique and legendary, even in its infancy.”

“It really is an honor to chair this event because it benefits a scholarship that has helped so many of our region's high school students, giving them their first access to college courses at no expense to their families.”

“Tommy was a shining example of philanthropy in this area. I know how much he and his family believed and continue to believe in access to higher education, and I know he would be proud that this event brings this scholarship to the forefront. Tommy’s contribution to our region will be felt for years to come.”

The Tommy Goldsby Memorial Wild Game Dinner & Auction includes a menu of wild and mild game and fish. Overseeing the dinner is Ernie Mellor and his staff at Hog Wild Catering/A Moveable Feast from Memphis. Mellor is an award-winning chef and avid Arkansas hunter.

The event also features live and silent auctions featuring many one-of-a-kind items and experiences. “Just in time for planting season, many of our agricultural businesses have made significant donations to the auction. This should be a great opportunity for farmers to pick up some needed items while helping this great scholarship” noted Franklin Fogleman, chairman of the Foundation Board of Directors, “We will have something for everyone. This year’s event promises to be the biggest and best we’ve had to date. You really don’t want to miss it!”

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