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ASU Mid-South Names 2022-2023 Academic All-Star

Arkansas State University Mid-South is proud to announce that Jayden McNair has been recognized as the 2022-2023 Academic All-Star. The Academic All-Star program is designed to recognize excellence in academics and leadership, and superior service to Arkansas State University Mid-South, and the community. In order to be considered by the selection committee, students must have a cumulative grade-point average of 3.25, complete a minimum of 24 credit hours in pursuit of an associate degree, and intend to transfer to a four-year Arkansas university



Jayden McNair

upon associate degree completion, and must be a resident of Arkansas. The recipient is selected on the basis of academic achievement, leadership, community service, honors, and activities.

The son of Leslie McNair and Jerald Cheatham, Jayden is currently pursuing degrees in Information Technology and Digital Media at ASU Mid-South. He plans to transfer to Full Sail University in Winterpark, Florida where he hopes to combine his skills in both areas.

Jayden says, “I plan to major in something that allows me to exercise both my IT and Digital Media skills. It is still up in the air as far as what I want to major in specifically, but I do know that I want it to be technology related. I have a passion for video games and technology and hope to find a career in one of those fields, whether it be video game design/development, or having a successful YouTube/Twitch channel one day.”

He is a Project Success paid intern with the ASU Mid-South IT department, an internship that has not only helped Jayden financially, but also has given him a better glimpse into his future.

“Jayden has lifted the world off our shoulders this year! Jayden came to IT as an intern in the Fall 2021,” said Ernesto Muniz, Vice Chancellor for Information Technology. “He learned to setup computers, including hard drive imaging, software installation, and equipment transfers. This year we have received around 200 new PCs and Jayden has been very instrumental in the setup and installation of these new computers for faculty, staff, and student labs. Thank you Jayden for all you have done! We are proud of you!”

An All-Star academically, maintaining a 3.8 GPA, Jayden has become a member of the ASU Mid-South family and it’s not unusual to see his smiling face almost anywhere on campus as he serves as a Student Ambassador, and assisting in recruiting and outreach. Additionally, Jayden is active with the Mid-South chapter of Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society.

“Being the Academic All-Star makes me feel accomplished and makes me feel like I have achieved something big,” said Jayden. “I honestly feel honored to be given such a title. I feel proud knowing that there are people who think I deserve such a title, and honestly, I would not be here without them. It makes me happy to achieve something else that will make my parents proud of me.”

He is truly an All-Star in everything he does.

About Arkansas State University Mid-South

Arkansas State University Mid-South is a public two-year institution of higher education with an open-door admission policy, serving Crittenden County, Arkansas and the surrounding areas. The College is committed to *enriching lives through high quality educational programming that fosters student success, workforce development, and lifelong learning*. For more information about ASU Mid-South, visit <https://www.asumidsouth.edu/>

About Project Success

Project Success motivates and inspires young people to dream about the future, helps them take steps to get there and gives them the tools they need to achieve their goals. Through their national philanthropy, they fund projects that help learners from low-income backgrounds throughout the country succeed in postsecondary education and workforce training

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