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## Arkansas State University Mid-South Selects NISOD Excellence Award Recipients

Arkansas State University Mid-South is proud to announce its recipients of the annual National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Excellence Awards. The 2023 honorees include **Billie Miner**, Payroll Services Manager and **Lisa Vaughn, RN**, Lead CNA Faculty

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize men and women each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. In 1989, in connection with a University of Texas at Austin national study of teaching excellence, NISOD hosted its first ceremony honoring NISOD Excellence Award recipients. The response to that ceremony was so positive that NISOD began what has become the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators, and staff.

"Being selected to represent ASU Mid-South at NISOD for Outstanding Staff is a tremendous honor," Miner said. "It means that what I do on a daily basis of helping other on our campus, whether a part of my job or not, has been noticed and appreciated. Although I don't do it for that reason; I do it because I remember what it was like from starting the process as a new student to becoming an employee. Current and former employees have helped me along the way, and I want to do the same for students and employees as long as I am here."

"I am truly honored to be selected for this recognition," Vaughn said. "Thank you to everyone and I will continue to do my best to display and meet the mission of ASU Mid-South."

"These phenomenal women represent the best of ASU Mid-South," said Dr. Debra West, Chancellor of ASU Mid-South. "We, as a college community, thank them for their service and dedication. Through their hard work, they make us all look good."

Excellence Award recipients are recognized during NISOD's annual **International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence**, May 27-30, 2023. Excellence Awards recipients receive a specially cast, pewter medallion hung on a burnt-orange ribbon. The names, titles, and colleges of all Excellence Award recipients are included in a special booklet that features congratulatory ads from many of the recipients' colleges. In addition, presentations at the conference involving Excellence Award recipients are indicated in the Conference Program with a special icon.

"Recognizing those individuals who have contributed to student success and their colleges' mission is something we look forward to doing each year," said Dr. Edward J. Leach, NISOD's

Executive Director. “The extraordinary work of these men and women includes not only what they do for their students and colleagues, but what they do for the communities in which they live and work. We’re honored to be able to play a part in celebrating their achievements.”

### **About NISOD**

The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) is a membership organization committed to promoting and celebrating excellence in teaching, learning, and leadership at community and technical colleges. NISOD provides budget-friendly, high-quality, and faculty-focused programs and resources for community and technical colleges that want to make the most of their professional development dollars. For over 40 years, NISOD has aligned a wide array of benefits with the needs of our members, which explains why the American Association of Community Colleges named NISOD, “The country’s leading provider of professional development for community college faculty, staff, and administrators.” For more information about NISOD, visit [www.nisod.org](http://www.nisod.org).

### **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 with a comprehensive educational program. The College is committed to economic development in the Arkansas Delta through the provision of quality, affordable, and convenient learning opportunities and services consistent with identified student, community, and regional needs. To meet these needs, the College provides quality academic and support programs, personnel, technology, administrative services, and facilities necessary to respond in a timely and effective manner.

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