

1909-2009 . . . Milestones in UAM History

1909 – Fourth District Agricultural School chartered.

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; First classes held September 14; John Spence named superintendent; Main Building, Willard Hall, Sorrells Hall completed.

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

1913 – Frank Horsfall named president.

1925 – Name changed to Fourth District Agricultural and Mechanical College.

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; name changed to Arkansas A&M College.

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.

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.
- 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.
- 2000 – Fred J. Taylor Library and Technology Center dedicated.
- 2003 – Great Rivers Vocational-Technical School in McGehee and Forest Echoes Technical Institute in Crossett merge with UAM and are renamed the UAM Colleges of Technology at McGehee and Crossett.
- 2004 – Jack Lassiter named chancellor.
- 2007 - Weevil Walk and Pond renovation, Willard Hall renovation completed.
- 2008 - Renovation of Wells and Sorrells Halls completed.
- 2009 - New indoor practice facility opens, UAM celebrates centennial.