



University of
Central Arkansas

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

In December 2011 I was appointed by the Board of Trustees to serve as President after having twice served as interim president. It has been an honor and privilege to serve as President of the University of Central Arkansas.

My appointment was made after the UCA Faculty Senate approved a resolution asking the Board of Trustees to remove the interim title for a period of not to exceed three years. The resolution was adopted in October 2011. We are now approaching 2016.

It is time to begin the search for a new leader for UCA. We will work hard and support the Board over the coming months as this search is conducted.

Melissa and I will always treasure these years. We have loved the interaction with our students. Melissa has been steadfast in her commitment to our students, to UCA, and to me as we traveled this road together. I owe her everything.

We thank all the members of the Board of Trustees, past and present, for their support and their commitment to our students. I thank them for believing in me. I am very grateful.

To our students we express our most sincere thanks. You are incredible. Your desire to learn; your thoughtfulness; your caring hearts and attitudes; and your energy make coming to work each day very rewarding and uplifting. We will always remember the fun times we've had over these years.

I express my personal thanks to Susan Lilly for her hard work, dedication and support. And, to the executive staff for their sound advice, hard work and extraordinary work during some very difficult times.

Finally, to the UCA faculty and staff, please know that you have worked tirelessly to continue this institution's great mission and reputation. You have been resilient. You have been strong. Most importantly, whatever your job or duties at UCA, you have never wavered in your commitment to our students and their success. That is why we are here each day and those are the only things that really matter.

Thank you.

Tom Canty
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