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MILES COLLEGE QEP
**STUDENT RETENTION:
STEPPING STONES TO SUCCESS**
Oral Communication • Written Communication • Academic Advising

RESEARCH SAYS...

"First-year Arkansas Tech University students who record at least one hour of community or volunteer service have a 94% retention rate- 22% more than their peers who didn't record any community or volunteer service hours."

-Modern Campus/Engagement Involved, 2022

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QEP New Student Orientation

August 4th & 14th / Pearson Hall Auditorium

While I was presenting to a total of 165 freshmen for the QEP New Student Orientation during the month of August 2023, students engaged in a writing activity. They were asked to reflect on the picture below as we discussed the words and thoughts that came to mind. Afterward, they were assigned to create a poem with a thought partner using the specific vocabulary listed. As the end result, I would like to share below two poems written by four students who were in attendance.

**QEP PowerPoint Slide*

Let's begin with the end in mind...

Reflect on this actual picture of Miles College's Graduating Class of 2023. What words/thoughts come to mind?

Destiny

Hard work

Failures

Success

Memories

Employment

Careers

Persistence

Friendships

Proud

Journey

Sacrifice

Commitment



MILES COLLEGE GRADUATING CLASS OF 2023

Poem Title

It Begins Year 1: Class of 2027

It begins with prayer and **commitment** on this **journey**. Growing up as a child, we were taught that **hard work** would put us on a path to **success** and that **failure** was not an option. We know that the road will not be easy and that personal **sacrifices** have to be made, but we will remain **persistent** until we graduate in 2027. Throughout our Miles **journey**, we will make **friendships** and tons of **memories**. We will reach our destiny and make our families **proud** knowing that we have a dream **career** in our field and **employment**. If God is for us, who can be against us? Romans 8:31

Written by:

Quintina Warren, Freshman Scholar

Erika Bailey, Freshman Scholar

I AM SO PROUD OF THEM!

Poem Title

It Begins Year 1: Class of 2027

The **journey** ahead of us will not be a cakewalk,
It will take determination and **hard work** like counting grains of salt.
The **journey** ahead will surely have **success** but also **failures**,
We will have to disregard the negatives that family or peers will tell us.
The **journey** ahead will create long-lasting **memories** and **friendships**,
Some will help with our future plans and some will help with the mischief.
The **journey** ahead will give us **employment** and start our **careers**,
We will look back and reflect on how **proud** we are to have fought through those tears.
The **journey** ahead takes **sacrifice** and **persistence**,
We just have to make sure not to pay attention to the distance and focus more on the **commitment**.
The **journey** ahead determines our **destiny**,
Without knowing, the Class of 2027 will pave the way for many...

Written by:

Briyana Kimber, Freshman Scholar

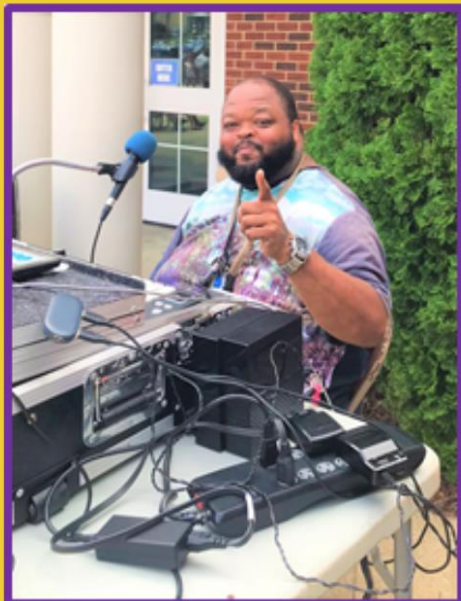
Tiffany Anderson, Freshman Scholar

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Miles College's QEP Kick-off on September 7, 2023 was a **HUGE** success! The pictures will tell our story...























A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

Carle` Underwood, Coordinator, Living & Learning Communities

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Coach Fred Watson, Athletic Director & Head Men's Basketball

Coach Sheffield, Men's Basketball

Coach Asmond, Women's Basketball

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