

## STRATEGIC PLAN

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2022 - 2025

#### Introduction



Today, we have an opportunity to reimagine and reinvent our future. The pandemic has taught us many valuable lessons—continued flexibility is crucial, ensuring the safety of our students, faculty, and staff is paramount, and our entrepreneurial spirit is necessary for future success. SEARK's new, three-year strategic plan, "The Way Forward" is designed to offer our community a concise and clear map on how we intend to advance our college.

- Dr. Steven Bloomberg, President

# The Way Forward is constructed using Six Pillars: Academic Excellence and Innovation The Student Experience Leadership, Responsible Citizenship & Organizational Development Workplace Environment Campus Infrastructure Commitment to Community

## VISION

Empowering Students...
Changing Lives

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SEARK College
will build a community
of lifelong learners
committed to
becoming the
leaders of tomorrow.

## OURVALUES

**Students** 

**Safety** 

**Diversity & Inclusion** 

Team

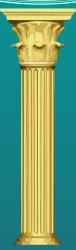
Integrity

**Innovation** 

Transparency & Communication

## Six Strategic Pillars

Academic Excellence and Innovation



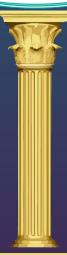
SEARK College fosters a culture of engaged learning led by faculty who are experts in their chosen field, excellent classroom instructors, and dedicated to helping students overcome barriers.

The Student Experience



SEARK College focuses on student success inside and outside the classroom, in a campus community that welcomes and includes all.

Leadership, Responsible Citizenship & Organizational Development



SEARK College recognizes the ongoing importance of creating and maintaining a positive campus environment that promotes the college's responsibility in building a culture of compassion and service to others.

## Six Strategic Pillars

Workplace Environment



SEARK College strives to be the workplace of choice in southeast Arkansas—a diverse and inclusive campus community where the faculty and staff act innovatively to provide the best experience for our students. We hire, retain, and reward the best people, recognizing the effectiveness of our college depends overwhelmingly on their efforts and abilities.

Campus Infrastructure



SEARK College has a responsibility to maintain and improve campus facilities and infrastructure to effectively support our academic and co-curricular activities. This includes providing state-of-the-art tools and technologies that students and staff need to be successful in the classroom and competitive in the workplace.

Commitment to Community



SEARK College understands the importance of building community — both inside and outside of the campus. We will collaborate with partners to assist youth empowerment and team competitions, literacy initiatives for children and adults, community-based programming to enrich the lives of our constituents and continuing to build intentional relationships which advance the college's mission, including raising additional funds for scholarships and other campus initiatives.



#### Academic Excellence and Innovation

Action	<b>Due Date</b>	Owner	
Form a cross-campus committee     to review and recommend a new     Learning Management System     (LMS) to the President.	April 2023	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans, President	
Hire an Instructional Designer to improve the quality and consistency of course design for both online and in-person classes.	November 30, 2022	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans	
Review current degree/certificate programs. Add at least one new degree or certificate program if sufficient demand exists.	June 30, 2023	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans	
<ul> <li>Survey faculty on desired professional development topics.</li> </ul>	September 2022	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans	
<ul> <li>Implement professional development schedule for faculty.</li> </ul>	October 2022	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans	
<ul> <li>Launch the "SEARK Career Center".</li> </ul>	July 1, 2022	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tech Studies Dean	
<ul> <li>Using data from the ICAT Survey and ICAT Café, set the ATD institutional priorities for FY '22.</li> </ul>	September 1, 2022	President, Vice President for Academic Affairs	
<ul> <li>Launch 2<sup>nd</sup> Chance Pell Program.</li> </ul>	August 15, 2022	Vice President for Academic Affairs, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chance Liaison	
• Launch the "Drive to 85" drop rate important program.	August 15, 2022	Vice President for Academic Affairs	
Prepare a Monitoring Report on     "Academic Excellence and     Education" and deliver to the     Board of Trustees at the May     2023 meeting.	May 1, 2023	Vice President for Academic Affairs, President	
Convene the faculty pay scale adhoc committee to study and recommend a new faculty pay scale for adoption.	May 2023	Vice President for Academic Affairs, ad-hoc committee, President	



#### The Student Experience

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•	Form a new, cross-collaborative campus committee to develop and implement the new "Student Recruitment Plan".	January 1, 2023	Vice President for Student Affairs, Director of Recruitment
•	Prepare and administer a survey for enrolled students to ascertain what type(s) of campus activities, including clubs, outside speakers, etc., they would like to see offered on campus. Survey results will be shared with President's Cabinet and ideas implemented in January 2023.	October 15, 2022	Vice President for Student Affairs
•	Conduct an audit of existing student clubs and organizations and disseminate to campus.	November 1, 2022	Vice President for Student Affairs
•	Offer an intramural basketball league for students, faculty, and staff at Seabrook.	January 1, 2023	Vice President for Student Affairs, Seabrook Coordinator
•	Relaunch Student Government Association (SGA).	January 1, 2023	Vice President for Student Affairs
	Plan and hold a Welcome Back to Campus student activity during the first week of the fall 2022 semester.	August 15, 2022	Vice President for Student Affairs, Director of Retention and Advising
•	Prepare a Monitoring Report on "the Student Experience" and deliver to the Board of Trustees at the March 2023 meeting.	March 1, 2023	Vice President for Student Affairs, President



#### Leadership, Responsible Citizenship & Organizational Development

Action	Due Date	Owner
Host at least three Mental     Health First Aid Responder     workshops on campus.	Fall/Spring 2022/23	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs; Director of the Leadership Academy; Human Resources
<ul> <li>Host employability workshop.</li> </ul>	May 30, 2023	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs
Conduct leadership training for supervisors.	Fall/Spring 2022/23	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs and Director of the Leadership Academy
<ul> <li>Full review of institutional and departmental policies; propose revisions to President's Cabinet.</li> </ul>	June 30, 2023	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs; Director of the Leadership Academy; Human Resources
Increase capacity of     Campus Food Pantry to     serve more individuals who     are food insecure.	June 30, 2023	President's Office
Create a new meeting space on campus for student clubs and off-campus organizations.	June 30, 2023	President's Office





#### Workplace Environment

Action	Due Date	Owner
Launch the SEARK Community Action Team (CAT). CAT members will attend at least two major events by June 30.	September 30, 2024	President
<ul> <li>Reinstitute the President's Advisory Council (PAC). Hold at least four meetings.</li> </ul>	June 30, 2023	President
<ul> <li>Accept quarterly nominations and name one "Shark Star" per quarter, for a total of four recipients.</li> </ul>	June 30, 2023	President
<ul> <li>Plan and implement a professional development schedule for the campus community.</li> </ul>	September 2022	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, Director of the Leadership Academy
<ul> <li>Implement a recurring campus- wide communication tool.</li> </ul>	September 2022	President's Cabinet
<ul> <li>Hold a Welcome Back dinner event at Seabrook for faculty and staff during Convocation Week.</li> </ul>	August 2022	Marketing and Public Relations
Hold an end of the academic year celebration for faculty and staff.	May 2023	Marketing and Public Relations
Determine if fall enrollment meets SSCH target to warrant all-employee stipend or permanent salary adjustment.	December 2022	President, Vice President for Fiscal Affairs
Prepare a Monitoring Report on "the Workplace Environment" and deliver to the Board of Trustees at the May 2023 meeting.	May 1, 2023	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, President



#### Campus Infrastructure

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Energy Contract.	2022	Affairs, President
<ul> <li>Hold groundbreaking ceremony</li> </ul>	November	President, Executive Director
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Residential Housing.		
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#### Commitment to Community

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	community education and	2022	Affairs, Dean of Technical
	community interest courses		Studies, Director of
	with at least ten courses.		Workforce Development
•	Launch non-credit community	January 1,	Vice President for Academic
	education program with at	2023	Affairs, Dean of Technical
	least ten courses.		Studies, Director of
W			Workforce Development
•	Create a minimum of two new	June 2024	Executive Director of
	annual student scholarships.		Institutional Advancement
•	Create and launch the SEARK	June 2024	Executive Director of
	Alumni Association.		Institutional Advancement
•	Hold an annual fund-raising	June 2024	Executive Director of
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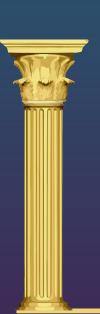
#### The Student Experience

Action	<b>Due Date</b>	Owner
Monitor and report on the success of the new Student Recruitment Plan.	June 30, 2024	Vice President for Student Affairs, Director of Recruitment
<ul> <li>Review and revise the Student Code of Conduct to accommodate issues that may occur with residential housing.</li> </ul>	August 1, 2023	Vice President for Student Affairs
Based upon input from the fall 2022 student survey, implement additional programming, at least one new event/activity in the fall and spring semesters.	June 2024	Vice President for Student Affairs
Prepare a Monitoring Report on "the Student Experience" and deliver to the Board of Trustees at the March 2024 meeting.	March 1, 2024	Vice President for Student Affairs, President
Ensure SGA schedules and conducts regular meetings—at least two meeting per semester.	May 2024	Vice President for Student Affairs
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#### Leadership, Responsible Citizenship & Organizational Development

Action	Due Date	Owner	
<ul> <li>Implement and hold at least</li> </ul>	May 2024	Vice President for Academic	
two Poverty-Training	1971	Affairs, Vice President for Fiscal	
Simulation Workshops		Affairs, and Director of the	
		Leadership Academy	
<ul> <li>Launch Phase II of</li> </ul>	August 2023	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs	
supervisor leadership		and Director of the Leadership	
training		Academy	
<ul> <li>Launch Shark Path Early</li> </ul>	January 2024	Vice President for Academic	
College Access Program.		Affairs, Vice President for Fiscal	
		Affairs, and Director of	
		Leadership Academy	





#### Workplace Environment

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SEARK CAT attend at least four events throughout southeast & Central Arkansas.	June 30, 2024	President
Hold at least four President's     Advisory Council (PAC)     meetings.	June 30, 2024	President
Accept quarterly nominations and name one "Shark Star" per quarter, for a total of four recipients.	June 30, 2024	President
<ul> <li>Plan and implement a professional development schedule for the campus community.</li> </ul>	September 2023	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, Director of the Leadership Academy
Hold a Welcome Back dinner event at Seabrook for faculty and staff during Convocation Week.	August 2023	Marketing and Public Relations
Hold an end of the academic year celebration for faculty and staff.	May 2024	Marketing and Public Relations
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#### Campus Infrastructure

#### Academic Year 2023 (July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024)

Action	Due Date	Owner	
Finalize campus upgrades	January	Vice President for Fiscal	
through the Performance	2024	Affairs, President	
Energy Contract.			
<ul> <li>Design the prototype for a new,</li> </ul>	June 30,	Vice President for Academic	
interactive classroom and	2023	Affairs, Deans, Director of IT,	
remodel one classroom to these		Vice President for Fiscal	
specifications.		Affairs	
<ul> <li>Prepare for grand opening of</li> </ul>	May 2024	Executive Cabinet	
new Student Center and			
Residential Housing, including			
ordering of furnishings,			
fixtures, and equipment (FF&E)			

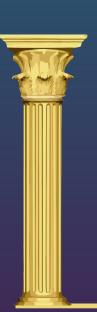
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Create a fall and spring non- credit schedule of courses with at least fifteen courses per semester.	June 2024	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of Technical Studies, Director of Workforce Development
• Launch a new, two-year scholarship campaign with the College's Foundation; raise at least \$100,000.	June 2024	Executive Director of Institutional Advancement, Foundation Board
Hold an inaugural SEARK     Alumni Association event.	June 2024	Executive Director of Institutional Advancement
Hold an annual fund-raising event.	June 2024	Executive Director of Institutional Advancement
Prepare a Monitoring Report on "the Workplace Environment" and deliver to the Board of Trustees at the May 2024 meeting.	May 2024	Vice President for Fiscal Affairs, President



#### Academic Excellence and Innovation

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Working with the Director of Technology, design a model for SEARK's classroom of the future, including the use of Virtual and Augmented Reality tools.	December 31, 2024	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans, President, Director of Technology, Faculty
<ul> <li>Review current degree/certificate programs. Add at least one new degree or certificate program if sufficient demand exists.</li> </ul>	June 30, 2025	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans
<ul> <li>Deliver a minimum of four professional development workshops for faculty.</li> </ul>	May 2025	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans
<ul> <li>Review progress of the "Drive to 85" retention initiative and recommend appropriate changes.</li> </ul>	December 31, 2024 & May 30, 2025	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Deans
Prepare a Monitoring Report on     "Academic Excellence and     Education" and deliver to the     Board of Trustees at the May     2025 meeting.	May 1, 2025	Vice President for Academic Affairs, President





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#### Leadership, Responsible Citizenship & Organizational Development

Academic Year 2024 (July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025)
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Start Cohort 2 Shark Path     Early College Access     Program.	August 2024	Vice President for Academic Affairs, Vice President of Fiscal Affairs and Director of the Leadership Academy





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Action	Due Date	Owner		
<ul> <li>Open student residential housing with at least 75% occupancy.</li> </ul>	August 2024	Executive Cabinet		
<ul> <li>Launch new programs in Student Center, including Physical Therapy Assistant (PTA), expanded Cyber</li> </ul>	August 2024	Executive Cabinet		
Security program. Launch new campus convenience store.				

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