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**FRONT COYER:** Trees flowering on Interstate 630 in Little Rock. **BACK COYER:** Sunrise traffic on Interstate 40 at White Oak Crossing.



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# APRIL 6 | WEDNESDAY ARDOT Bid Letting

Central Office • Little Rock

APRIL 11 - 15 | MON. - FRI.

Work Zone Awareness Week

Statewide

#### **APRIL 15 | FRIDAY**

Women in STEM Conference Wyndham Hotel • North Little Rock

**APRIL 22 | FRIDAY** 

Graduation Photos Due

**APRIL 22 | FRIDAY** 

Earth Day

#### **APRIL 27 | WEDNESDAY**

Highway Commission Meeting Central Office • Little Rock

#### MAY 30 | MONDAY

Memorial Day Offices Closed

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW... GRAD PHOTOS DUE BY FRIDAY, 4/22



If you have students graduating from high school or college, be sure to send in a photo to be included in the "Graduates" section of the June CenterLine newsletter.

Photos should be submitted as color, high-resolution, digital images saved as JPEG or TIFF format.

Low-resolution images, or ones taken with a mobile phone, are strongly discouraged, as they will not print clearly. Hard copies of photos may also be submitted. Hard copies will be returned after the "Graduates" section has been printed.

WITH YOUR PHOTO, EXPECT TO INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE FORM: Student Name, School Name, Student's Relationship to ARDOT Employee, Employee Name and Employee District/Division.

The form can be found here: HTTPS://FORM.JOTFORM.COM/AHTD/2022GRADUATES

Mail hard copy submissions to: ARDOT Public Information Office Attn: Marrissa Miller P.O. Box 2261 Little Rock, AR 72203

# LOPEZ NAMED AHP MAJOR



Peter Lopez has been named Arkansas Highway Police Major with the Highway Police Division effective February 26.

Lopez began his career with the Department as an Arkansas Highway Police Patrolman in August 1991. He continued along the Highway Police career path and was promoted to his former position of AHP Captain in February 2017.

Lopez has a bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice
Management from Mid-America Christian University in
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and master's degrees in Counseling,
and Marriage and Family Therapy from John Brown University
in Siloam Springs. He also holds a senior certificate in
law enforcement from the Arkansas Commission on Law
Enforcement Standards and Training.

# SASHTO SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

It's that time again! Applications for the 4th Annual SASHTO Scholarship Program are available to ARDOT employees with school-aged children. The \$500 scholarships are aimed at assisting parents with the expense of sending their kids to college. Dependents of retirees and employees killed in the line of duty are also eligible.

"I am pleased to share that the Department will be awarding scholarships of \$500 each to the children of current and retired ARDOT employees once again this year to help defray the cost of college," ARDOT Director Lorie Tudor announced. "Just like the past three years, the scholarships will be awarded through a random drawing involving all eligible applications."

The scholarship money is provided to member states of the Southern Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (SASHTO). Arkansas is one of 14 member states, including Puerto Rico. The scholarships represent remaining monies from the annual SASHTO Conference and are divided among the member states to promote their scholarship programs.

To be eligible for scholarship consideration, an applicant must:

 Be a dependent child of a full-time regular employee who has a minimum of two (2) current, consecutive years of credited ARDOT service as of January 1, 2022; the dependent child of a retired employee who had a minimum of two consecutive years credited to ARDOT service upon retirement; OR the dependent child of a former, fulltime ARDOT employee who lost his/her life while on duty either through accident on the job or active military; and

- Be age seventeen (17) through twenty-three (23); and
- Be accepted to and/or registered for the upcoming fall school term at an accredited college, university, vocational school or technical school as a full-time student.

The ARDOT SASHTO scholarship application is available on the homepage of the ARDOT Intranet. A completed application and all accompanying materials must be received by July 1 at 4:00 p.m. for consideration for the fall semester. "We will have 30 scholarships available," Tudor added. "We are excited to offer this program as part of ARDOT's strategic goal of being an employer of choice and as part of our commitment to creating more education opportunities for employees and their families. Prior years have awarded a total of \$51,500 in scholarship funds."

Winners will be chosen by random drawing by July 31 of this year. For more information on the program, or if you have questions, contact Travis Flower in the Human Resources Division at 501-569-2430 or at travis.flower@ardot.gov.























- **1. ENVIRONMENTAL:** (L. to R.) John Fleming, Environmental Division Head, presents Kristina Boykin, Cultural Resources Section Head, with her 10-year Service Award.
- **2. INTERNAL AUDIT:** (L. to R.) Leslie Coddington, Chief Auditor, presents Kevin Chadwick, Staff Auditor, with his 10-year Service Award.
- **3. MAINTENANCE:** (L. to R.) Travis Evans, Crew Leader, receives his 25-year Service Award from Roger Mahan, Pavement Profiling Job Superintendent.
- **4. DISTRICT 2:** (L. to R.) Donyell Moye, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 10-year Service Award from Johnnie Winfield, Chicot County Area Maintenance Supervisor.
- **5. DISTRICT 2:** Johnny Brown (Center), Assistant Bridge Inspector, receives his 25-year Service Award with his daughter, Brandy Brown (L), and son, Trey Brown (R) alongside him.

- **6. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Kenneth Tucker, Equipment Maintenance Supervisor, presents, Jeremy Ganes, Lead Station Attendant, with his 10-year Service Award.
- **7. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Sarah Marker, Area Maintenance Supervisor, received her 10-year Service Award from Chad Davis, District Maintenance Engineer.
- **8. DISTRICT 4:** (L. to R.) Shane Reeves, District Maintenance Superintendent, presents T.J. Brown, Area Maintenance Supervisor, with his 15-year Service Award.
- **9. DISTRICT 4:** Billy Horne, Mechanic, received his 20-year Service Award.



















- **10. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) David Norris, Resident Engineer, presents Kevin Richardson, Construction Inspector, with his 5-year Service Award.
- **11. DISTRICT 6:** (L. to R.) David Norris, Resident Engineer, presents Rick Stanley, Construction Materials Inspector, with his 20-year Service Award.
- **12. DISTRICT7:** (L. to R.) Ken Brooks, Maintenance Aide II, received his 5-year Service Award.
- **13. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Charles Decker, Advanced Construction Aide, receives his 5-year Service Award from Brit Burns, Resident Engineer.
- **14. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Gary Hopkins, Newton County Area Maintenance Supervisor, presents William Smith, Maintenance Specialist, with his 5-year Service Award.

- **15. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Donnie Billups, Tractor Trailer Driver, receives his 15-year Service Award from Dennis Connors, Equipment Supervisor.
- **16. DISTRICT 9:** (L. to R.) Robert Eddings, Lead Station Attendant, receives his 15-year Service Award from Dennis Connors, Equipment Supervisor.
- **17. DISTRICT 10** (L. to R.) Randal White, Maintenance Aide II, receives his 5-year Service Award from David Wagster, Sealing Crew Leader.



#### ON THE JOB















- **1. DISTRICT 1:** Phillip Hunt was honored by the District 1 shop crew with a retirement celebration on January 28, 2022. He was presented with a knife and cash by the crew.
- **2. DISTRICT 2:** The District Office had some snow accumulation on February 3, 2022.
- **3. DISTRICT 5:** District truck preparing to head back out in the February winter weather event.
- **4. DISTRICT 5:** Michael Smith, Health and Safety Officer, teaching his first Work Zone Safety Class.
- **5. DISTRICT 5:** The District celebrated Bridge Job Superintendent Scott Qualls' retirement at the District headquarters on March 3, 2022. Scott served the Department for 35 + years.
- **6. DISTRICT 7:** Members of the Special Maintenance Crew celebrated a Welcome Back and Retirement party for Greg Bird (L), Special Maintenance Supervisor, and Robert Johnson (R), Special Maintenance Aide II, with 15+ years with the Department.
- **7. DISTRICT 10:** Darsha Tipton, Office Manager, was honored on her retirement on December 30, 2021.

As you all know, road safety and litter are big topics at ARDOT. Word-of-mouth makes a difference.

Please do your part to help us spread awareness for our various campaigns!



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# **NEW EMPLOYEES:**

#### **ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Ron Patterson, Law Enforcement
Officer; Thomas Evans, Law
Enforcement Officer; Austin Taylor,
Law Enforcement Officer; Seth Allen,
Law Enforcement Officer; Gary
Furnish, Law Enforcement Officer;
Marlin Underwood, Law Enforcement
Officer; Nathan McCabe, Law
Enforcement Officer; Shae Eversole,
Law Enforcement Officer; Justin
Gibbs, Law Enforcement Officer;
Mason Efurd, Law Enforcement
Officer

**BRIDGE** • Ahmed Mustaque, Engineer

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT • Brad Keene, Electrical Plumb & Mech Rep; Drevon Dotson, Janitor; Eza Burnett, Janitor; Ghazalha Wright, Janitor; Shantavia Thomas, Janitor

**HUMAN RESOURCES** • Tommi West, Training Coordinator

INTERNAL AUDIT • Edwina Broadway, Staff Auditor; McKenna White, Staff Auditor

**MAINTENANCE** • Manuel Regalado, Advanced Engineer

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT •** Dawson Belk, Advanced Geospatial Specialist; Weilun Tay, Geospatial Specialist

**RIGHT OF WAY •** Shannon Evans, Abstractor Aide

**ROADWAY DESIGN ●** Niko Holeman, Engineer

DISTRICT 1 • John Harris Jr, Engineer; Christopher Drennin, Maintenance Aide I; Cody Watts, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 2 • Brad Duvall,
Maintenance Aide I; Jamion Danzy,
Maintenance Aide I; Reece Turner,
Maintenance Aide I; Daniel Witherell,
Engineer

**DISTRICT 3 •** Jonathan Parker, Mechanic; Jalen Love, Maintenance Aide I; Taylor Gourley, Maintenance Aide I; Stephen McIntyre, Maintenance Aide I; Dalton Kenworthy, Maintenance Aide I

DISTRICT 4 • Lucas Grigsby,
Maintenance Aide I; Daniel Pummill,
Maintenance Aide I; John Fight,
Maintenance Aide I; Jordyn Parks,
Maintenance Aide I; Leonard
Rodriguez, Welder

DISTRICT 5 • Christopher Aguiar, Maintenance Aide I; Ron Baxter, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 6 •** Stephen Anderson, Maintenance Aide I; Kentrell Flennaugh-Scott, Construction Aide

DISTRICT 7 • Anthony Nelson,
Maintenance Aide I; James Brown,
District Maintenance Engineer; Jeremy
Arndt, Construction Aide; Dawson
Jennings, Construction Aide; Jeremy
Stevens, Maintenance Aide I; Jalen
Benton, Maintenance Aide I; Voncill
Lovett, Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 8 •** Jacob Delgado, Storeroom Assistant; Diana Evants, Maintenance Aide I; Carl Andrews, Mechanic

DISTRICT 9 • Charles Hutchinson,
Maintenance Aide I; Lonnie Lawler,
Maintenance Aide I; Nathan Rowe,
Maintenance Aide I; Dustin Adams,
Maintenance Aide I; Jamie Kimes,
Parts Runner; Carsen Parker,
Maintenance Aide I; Mason Sisco,
Maintenance Aide I; Lane Johnson,
Maintenance Aide I

**DISTRICT 10 •** Christopher Bly Jr., Maintenance Aide I; Benjamin Henson, Construction Aide

# PROMOTIONS:

**BRIDGE** • Dylan Singleton, Senior Bridge Design Engineer

#### **EQUIPMENT & PROCUREMENT**

James Koder, Central Shops Crew Leader

**HEAVY BRIDGE** • Andrew Nanneman,

State Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer; Steven Lewis, Senior Heavy Bridge Maintenance Engineer; Jake Norris, Bridge Management Assistant Section Head; Nicholas Holmgren, Bridge Repairer

HUMAN RESOURCES • Jordyn Myers, Training Coordinator; Melanie Diffey, Assistant Section Head - Work Develpment Health Wellness & Safety; James Steele, Health and Safety Officer

MAINTENANCE • David Weston, Section Head-Traffic Services; David Strano, Striping Crew Leader; Austin Wilson, Striping Crew Leader

**PERMITS** • Austin Martin, Permit Technician

ROADWAY DESIGN • Jennifer Harris, Roadway Design Review Coord; Tanner White, Senior Design Engineer; Andrew Hindman, Senior Design Engineer; Hannah Lybrand, Senior Design Engineer; Amanda Falls, Administrative Assistant

#### **SYSTEM INFORMATION & RESEARCH**

James Fountain IV, Advanced Asset & Pavement Engineer; Seth Louviere, Advanced Asset & Pavement Engineer

**DISTRICT 1 •** Donald Henson Jr., Resident Engineer

**DISTRICT 2 •** Anthony Hurley, Crew Leader; Jarred Reed, Maintenance Specialist

**DISTRICT 3 •** Meagan Brzeski, Lead Storeroom Assistant

**DISTRICT 4 •** Jimmie Jetton, Area Maintenance Supervisor

DISTRICT 5 • Jeremy Matheny, Bridge Job Superintendent; Bradlee Daniels, Maintenance Specialist; Daniel Knight, Maintenance Specialist; Ricky Herring, Crew Leader; Dustin James, Construction Aide; Ricky Rose, Construction Aide

**DISTRICT 6 ●** Don Davis, Crew Leader; Lester Fleming Jr., Maintenance Specialist DISTRICT 7 • Donald Crawford, Area Maintenance Supervisor; Dalton Champagne, Resident Engineer; Anthony Barnett, Lead Bridge Repairer; Dustin Calcote, Lead Bridge Repairer

DISTRICT 8 • David Selby, Construction Project Coord; Dennis Zimmerman, Advanced Const Field Engineer

DISTRICT 9 • Donald Flowers, Crew Leader; Shane Adams, Advanced Const Field Engineer; Adrian Aldrete, Resident Office Technician; Edward Griffith, Maintenance Specialist; Gaylon Davis, Area Headquarters Attendant

DISTRICT 10 • Randall Blazer, Bridge Repairer; Joseph Velasquez, Maintenance Aide II; Jeffery Taylor, Maintenance Aide II; Alicia Simpson, Office Manager

# SERVICE AWARDS:

#### **ARKANSAS HIGHWAY POLICE**

Tracy Morris, Motor Carrier Safety Inspector, 30 yrs; Jason Bowen, Motor Carrier Safety Auditor, 5 yrs

**CONSTRUCTION •** Carolina Castellanos, Estimates Analyst, 20 yrs

**ENVIRONMENTAL** • Kristina Boykin, Section Head, 10 yrs

FISCAL SERVICES • Julie Kesterson, Section Head, 10 yrs

HEAVY BRIDGE • Ronnie Honeycutt, Heavy Bridge Maintenance Supervisor, 10 yrs; Travis Murphy, Lead Bridge Repairer, 5 yrs

INTERNAL AUDIT • Kevin Chadwick, Staff Auditor, 10 yrs

MATERIALS • Steven Faulkner, Geotechnical Specialist, 35 yrs; Terry Standard Jr., District Materials Supervisor, 20 yrs

**PROGRAM MANAGEMENT •** Jessie Jones, Division Head, 20 yrs

**ROADWAY DESIGN** • Hannah Lybrand, Advanced Engineer, 5 yrs

RADIO • Caleb Lambert, ITS Specialist, 5 yrs

**SURVEYS** • Wesley Wyeth, Surveys Research Technician, 20 yrs

**LEGAL** • Ellen Hoppe, Legal Tech Support, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 1 • Anthony Burnett,
Maintenance Job Superintendent,
20 yrs; Anthony Flex, Lead Bridge
Repairer, 20 yrs; Terry Evans,
Advanced Engineer, 20 yrs; Russell
Hathcock, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 2 • Eddie Kling,** 

Maintenance Specialist, 30 yrs; Justin Wilson, Mechanic, 10 yrs; James Jones, Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 4 • John Ballard, Senior Engineer, 25 yrs; Robert McEntyre, District Bridge Inspector, 20 yrs; José Malagon, Lead Bridge Repairer, 15 yrs; Charles Brummett, Maintenance Specialist, 15 yrs; Jeremy Young, Maintenance Aide II, 10 yrs; Justin Leding, Area Maintenance Supervisor, 10 yrs; Jeffrey Burns, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 5 • James Kelley Jr., Shop Supervisor, 30 yrs; William Evans, Construction Inspector, 30 yrs; Alexander Roofe, District Maintenance Engineer; 10 yrs; Donna Jones, Storeroom Assistant, 5 yrs; Blake Harper, Construction Aide, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 6 • Michael Byrd, District Bridge Inspector, 30 yrs; Rebecca Larney, Area Headquarters Attendant, 25 yrs; Bruce Anthony Jr., Construction Inspector, 20 yrs; Lee Burrow, Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs; Lorenna Holladay, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; Kevin Richardson, Construction Inspector, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 7 •** David Arnold, Sign Crew Supervisor, 20 yrs; John Callender,

Construction Materials Inspector, 20 yrs; Taylor Hawkins, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs

**DISTRICT 8 •** Seth Houghton, Sealing Job Superintendent, 25 yrs; David Smith, Maintenance Aide II, 15 yrs

**DISTRICT 9 •** William Smith, Maintenance Specialist, 5 yrs

DISTRICT 10 • Cody Brannon,
Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs; John
Jarrett, Mechanic, 5 yrs; Randal
White, Maintenance Aide II, 5 yrs;
James Watson, Maintenance
Aide II, 5 yrs; Stephen Leal,
Maintenance Aide I, 5 yrs

# **RETIREMENTS:**

MATERIALS • Steven Faulkner, Geotechnical Specialist, 35+ yrs; Deborah Tyler, Laboratory Coordinator, 20+ yrs

RIGHT OF WAY • Sheryl Fletcher, Administrative Assistant, 38+ yrs

DISTRICT 1 • Phillip Hunt, Mechanic, 18+ yrs; Troy Tims, Crew Leader, 33+ yrs

**DISTRICT 3 •** Beverly Loe, Guard, 12+ yrs; Gary Efird, Maintenance Aide II, 17+ yrs

**DISTRICT 4 •** Fred Schluterman, Maintenance Specialist, 25+ yrs; Pamela Bruce, Office Aide, 35+ yrs

DISTRICT 5 • Jeffery Qualls, Bridge Job Superintendent, 35+ yrs; Young Mack IV, Construction Project Coordinator, 35+ yrs; William Evans, Construction Inspector, 30+ yrs

DISTRICT 6 ● William Brown Jr., Maintenance Specialist, 26+ yrs; Jerry Denley, Maintenance Specialist, 20+ yrs; Wayne Hogue, Maintenance Aide II, 7+ yrs

**DISTRICT 7-** Woodrow Randall, Rest Area Attendant, 16 yrs

**DISTRICT 8 •** Darrell Barnes, Tractor Trailer Driver, 17+ yrs; Frankie Holman,

Maintenance Aide II, 23+ yrs; Jimmy Fowler, Maintenance Aide II, 7+ yrs

**DISTRICT 9 •** Sherri Taylor, Construction Inspector, 32+ yrs

# MEMORIALS:

**HUMAN RESOURCES** • Jean Redwin, 1/31/22, retired

**MATERIALS** • Jerry Stacks, 2/2/22, retired

**ROADWAY DESIGN ●** Frank Bray, 1/20/22, retired

**DISTRICT 3 •** Wayne Dull, 1/19/22, retired

**DISTRICT 4 •** Franklin Parr, 2/3/22, retired; Donald Pergeson, 2/7/22, retired

**DISTRICT 5 •** William Beach, 9/15/21, retired; Steve Hadley, 1/29/22, active

**DISTRICT 6 •** Winfred Petty, 1/18/22, active; James Godwin, 2/10/22, retired

**DISTRICT 8 •** Jimmy Fowler, 1/28/22, retired

**DISTRICT 9 •** Marvin Carlton, 2/2/22, retired; Cecil Robinson, 1/12/22, retired

**DISTRICT 10 •** Jerry Barnes, 1/23/22, retired; Frank Humble, 1/24/22, retired



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