

## A Short History of the College of Sciences Angelo State University

The College of Sciences was created in 1973, shortly after Angelo State transitioned from College to University status. The initial cadre of degrees included Associate's programs in Nursing and Agriculture (including Home Economics), plus B.S. degrees in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics, and Physics. Professor of Biology Dr. Gordon E. Welch was the founding Dean and served in that capacity for over two decades. He was succeeded in 1996 by Professor of Physics Dr. David Loyd, Jr. In 2006, Professor of Geology Dr. Grady Price Blount became the third Dean of the College of Sciences. Significant highlights in the history of the college include:

1968 prehistory	Cavness Science Building opens at Angelo State College
1973	College of Sciences created with 45 faculty members: Agriculture, A.S. degree, Leon Holland – Chair Biology, B.S. and M.S. degrees, Gerald Raun – Chair Chemistry, B.S. degree, H. David Harlan – Chair Mathematics, B.A. and B.S. degrees, Cass Archer – Chair Nursing, A.S.N. degree, Elizabeth Jones - Chair Physics, B.S. degree, C. Varren Parker – Chair Tuition for fulltime students was \$140/semester. Parking permits were \$7/semester. Gender-segregated dormitory rooms with meals were \$515/semester for air conditioned rooms; \$425/semester for non-air conditioned rooms.
1974	B.S. degree added in Animal Science. Chester Rowell becomes Chair of Biology.
1977	Ray Dawson becomes Chair of Physics. Leon Eldredge becomes Chair of Nursing. ASU enrollment passes 5,000 students.
1978	Future U.S.A.F. General Bill W. Mullins graduates with Physics degree from ASU. B.S.N. degree added in Nursing program. Fulltime tuition and fees total \$194/semester.
1979	John W. Lantz becomes Chair of Nursing
1980	M.S. degree in Animal Science added in Agriculture program. Juliann Reakes becomes Chair of Nursing.
1983	Terry Maxwell becomes Chair of Biology. Johnny Bailey becomes Chair of Mathematics. Mary Mays becomes Chair of Nursing.
1985	Vincent Nursing-Physical Science building opens. B.S. in Geology added. B.S. in Applied Physics added.
1989	Bonnie Amos becomes Chair of Biology.
1991	Edgar Drake becomes Chair of Chemistry.

	Fulltime tuition and fees total \$535/semester.
1993	Donald Shelby becomes Chair of Agriculture.
1995	Mathematics-Computer Science Building opens. Leslie Mayrand becomes Chair of Nursing.
1996	Chemistry department receives first Welch Foundation grant. M.S.N. degree added. Interdisciplinary Math/Science degree added. David Loyd becomes second dean of the College of Sciences with 77 faculty.
1999	Physics program cited as one of Top Ten nationally. M.P.T. (Master's degree) in Physical Therapy added. B.S. in Biochemistry added. Gil Engdahl becomes Chair of Agriculture. Molly Allison becomes Chair of Nursing. Andy Wallace becomes Chair of Physics. Kathleen Cegles becomes Chair of Physical Therapy.
2000	First Biochemistry graduate from ASU.
2001	J. Kelly McCoy becomes Chair of Biology. George Shankle becomes Chair of Chemistry. Edward Russell becomes Chair of Nursing.
2002	Physics department cited as <i>Strategic Program for Innovation</i> .
2003	Medical-Surgical M.S.N. option added.
2004	Physics department cited in American Institute of Physics report <i>Does It Matter Where I Go To College?</i>
2005	Science Building III opens for classes. Earth Science minor added. Paul Swets becomes Chair of Mathematics. Leslie Mayrand becomes Chair of Nursing
2006	Grady Price Blount becomes third Dean of the College of Sciences with 71 faculty. Fulltime tuition and fees total \$1890/semester. Parking permits are \$16/semester. Residence Hall room and board \$2470/semester. Total student expenses have increased by over 600% since 1973 while the minimum wage has increased by about 300% in that same time.