What Does UAM Mean to You?

In the Fall Semester of 2013, members of the Criterion One committee conducted an informal open response survey in a few classes.

Students were asked to do the following:

- Take a couple of minutes
- Doesn’t have to be complete sentences
- Give your first thoughts, your initial thoughts
- Do not have to give your name

A sampling of responses:

To me UAM is a great college that has a wide range of degrees.

UAM is growing and becoming better each day. UAM is a place where students can get a quality education even though they are not as big or expensive as other colleges.

A close-knit place, close to home, more like a little community within Monticello, diverse, active, great!

A new beginning, fast track to the future.

Learning. Being able to get a better job. Bettering my mind.

UAM is a safe place where I can attend school and earn my degree. It is also very welcoming & definitely a place I can call home. Tuition is inexpensive and I wouldn’t want to be at any other school.

Good university filled with educators who are up to par and has great things to offer.

UAM means that after four years of hard work and maybe some good luck, I’ll graduate and have the job I want instead of a job I just ‘have to have’.

UAM means an affordable college that I can attend to receive an education.

A place to better myself for the future.

A hometown college that will accept me as an independent, older student and give me a great college education that is affordable.

Wonderful community, pretty landscaping, Southern hospitality.

UAM, to me, means a great potential career that would have otherwise been impossible.

UAM means everything to me now. I can provide for my family better with a good career. So this means making my family proud and providing a good life that I never had. I want to graduate with good grades. This is the start of the rest of my life and I want to make it count.
A rough grouping of responses

- Education: 27 responses
- Future: 21 responses
- Atmosphere: 20 responses
- Faculty/Staff: 9 responses
- Economic: 8 responses
- Friends: 6 responses
- Location: 3 responses

Here is a response from a faculty member

UAM means I have the opportunity to work with talented and dedicated professors, staff, and administrators. UAM means I am challenged by students that need my best efforts to help them make their lives better, and they earn my respect and admiration by their own hard work and dedication. UAM means that I have the opportunity to conduct world-class research and have support from people around the entire state because they know and appreciate what the School of Forest Resources does for Arkansas. UAM means that my family and I are blessed to live in a wonderful community where people care for each other and it feels like everyone is your neighbor. Matt Pelkki, Professor and George H. Clippert Endowed Chair, UAM School of Forest Resources, Arkansas Forest Resources Center.