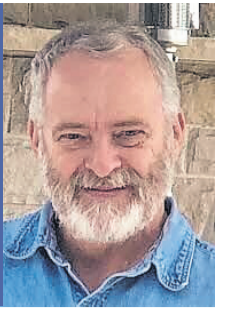


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Conway High School graduate receives prestigious scholarship

By LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT

Addison Smittle, a 2026 graduate of Conway High School, was selected to receive a \$2,500 STAR Scholarship from the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was recommended by P.E.O. Chapter B.E. of Conway.

The P.E.O. STAR Scholarship was established in 2009 to provide scholarships for exceptional high school senior women in their final year of high school to attend an accredited postsecondary educational institution in the U.S. or Canada in the next academic year. The competitive STAR Scholarship is for women who exhibit excellence in leadership, academics, extracurricular

activities, community service and potential for future success.

"Smittle is an exceptional young woman whose academic and extracurricular involvement reflects her strong commitment to social justice and community advocacy," a news release issued by P.E.O. Sisterhood read. "She will attend the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, where she plans to pursue a degree in social work."

P.E.O. stands for Philanthropic Educational Organization. The organization "has been motivating, educating and celebrating women for more than 155 years," the news release read.

"Since its inception in 1869, the

nonprofit organization has helped more than 129,000 women pursue educational goals by providing approximately \$462 million in grants, scholarships, awards and loans. The Sisterhood is also the primary support for Cottey College. Through membership, the P.E.O. Sisterhood has brought together more than half a million women in the United States and Canada who are passionate about helping women advance through education while supporting and motivating them. In addition to the educational philanthropies, the P.E.O. Sisterhood provides a framework of support and community for all members," the news release read.



Submitted photo

Conway P.E.O. Sisterhood chapter members award Addison Smittle with a scholarship. Front row (L-R): Rynnett Clark and STAR Award Recipient Addison Smittle. Back row: Twylla Alexander, Maribeth Garrison, Leigh Lassiter-Counts, J.J. Whitney and Sarah Frost.



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Fire department visits Goddard School

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The visit was part of the daycare's "Community Helper Week."

The department taught the kids signs of fire, the importance of having a meeting place in the event of a fire and all the things firefighters do to help the Conway community.



Arkansas TV to host reading event in Conway

By LOG CABIN DEMOCRAT

Arkansas TV will host a free reading event in Conway at 6 p.m. on Aug. 4 at its headquarters on 350 S. Donaghey Ave.

The event is part of Arkansas TV's "Read to Succeed" initiative that provides literacy resources and encourages family engagement through educational

activities. The Conway program will include a free meal, story time and a discussion and activity.

Families who attend will also receive an Arkansas TV literacy resource bag that includes a book, family engagement activities, a journal and a snack bag. Spanish versions of materials will also be provided as needed.

As AI plows through workplace, group wants to help people adapt

By JOSH BOAK
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — America has been rushing into an artificial intelligence future without much of a plan to stop what could be catastrophic job losses.

Critics warn of doomsday scenarios out of a sci-fi thriller, while backers say AI will generate so much new wealth that no one should worry too much about millions of layoffs.

A new bipartisan nonprofit hopes to ensure that America can realize the economic gains promised by AI without its workers suffering.

RAISE US is starting with more than \$500 million to deploy on new forms of education and training, putting a focus on partnering with states and major employers rather than the federal government.

Founded by former Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo, a Democrat, and former Indiana Gov. Eric Holcomb, a Republican, the group aims to pilot programs and incentives to help American workers pivot to new careers in an economy that will increasingly be automated by artificial intelligence.

"We're talking about a certain level of unemployment that could destabilize our country and our democracy," Raimondo said in an interview. "If you want to lead the world in AI, you have to take action to make sure our democracy doesn't crumble."

The programs will first start in Arkansas, Maryland, Utah and Connecticut

The nonprofit is initially partnering with officials in Arkansas, Connecticut, Maryland and Utah, along with several of America's largest companies and charitable organizations. The group intends to develop policies that connect schools more closely to employers, so that layoffs can be replaced by the potential for new jobs with

higher incomes. They also are exploring changes to corporate taxes and other incentives with the goal of keeping people working.

"Good things tend to happen when you convert have-nots into haves," Holcomb said.

Among the companies serving as anchor partners with RAISE US are Amazon, Microsoft, Anthropic, the OpenAI Foundation and Bank of America. Other employers involved in the project include UPS, General Motors, Eli Lilly, Mastercard, chipmaker AMD, Cisco and IBM.

Raimondo, the former Democratic governor of Rhode Island who played a formative role in setting AI policy as the Biden administration's commerce secretary, will be the nonprofit's CEO.

The advisory board includes former Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan, billionaire investment manager Stephen Schwarzman, AFL-CIO President Liz Shuler and the economists David Autor, Erik Brynjolfsson and Raj Chetty.

AI has the potential to displace human workers from factories to offices

An April analysis by the Boston Consulting Group estimated that roughly half of U.S. jobs will be reshaped by AI over the next few years. The analysis said that as many as 25 million jobs could be eliminated in the U.S. over the next five years. Goldman Sachs, in March, separately released an estimate that a quarter of U.S. work hours could be automated by AI.

More than just a glorified search engine or a generator of video clips and novelty images, AI could fill roads with driverless trucks, create factories staffed by robots and supplant office workers, lawyers and doctors.

President Donald Trump has expressed little anxiety about the possibility of AI displacing human workers.

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