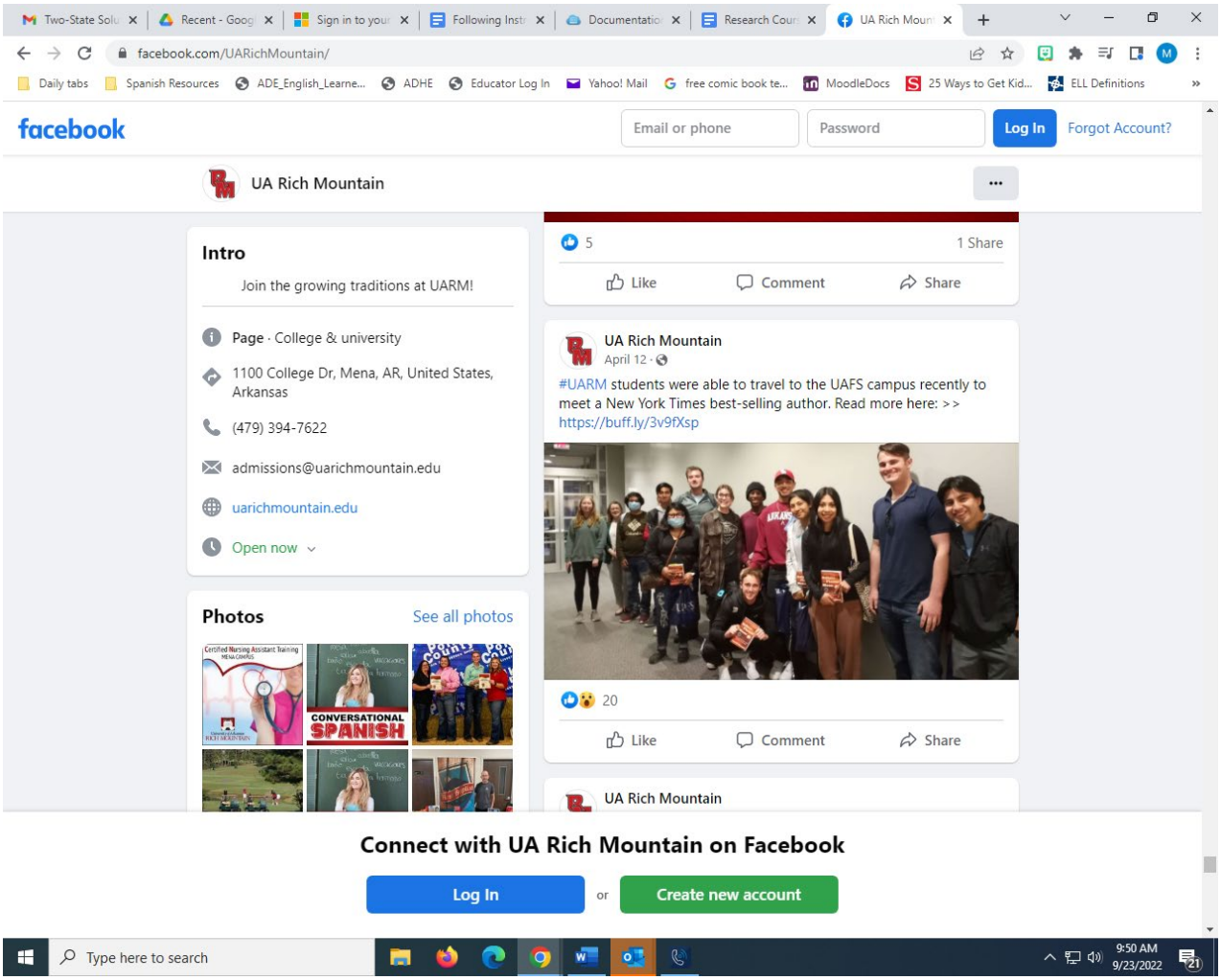

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Extending Learning Beyond the Classroom

UARM students travel to UAFS campus to meet New York Times best-selling author

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[March 29, 2022 | MENA, Ark.] UA Fort Smith (UAFS) recently extended an invitation to sister school UA Rich Mountain's (UARM) English Composition II (Comp II) students to meet New York Times best-selling author David Grann. Grann is the author of the book – Killers of the Flower Moon, which covers the Osage murders in Oklahoma during the 1920s. The students had just completed studying the book that features one of the FBI's first major cases under J. Edgar Hoover.

Comp II Instructor Mysti Gates accompanied the students along with Brenda Miner, Director of Library Services, and Dr. Krystal Thrailkill, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs. Gates expressed her appreciation to UAFS who made this unique opportunity available to UARM students. "They provided our students with the books and provided dinner for us as well. Students were even able to have their books autographed by Grann," said Gates.

Thrailkill commended Gates' efforts and ability to engage students with the literature beyond the written words. Gates' introductory activity as the class began the book was an escape room based on the subjects discussed in the book. "I used the book as a starting point and reached out to the Osage Nation in Pawhuska for materials relating to their language and culture." The students expressed appreciation for the opportunity to meet the author and visit the UAFS campus.

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