Spring is in full swing! Our Admissions staff is actively recruiting for the fall, the Office of Financial Aid continues to package awards, Housing is in the process of selecting student-staff for next year, Student Support Services are assisting students, the Office of the Registrar continues to make a fluid transition from one session to the next, not to mention that Student Engagement is gearing up for Higher Ed Day and the beginning of the spring intramural seasons...and it is only the first week of February. Countless hours are spent by our division making all of these things and more happen each and every day. I would like to take just a minute to point out that the hard work does not go unnoticed and acknowledge that it takes a team to make it all work so smoothly. Thank you all for your continued dedication to providing the best opportunity for our students.

Sincerely,
Student Involvement

- February 27 - SGA members will travel to Montgomery, Alabama to participate in Higher Education Day. The entire SGA will travel together this year and everyone has been encouraged to bring a friend to this event. The SGA Senate boasted a 3.1 GPA for the Fall term.
- The Higher Education Partnership staff, including a UWA alumnae, gave a presentation for SGA on advocacy.
- Four (4) students will be attending the Blue Key National Conference this year held in Toledo, OH.

Greek Life

- Greek Grade Report for the Fall of 2019 can be accessed by clicking the “resources” tab for Greek Life on the UWA website.
- At the conclusion of the Fall, there were 209 undergraduate students in one of our 12 Greek organizations. This student population comprises 13.7% of the overall student population at UWA. Last year at this time Greek organizations comprised 13.6%.
- All Greek organizations have entered into their recruitment cycles with all three (3) councils already holding their formal recruitment events.
- After mid-year elections in December, many organizations are sending their officers to trainings where they will bring ideas from chapters across the country back to UWA.

Fitness Center

- Group Exercise classes are currently averaging 13 members per session, including many new faces to the Fitness Center.
- Four (4) Fitness Center Staff members majoring in exercise science are working with small groups registered for the Healthy Weight program. 48 participants participated in a fitness assessment as a part of this initiative. In addition, 22 others participated in the assessment for their own personal initiatives.

By the Numbers

- Summer 2020 vs Summer 2016
  - Applications: 27 (+1)
  - Transfer: 8 (-5)
  - Freshman: 19 (+6)
  - Admits: 12 (+1)
  - Transfer: 3 (no change)
  - Freshman: 9 (+1)
- Fall 2020 vs Fall 2016
  - Applications: 2,274 (+1,540)
  - Transfer: 107 (+51)
  - Freshman: 2,167 (+1,489)
  - Admits: 1,167 (+746)
  - Transfer: 45 (+27)
  - Freshman: 1,122 (+719)

Campus Tours (individual):
- August 15, 2019 - January 24, 2020: 116
  - 85% check-in rate
- August 15, 2018- January 24, 2019: 98
  - 69% check-in rate

Campus Tours (group):
- August 15, 2019 - January 24, 2020: 331
- August 15, 2018- January 24, 2019: 140

Scholarships
- Fall 2020 vs Fall 2019(Freshmen)
  - Reviewed - 345
  - Awarded - 301 (-406)
  - Accepted - 27 (-26)
- Fall 2020 vs Fall 2019 (Transfers)
  - Reviewed - 26
  - Awarded - 25 (+19)
  - Accepted - 9 (+7)

Staff Notes
- January 29 - The Admissions counselors, Dr. Ken Tucker, and Mr. Richard Hester attended a recruitment strategy meeting at the University of Alabama hosted by Dr. Witt and Ms. Mary Spiegel. Topics discussed included: the UWA brand and brand awareness, recruiting rural students, and faculty and alumni engagement in recruiting.
- January 30 - Mrs. BreAnna Sturdivant hosted a counselor appreciation breakfast. Counselors from Shelby County and Hoover City Schools were invited to attend for food and information regarding what UWA can do to help their students be successful. Mr. Richard Hester and Dr. Ken Tucker were also in attendance and their presence helped make the event a huge success.

ECF Payments:
- Fall 2020 vs Fall 2019
  - Total - 42 (+10)
  - 32 freshman (+3)
  - 10 transfer (+7)
- Spring 2020 vs Spring 2019
  - Total - 57 (-3)
  - 8 freshman (-11)
  - 49 transfer (+8)
- Spring Orientation 2020 vs 2019
  - Totals - 33 (+6)
  - Freshmen - 6 (-6)
  - Transfers - 27 (+12)
Describe a UWA memory that you will cherish forever?
I will never forget my first CAB Homecoming party where I got to spray people with glow paint and crowd surf. My shoes I wore that night are still stained to this day from the paint the DJ claimed would wash out easily.

What is something that makes UWA special that most people might not know?
The people make this place better and it can only get better the more you get to know the people here. I have had several opportunities and chances to meet people I would never come across that have gifted me great insight about the real world.

Describe your thoughts about your upcoming graduation?
These past few years in college have been the most transformative period so far in my life and I think graduating is just another step to becoming something greater than I currently am. I hope to use this time abroad to do a little more self-discovering and spend some much-needed time away from studying to experience various cultures and societies.
• January 31 - February 1 - Hosted the Alabama/Mississippi NIRSA State Workshop. 53 professionals and students from 10 different universities attended the workshop. Thanks to everyone that helped make this event a huge success.

  **Campus Activities Board (CAB)**
  - College Football Playoffs Viewing Party - 267 students attended
  - Bingo for Bucks - 283 students attended
  - Sports Trivia - 41 students attended

  **Intramurals**
  - 3pt and free throw contest - 11 participants
  - Sports trivia - 41 participants
  - NBA 2K20 - 7 participants
  - Officials trained for basketball - 17 trained
  - 21 basketball teams signed up (12 men’s, 5 co-rec, 4 women’s)
  - Supervisors are presenting on a professional development topic every week. Topics covered include: internship searches and setting up LinkedIn account.

  **Band**
  - January 17-18 - Director, Mr. Michael Tignor, attended the Alabama Music Educators Association In-Service Conference.
  - February 21-22 - Participate Mardi Gras parades
  - Six (6) in-school visits this month, bringing yearly total to 41 visits.
  - Performed at four (4) home basketball games

  **University Cinema**
  - 732 people attended including 229 students.

---

**STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

---

**FINANCIAL AID**

**STUDENT AFFAIRS**

• **2019-2020 Financial Aid Processing:**
  - As of January 31, 2020
  - Downloaded 10,657 ISIRs (173 since last report)
  - Packaged 8,066 awards (128 since last report)
  - 981 selected for verification (9 since last report)
  - 892 verifications completed (28 since last report)

• **2020-2022 Financial Aid Processing:**
  - As of January 31, 2020
  - Downloaded 2,100 ISIRs
  - Packaged 1,197 awards
  - 396 selected for verification
  - 4 verifications completed

**Delinquent Loans Activity:**
- The following delinquency emails were sent in September 2019:
  - 461 emails to those who are 31-134 days delinquent
  - 59 emails to those who are 75-115 days delinquent
  - 179 emails to those who are 135-239 days delinquent
  - 74 emails to those who are 240+ days delinquent
  - 773 TOTAL emails
- These students are at risk of defaulting on federal student loans.
- 1 letter/email was sent from the period December 14, 2019 through January 16, 2020 advising those students that are in default to contact their student loan servicers to resolve their defaulted loan(s).
• January 9 - Deregistration for campus and online courses complete

• January 9 - The Admission and Appeals Committee met. Nine (9) appeals were submitted.

• January 13 - Classes began

• February 14 - 2020-21 online class schedules are due to the Registrar’s Office

• All students receiving veteran assistance have been certified with the VA for the Spring Semester

• By the numbers...
  • Processed 633 processed transcripts in January 2020 (+77 from the same time last year).
Career Services

Individual Student Contacts: 89
- Resume advice/critiques: 3
- Mock Interviews: 0
- Other: 86

Recruiting:
- Job postings to Working Solutions & Cahaba Medical Care – Emailed 17 Fall ‘19 graduates
- Contacted five (5) school systems requesting information about Education Interview Day (EID)
- Contacted seven (7) recent Elementary Education graduates about 5th grade opening with Jefferson County Schools
- Met with Deborah Henderson (UWA Alum) to discuss openings with the Census Bureau
- Provided contact information on recent PE graduates to Heamaster at Pickens Academy

Presentations:
- Getting a Job - Business PD 404
- Professional Dress and Job Search Resources - Business PD 403
- Resume Writing, Career Services, and Resources - IDS Capstone Class
- Career Services/Job Search - Engineering Technology Capstone class

Other:
- Attended meeting with College of Natural Sciences and Mathematics faculty on Curricular Enhancement and enhanced partnership with Career Services.
- Meeting to update quarterly milestones (with Co-Director Triplett) and send them to CPI Team.
- Attended webinar on Why Culture & the Disciplines are Essential for Teaching “Soft Skills” to College Students.
- Interviewed three (3) applicants for Employer Relations Specialist and hired Ms. Gena Robbins.
- Monthly update phone call with CPI Contact
- Completed Class of 2019 First Destination Survey Report with a 73% undergraduate knowledge rate.
- Delivered Job Search Handbook Magazines to Ms. Sarah Reynolds to distribute to Teacher Interns (SP 20).
- Participated in Alabama Connection conference call for preliminary plans for 2020 event.

Counseling Services

Individual Student Contacts: 17
- Counseling Sessions – 5
- New Student Intakes - 12

Events/Meetings/Other:
- Attended...
  - Spring Student Orientation
  - Orientation Committee meeting
  - Active Minds Event – Cartoons and Coloring – 9 present
- Alabama College Counseling Center Directors and Coordinators meeting at Birmingham Southern College
- Meeting with Dr. Ketia Shumaker in regards to her interest in a Life Skills Program
- Meeting with a parent of a prospective student with a disability

Career Services (cont.)

Upcoming
- February 5 - Americorps NCCC Recruiters on campus in small private dinning room
- February 12 - Grand Opening of Career Closet with Alpha Sigma Tau
- February 19 - Co-host Graduate School workshop with Student Support Services in the Student Union Building

Counseling Services

Upcoming
- Substance Abuse Group
- Student Support Services Workshop
- Active Minds fund raiser
- Student Preview Day

ADA Services:
- Completed ADA Accommodations – 36 students
- Ordered audio books for ADA Student

Referrals:
- Mr. Will Atkinson – 3
- West AL Mental Health – 1
- Rush Clinic - 1

STUDENT AFFAIRS
Housing Operations:

- 691 residents are living on campus this semester.
- Housing applications are available online for the 2020-21 school year.
- The following student leaders have been selected to serve as hall directors for the 2020-21 school year:
  - Nate Sanford, Hoover Hall Director
  - Zack Collins, Reed and Patterson Hall Director
  - Tayla Robinson, Selden Hall Director
  - Jakyser Lett, Stickney Hall Director
- Room consolidation has resulted in more than 25 room changes. Several students that lost roommates after the fall semester choose to pay the additional charge for a single room during the spring, rather than changing rooms.

Programming Highlights:

- Hannah England, an RA at Gilbert Hall, Tiffany Webb at Hoover Apartments, Kayy Jones at Reed Hall, and Alex McLeod at Selden Hall each helped their residents create “vision boards,” to set goals for the new year. (pictured below)
- Zack Collins at Patterson Hall welcomed 2020 with Coffee and Confidence, a chat over coffee with residents about building self-confidence in their personal and professional lives.
- Laken Reid helped her Stickney Hall residents learn to relax on a budget by creating their own face masks and bath steamers, as part of her Shower Spa program. (pictured below)
- Madison Lewis addressed drugs and addiction in her program, Pills and Potions, at Hoover Apartments.
- The Patterson Hall staff invited Mr. Jason Gardner to discuss the importance of getting involved on campus.
- Dr. Keener spoke with Reed Hall residents about ways to keep from getting sick during the winter.

Residence Life:

- January 7 - Resident assistants returned to campus for Spring Training.
- January 15 - Resident Assistant applications went live. Applicants will submit a short video and participate in a staff selection activity in February. Top candidates will be invited for an interview before hiring and placement takes place at the end of February.
Leadership Series sponsored by Omicron Delta Kappa (ODK)

• Jason LeVasseur, motivational speaker, musician, and team-building expert, engaged student leaders from various organizations from across campus including members of the SGA, RHA, Fli Society, SSS, and several other honor societies and sports teams as the first installment of ODK’s Leadership Series scheduled to take place once each semester. Student leaders were encouraged and challenged to be “Rock Stars” on campus with the idea that each of them can have a tremendous positive impact on their group, and the university as a whole, and all it takes is the courage to share a smile and meet someone new.

• Omicron Delta Kappa, the National Leadership Honor Society, was chartered at UWA April 3, 1987.
• Miss UWA, Haley Schuring, announced that she will be serving on the junior board for the Alabama chapter of the ALS (amyotrophic lateral sclerosis) Association this year.
• Attended Weathering Life event hosted by the Ruby Pickens Tartt Public Library featuring meteorologist, James Spann. (pictured)