June came and went all too quickly, and, before we know it, we will be welcoming the new incoming class for fall semester orientation. I am hopefully optimistic that campus life will be closer to our “old normal” than the “new normal” that we have all had to accept over the past several months. Although we have experienced disappointments and setbacks in our personal lives with limited contact with family/friends and delayed family summer excursions, I am extremely proud of how you have all continued to provide our students (new and old) with the care and attention they deserve. Thank you for all that you do!

Sincerely,

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UPCOMING MEETINGS
July 1, 2020
August 5, 2020
September 2, 2020

DATES TO REMEMBER
Go West Orientation
August 12-14, 2020
Parent Orientation
August 3, 2020 (online)
August 6, 2020 (online)
Student Life
Mr. Byron Thetford

Student Involvement
- Student groups have begun submitting rosters for the fall and all indications suggest an active group of freshmen joining the ranks in many of our organizations. The new online registration platform looks to have increased the ease of registration and helped boost registration numbers.

Greek Life
- August 20-24 - Recruitment for Panhellenic sororities. Registration opened with 14 women signing up to participate. It is anticipated that Go West Orientation will increase the total registrants.
- August 31 - September 3 - IFC Fraternity Rush.
- NPHC Organizations are planning their third annual summit for all those interested in participating in intake. The event is scheduled for a date to be determined in September.

Fitness Center
- Private swim lessons were a success this year despite the ongoing pandemic. Private lessons allowed each participant the ability to social distance and the extra attention was much appreciated by students and their support system.
- All state led initiatives and guidelines that pertain to facilities such as the “SUB” are being followed, as well as, monitoring any developments that are being released by Governor Ivey.
Financial Aid
Mr. Steve Smith

2020-2021 Financial Aid Processing:
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Student Activities
Mr. Jason Gardner

Campus Activities Board (CAB)
• Finalized Fall Calendar
• Planning events with COVID-19 guidelines

Intramurals
• Finalized Fall Calendar
• Completed design of IM championship shirt
• Continued maintenance of IM fields
• Mr. Troy Maddox was featured in the Region 2 Newsletter as the State Director of the month.

Band
• Working on COVID-19 guidelines for a safe return to campus when band camp begins.
• Solidifying show music and beginning to incorporate drill for the field show.

Upward Bound
Ms. Vickie Pullum

• June 29 - August 7 - Virtual 2020 UB Summer
• Summer offerings include, Math, Science, and English (Monday-Wednesday). Read a novel, arts and crafts, discuss current topics, and work on the take home packet are scheduled for Thursdays. Program will utilize Zoom, Google Classroom, and Google Docs forms and will be lead by six (6) instructors and four (4) facilitators to navigate the restrictions imposed by COVID-19. Supplies will be distributed to each student. Those items include, a backpack, paper, pencils, color pencils, novels, and take home packets.
• 35 students (grades 10-12) are registered
• Four (4) students are scheduled to complete the Bridge program during the second half of the summer at UWA

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Career Services

**Individual Student Contacts:** 29
- Resume advice/critiques: 20
- Mock Interviews: 0
- Other: 9

**Events/Meetings/Other:**
- Class Presentation via Zoom – Presented information to a Graduate Conservation Biology Class on resume writing and interviewing.
- Two (2) Alabama Connection planning meetings via Zoom for Fall Virtual Grad School Event.
- Working with Development Office to get an account set up for fundraising for the Career Closet.
- Monthly check in call with CPI (Grant) contact and received official notice that the 2020 CPI Convening has been canceled.
- Attended...
  - UWA Apprenticeship Advisory Board meeting via Zoom
  - CPI Webinar on *Adjusting the Assessment Plan* for your CPI Program in 2020
  - NACE Webinar: *How to Plan a Virtual Career Fair*
  - SoACE Virtual Employer Relations Summit – 2020

**Employer information and connections:**
- FBI Birmingham/Huntsville – 67 students registered (virtual event)
- Huntsville: A Smart Place Informational/Recruitment Session – 22 students registered (Zoom)
- Contact with Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for job listings
- Contact with ENVIVA (new employer in Sumter County)

**Upcoming**
- Developing a YouTube Channel for Career Services. Channel will include videos that faculty can utilize in classes as part of their course curriculum.
- Continued planning of virtual events with employers for the Fall semester.

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Counseling Services

**Individual Student Contacts:** 4

**Events/Meetings/Other:**
- Attended...
  - Weekly Orientation Team meetings
  - Two (2) virtual BSU Meetings hosted by Dr. Dunbar entitled *Holla If You Hear Me!*
  - Meeting with Rodney Granec in regards to applying for AHESPP Suicide Prevention Grant
  - Alabama Counseling Association (ALCA) Executive Committee meeting
  - Phone meeting with ADPH regarding the Suicide Prevent Grant RFP
  - Mental Health and Career Counseling Webinar
  - Met with Gabrielle Newsome, the President of the Black Student Union (BSU)

**ADA Services:**
- Assisted student and developed a new ADA plan
- Met with the parent of a new ADA student starting in Fall 2020
- Identified ADA students who have classes Summer 2 term

**Presentations:**
- Assisted School Counseling and Clinical Mental Health Programs with the Summer 1 term residency program for students.

**Upcoming:**
- Working on the submission of the AHESPP Suicide Prevention Grant Proposal for Counseling Services

**Referrals:**
- Turning Point Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Agency – 1
Housing Operations:
- **Housing Applications Fall '20 vs '19**
  - **Freshmen** - 182 (-72)
  - **Transfers** - 52 (-8)
  - **Current students** - 328 (-108)
  - **TOTALS**: 562 (-188)

- **Room and Roommate Selection**
  - **June 1** - Roommate selection for new freshman students began via My College Roomie. 122 freshmen selected roommates, creating 61 pairs of roommates.
  - **June 25-26** - The 61 pairs of roommates participated in Freshmen Priority Room Selection.
  - **July 20** - Freshmen Priority Room Selection closes.
  - **July 23-24** - Regular freshmen room selection will begin for freshman students that have not already selected a room.
  - **Late Upperclass Room Selection** is ongoing, with students being able to select from available spaces after they apply for housing.
  - **Pre-Occupancy Room Change** is also on-going for upperclass students, with residents being able to change their room assignment at any time, based on spaces available at that time.

- **Move-In 2020**
  - Planning for Move-in 2020 is underway. Due to our COVID-19 prevention protocol, each student will be required to set up an individual Check-In appointment, so as to provide a staggered check-in process. Instead of having most of our students arrive on one day (Move-In Day), check in appointments will be spread out from August 9 – 12. In addition, check-in for pre-season groups will also be conducted by appointments. The current check-in schedule for the Fall is as follows:
    - **August 1** - Athletic Training
    - **August 4** - Band Leadership, Percussion, and Auxiliary
    - **August 5** - Football
    - **August 6** - Band Brass / Woodwinds
    - **August 10** - Cross Country, Soccer, and Volleyball
    - **August 9-12** - Regular check-in
    - There are also planned times available for check-in on Saturday, August 15, for returning students.

- **Residence Life**
  - Plans are underway for staff training for the Fall semester, with some sessions being online and others in person.
  - Discussions continue regarding how to engage residents and provide a safe and secure living environment while also maintaining the health and safety of our staff for the Fall semester.
• Registration for the 2020 Fall Semester and 2020 Fall 1 and 2 online sessions are open
• June 25 – Grades due for Summer 1.
• June 25 - Deregistration complete for Summer 2.
• June 26 - Processed end of term reporting and academic standing for Summer 1
• June 29 – Summer 2 began
• June 29—Posted degrees for Summer 1
• All students receiving veteran benefits for Summer 2 have been certified.
Student Support Services
Ms. Andrea Farquhar

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- Recruiting for fall SSS Scholars is on-going
  - 21 new UWA students have joined SSS to-date.
  - Invitations will continue to go out as students pay their enrollment confirmation fee (ECF).
  - Special thanks to Mrs. Libba Baker, Mrs. Emily Stuart, Mrs. Brenda Jones, Mrs. Brenda Edwards, and the entire Office of Admissions staff for helping get connected with these students.
- 19 current SSS Scholars volunteered to be mentors for incoming SSS Scholars.
- Ms. Tanzie Brown and Ms. Jessica Lotz are developing an online SSS orientation for incoming students.
  - Ms. Jessica Lotz completed the Department of Education Priority 5 training.
  - Ms. Andrea Farquhar and Ms. Jessica Lotz continue to assist in improving the UWA 101 curriculum and register new UWA students.
- Renovations of the SSS Computer Lab are near completion. (pictured below)
  - “Thank you” to Mr. Richard Hester and Mr. Mike Pratt for funding these improvements, and to Mr. Chris Egbert for coordinating the renovations.