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By the Numbers

- **Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020**
  - Applications: 1,708 (-889)
  - Transfer: 265 (+12)
  - Freshman: 1,443 (-901)
  - Admits: 1,123 (-181)
  - Transfer: 142 (+3)
  - Freshman: 981 (-184)

- **Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020 (Freshmen)**
  - Scholarships Reviewed: 712
  - Awarded: 697 (+136)
  - Accepted: 174 (+70)
  - Declined 97 (-42)

- **Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020 (Transfers)**
  - Scholarships Reviewed: 78
  - Awarded: 61 (-7)
  - Accepted: 25 (-10)
  - Declined 4 (-5)

- **Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020 (ECFs)**
  - Total - 348 (+63)
  - Freshmen: 254 (+65)
  - Transfer: 94 (-2)

**Campus Tours (individual):**

- August 15, 2020 - June 25, 2021: 305 students
  - 92.99% check-in rate
  - Group Tours: 55
  - Virtual meetings: 28
- August 15, 2020 - June 25, 2020: 191 students
  - 86.43% check-in rate
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**BAND**

Dr. Doug Overmier

- Created a new ensemble – **The UWA Jazz Percussion Group** (one of only 8 in the nation).
- Exploring performance opportunities in addition to Mardi Gras.
- **Music Arranged**
  - Written or arranged 25 tunes for the Tiger Marching Band.
- **Marching Band Drill**
  - Pregame ‘21
  - Queen Halftime
  - Beatles Halftime

**Purchases**

- Made purchases to enhance, replace, or add to existing uniform inventory.

**Recruitment Preparation**

- Hosted a series of meetings with various college deans to prepare insightful recruiting efforts. Meetings have included Mr. Steve Fair, Dr. John McCall, and Dr. Mary Hanks.

**Document Preparation**

- Created new system to organize and streamlined inventory lists, rehearsal schedule, the Band Handbook, the Marching Manual, and instrument “check out”.

**Leadership**

- Met to establish camps for band members, student leadership, and additional instructors.
Ms. Leslie Roberson reorganized the UWA Food Bank to help create a clean and welcoming environment for the students in need.

Greek Life

- August 20-23 - Recruitment for Panhellenic sororities
- August 30-September 2 - IFC Fraternity rush

NPHC Organizations are working on planning the 4th Annual Summit for all those interested in participating in intake. The date has not been set, but should take place in the month of September.

Student Involvement

Student groups have begun submitting rosters for the fall and all indications are the incoming freshmen class will be active and engaged. Increased registration numbers have coincided with the introduction of the new online platform.

Fitness Center

Swim lessons were a huge success and even required additional sessions to the schedule due to the popularity.

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Student Support Services

- Recruiting for the 2021-2022 SSS Scholar cohort is on-going
- Informational emails have been sent to all UWA admitted students.
- Staff is meeting with all new students to assist with:
  - Understanding financial aid packages
  - KHEAA Verify process
  - Budgeting for fall semester
  - Exploring academic majors
  - Making changes to fall schedules (if needed)
  - Addressing other questions or concerns as they arise.

By the numbers

- 54 students have applied to-date for SSS Scholars Program.
- 22 students have been accepted into the program for fall.
- 25 current SSS Scholars volunteered to be mentors for incoming students this fall, and all new students have been paired with a mentor that have requested one.

Registration for the 2021 Fall Semester and 2020 Fall One and Two Online Sessions are open.

- June 24 – End of Summer 1. Grades were due at noon. Deregistration was run for Summer 2.
- June 25 - We processed end of term reporting and academic standing for Summer 1
- June 28 – Summer 2 began
- All students receiving veteran benefits for Summer Two have been certified.
- Ongoing catalogue updates are being processed.
Housing Operations

By the numbers (housing applications)

- 229 new freshmen (+47 from this time last year and -25 from 2019).
- 52 transfer students (no change from this time last year and -8 from 2019).
- 270 current students. (-58 from this time last year and -166 from 2019).

TOTALS: 551 housing applications for Fall 2021 (-11 from this time last year and -199 from 2019).

Twelve students are living on campus this summer. Seven residents are expected to move onto campus by July 2, for the Second Summer Term.

Room Selection for Fall 2021:

- 102 freshmen who had fully matched with a roommate by June 6, participated in Freshmen Room Selection on June 10.
- Freshmen that match with a roommate in My College Roomie by July 5 will select their rooms on July 9. All other freshmen will be able to select their rooms on July 14, or as they apply for housing, if they apply after July 14.
- Late Upper Division Room Selection continues for current, returning, and transfer students, with students being able to select from available spaces after they complete their housing application. Pre-Occupancy Room Change is also available for these students: Anyone with a current room assignment for the Fall is permitted to change that assignment at any time, based on spaces available at that time.

Move-In 2021:

- Planning for Move-In 2021 is underway. Due to the success of the Check-In process last year, each student will be required to set up an individual Check-In appointment again this year, providing a staggered check-in process. Students will be able to begin signing up for their check-in appointment on July 15.

Check-In schedule for the Fall:

- August 1 - Athletic Training
- August 3 - Band
- August 4 - Football
- August 6 - Band
- August 7 - 11 - Regular Check-in
- August 13 - Late Check-in

The CentriKids camp had 16 staff members move in on Saturday, June 27. 98 camp participants checked in on Monday, June 28. This group of CentriKids will be checking out on Friday, July 2. Approximately 300 camp participants are expected for the second CentriKids camp in July.

Residence Life

Summer residents have enjoyed a variety of weekly socials this summer, including a snow cone party, a popcorn bar, and an organized water balloon fight.

Resident Assistants have started their training through Blackboard. Online training will continue until July 29. RAs will move into their rooms on July 30 and will begin intensive in-person training at that time.
Career Services

Individual Student Contacts: 75
• Resume advice/critiques: 64
• Mock Interviews: 4
• Other: 7

By the numbers
• Purple Briefcase job postings – 297
• UWA Internship Database – 279 internships

Other
• Ms. Tammy White met with Graduate Online Course Careers in Conservation Biology and spoke to students about Effective Resume Writing and the Job Search.
• Emailed 17 faculty as a follow up to information collection for the First Destination Survey for December 2020 graduates.
• UWA Career Services has become a certified program participant in the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) and Ms. Gena Robbins is the WRP UWA School Coordinator. (Managed by the U.S. Department of Labor and the U.S. Department of Defense, the Workforce Recruitment Program (WRP) is a recruitment and referral program that connects federal and private-sector employers nationwide with highly motivated college students and recent graduates with disabilities who are eager to demonstrate their abilities in the workplace through summer or permanent jobs).
• Career Services hosted the Retain Alabama Initiative and GOEWTS (Governor’s Office of Education and Workforce Transformation) on-campus meeting with Dr. Michael Walker-Jones with ACHE.
• Ms. Gena Robbins & Ms. Tammy White met virtually with Allie Mills to discuss First Destination Survey progress and planning.
• CPI Related Meetings: (1) Attended monthly check in zoom call, (2) Participated in Convening Planning meeting relevant to giving a presentation, (3) Attended monthly Town Hall meeting.
• Planning for Fall events including on-campus Career Fair and updating Career Services website.
• Purple Briefcase Platform Training: My Interview Practice Overview and Features

Attended...
• CaC Sustainability Plan Review & Discussion
• Virtual Alabama Connection planning meeting
• Ms. Gena Robbins attended the NACE Virtual Conference and SoACE Virtual Employer Relations Summit.

Direct Employer Contacts:
• Nicole Bryant, Recruiter from Fastenal, assisted with a TIGERCareer Professional Development Virtual Session providing information on working/interning at Fastenal and interview tips.
• Contact with Montrose Air Quality Services and State Farm Insurance.
• Zoom with Disney College Program to get internship update.
• Emailed 76 Spring ’21 graduates who were seeking employment about the USDA Rural Development’s Loan Technician position openings.
• EPA Webinar – Updates on applying and opportunities for students and recent alumni

Counseling Services

Individual Student Contacts: 8
• Counseling - 7
• Intakes - 1

Referrals: 2
• Will Atkinson (ADA/Student Affairs) – 1
• Private Physician – 1

Presentations/Meetings/Other
• Hosted and led the ALCA Content Proposal Selection Committee meeting.
• Submitted counseling information for the Strategic Planning committee.
• Submitted a letter of support for the More in Four grant proposal by Dr. Angel Jowers to enhance Counseling Services.
• Provided Mental Health Information to Mrs. Betsy Luker, Director of Public Relations.
• Planning for UWA Suicide Prevention Grant

STUDENT AFFAIRS

UPWARD BOUND

Ms. Vickie Pullum

• June 14 - Began Summer Scholar Virtual Program
• June 28 - Began UB Bridge Program
• The Scholar Program will include:
  • Virtual ACT Prep (English, Math, Reading, Science, & Writing/ Vocabulary)
  • Nucleus Entrepreneurship

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Attended...
• Alabama Counseling Association Chapter III meeting
• ALCA Annual Conference Planning Committee meeting
• Go West Parent Orientation Parent Orientation – Financial Aid (Zoom)
• Go West Parent Orientation Parent Orientation – Housing (Zoom)
• ALCA Chapter III Annual Ethics Workshop
• ALCA Executive Council meeting
• Orientation Team meetings (x2)

ADA Services
• Meeting with three (3) ADA students to review accommodations.

By the numbers...
• Currently have 4 Bridge Applications
SAVE THE DATE
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HOMECOMING
OCTOBER 23, 2021
ALUMNI WEEKEND KICKOFF PARTY OCTOBER 22