Good people of Student Affairs,

As this newsletter rolls out, we are in the week of finals, and our first outdoor commencement in decades will be this Saturday. It has been a strange and challenging year for our entire University community, and we are looking forward to moving back to more interactions and seeing the full faces of our students. As the summer kicks off, we will usher in some new students for the summer term and then set our sights on orientation and bringing in our new students for the fall.

The circle of college life continues, and we have a lot to look forward to.

All the best,

Mr. Richard Hester

VP for Student Affairs
Admissions
Mrs. Libba Baker

By the Numbers

• Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020
  • Applications: 1,573 (-928)
  • Transfer: 70 (-11)
  • Freshman: 1,399 (-903)
• Admits: 1,055 (-158)
  • Transfer: 70 (-11)
  • Freshman: 976 (-147)

• Summer 2021 vs Summer 2020
  • Applications: 60 (-1)
  • Transfer: 31 (+11)
  • Freshman: 29 (-12)
• Admits: 26 (NC)
  • Transfer: 14 (+6)
  • Freshman: 12 (-6)

• Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020 (Freshmen)
  • Scholarships Reviewed: 699
  • Awarded: 677 (+13)
  • Accepted: 190 (+51)
• Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020 (Transfers)
  • Scholarships Reviewed: 49
  • Awarded: 40 (-12)
  • Accepted: 12 (-18)
• Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020 (ECFs)
  • Total - 209 (+20)
  • Freshmen: 180 (+42)
  • Transfer: 29 (-22)
• Summer 2021 vs Summer 2020 (ECFs)
  • Total - 13 (-1)
  • Freshmen: 6 (-3)
  • Transfer: 7 (+2)

Campus Tours (individual):
  • August 15, 2020 - April 30, 2021: 233 students
  • 92.46% check-in rate
  • Group Tours: 20
  • Virtual meetings: 26
• August 15, 2019 - April 30, 2020: 163 students
  • 85.79% check-in rate
  • Group Tours: 346 students
  • Virtual meetings: 13

Orientation:
  • Fall 2021 Registrations: 117
    • Freshmen - 106
    • Transfer - 11
• Fall 2020 Registrations: 124
  • Freshmen - 90
  • Transfer - 34

Staff Notes (cont.)
  • The UWA Admissions staff attended ALACRAO Drive-Thru Fairs in Huntsville (4/6), Jacksonville (4/6), Tuscaloosa (4/8), Auburn (4/8), Birmingham (4/12), Mobile (4/12), Florence (4/13), Dothan (4/13), and Montgomery (4/15).
  • April 10 - Hosted Spring Preview Day. Potential students and guests attended an information session covering everything from student life to scholarships, an academic information session, toured campus, and finished the day by eating in the Young Hall Cafeteria.
  • April 15 - The UWA Admissions staff hosted the District 3 ALACRAO Drive-Thru Fair at the Student Union Building (SUB).
  • April 9 - Mrs. Emily Stuart attended the MACRAO Virtual Fair.
  • April 13 - Mrs. Libba Baker assisted with virtual Nursing Day. This recruitment event engaged high school and transfer students interested in a career in nursing.
  • April 20 - Mrs. Libba Baker attended the Southeastern NACAC Virtual Fair.

Staff Notes
  • April 8-9 - Mr. Kirstan Cunningham, Mrs. Libba Baker, Mr. Robby Johnson, and Mrs. Jenny Miller hosted Student Bridge. The company filmed student testimonials, faculty interviews, and footage of campus buildings. The final videos will be available in June on the UWA website.

  • Mrs. Brenda Jones...
    • Sponsored transfer events with the following partner schools:
      • April 12 - Coastal Alabama Community College (Bay Minette Campus-Ambassador Monthly Meeting)
      • April 13 - Meridian Community College (PTK Induction Ceremony)
      • April 7 - Conducted a Zoom with students from Shelton State Community College.
    • Attended private visits at:
      • April 1 - Jones College
      • April 20 - Bevill State Community College (Fayette)
      • April 21 - East Mississippi Community College (Scooba)
      • April 26 - Coastal Alabama Community College (Monroeville)
    • April 8 - Attended an in-person transfer fairs at Jones College.
    • Attended the Partnership signings at...
      • April 6 - Copiah Lincoln Community College
      • April 7 - Northwest Mississippi Community College
Student Life
Mr. Byron Thetford

Greek Life
- The new Panhellenic officers met this month to review the rules and to set guidelines for the upcoming recruitment.

Greek Week/Games Results:
- Homer Winner (Fraternity) – Delta Chi
- Homer Winner (Sorority) – Phi Mu
- Greek Games Winner (Fraternity) – Sigma Pi
- Greek Games Winner (Sorority) – Alpha Kappa Alpha

Student Involvement
- April 19 - Held in-person inauguration for the newly elected executive council.
- The SGA partnered with Campus Activities Board (CAB) to provided Chick-Fil-A sandwiches and wish students good luck on beginning their finals.
- Provided coffee in the SUB throughout finals for students.
- Hosted the annual Miss Paragon Pageant. Ms. Makayla Crumedy was crowned Miss Paragon 2021.

Fitness Center
- Preparations for summer swim lessons is ongoing.
- New spin bikes are scheduled to be introduced this Fall along with a few other planned changes in the Fitness Center.

Financial Aid
Mr. Steve Smith

2021-2022 Financial Aid Processing:
- As of May 1, 2021...
  - Downloaded 3,425 applications (492 more than last month)
  - Packaged 2,548 awards (394 more than last month)
  - 272 selected for verification (22 less than last month)
  - 127 verifications completed (40 more than last month)

Upward Bound
Ms. Vickie Pullum

- Began the planning process for our Virtual UB Summer Scholar Program and Virtual UB Bridge Program for 2021.
- Virtual UB Summer Scholar Program: Summer Commitment forms have been mailed to prospective participants.
- Currently have three (3) complete Bridge applications
- April 22 - Last day for this semester’s virtual after school tutoring.
  UB Staff is accepting applications from potential 9th graders.

Saturday Sessions
- April 24th - hosted fourth (and final) Saturday Session

Standing (L to R) - Madison McMinn, Chloe Johnson, Anna Dixon, Chloe McCray, Ansley Wells, Riley Trotter, Kajli Tucker, Magan Chapman, Kay Mays, Meghan Herrington, Coach Donald Smith
Kneeling (L to R) - Jasmin Brooks, Mary Kendell Glass, Carleigh Cameron, Zantasia Coleman, KeLee Johnson, Abigail Price, Chloe Baker, Kymaya Walker

GO TIGERS!
Housing

Mr. Luther Gremmels

Housing Operations

• By the numbers (housing applications)
  - 121 new freshmen (+2 from this time last year and -57 from 2019).
  - 32 transfer students (-20 from this time last year and -12 from 2019).
  - 276 current students. (-46 from this time last year and -157 from 2019).
  - TOTALS: 409 housing applications for Fall 2021 (-55 from this time last year and -226 from 2019).

• COVID-19 Quarantine Updates
  - In April, five residents were in quarantine, with two quarantining on campus and three returning home for quarantine.
  - The Housing staff delivered eight meals to students quarantining on-campus in April.

• Room and Roommate selection
  - Hoover Apartments Selection was held on April 6, with 116 residents (29 groups of 4) participating. Hoover – Phase 2 filled quickly, with 84 residents selecting. Hoover – Phase 1 had 32 spaces filled during Hoover Selection.
  - Priority Room Selection for current, returning, and new transfer students who had fully matched as pairs, was held on April 7, with 44 residents (22 pairs of roommates) selecting. Patterson Hall was the most popular building, with 28 residents choosing it.
  - Regular Room Selection for current, returning, and new transfer students was held on April 13, with 44 residents participated in this process.
  - Sorority Room Selection started on April 6, and continued as sororities added members to their approved lists. At this time, 20 residents have participated – four ASA and eight each of AST and Phi Mu.
  - Staff members and their chosen roommates (Hoover only) have selected rooms, for a total of 36 spaces.
  - When the Regular Room Selection process concluded, 20 students that had applied for housing, had not selected a room. Housing is following up with each of these students individually, to determine whether they still want to live on campus in the fall.
  - Late Room Selection (for students that applied for housing after Regular Room Selection) will begin the week of May 9 – 15. Online Room Change will begin approximately May 20.

• Staffing
  - Two additional staff members have been added to the 2020 – 2021 Housing Staff: Gabi Newsome accepted an RA position at Reed Hall and McKenna Darley accepted a position at Gilbert Hall.

Housing Operations (cont.)

• End of Year Closing
  - Instead of RAs checking residents out as they left campus, the RAs conducted a pre-inspection during the room/apartment meetings. Residents then completed an express check-out when they left campus, and an RA inspected each room/apartment once all residents of that room/apartment had checked out.
  - To reduce the amount of materials placed in the dumpsters as residents moved out of their rooms, Housing partnered with America’s Thrift Stores (ATS). ATS placed donation bins around campus, for items no longer needed by the residents. The donations to America’s Thrift Stores benefits Make-A-Wish of Alabama. While ATS managed the delivery and pick-up of their bins, Housing placed boxes around the residence halls, to collect unused non-perishable food items. The food that was collected was donated to the UWA Tiger Food Bank.

• Summer Housing
  - Summer applications went live on April 19. As of May 3, there were 14 completed applications – 11 for the full summer, 1 for first mini-term, and 2 for second mini-term.
  - Summer residents will be housed in Reed Hall. Due to the pandemic and since space is available, all residents will be assigned single rooms. This will allow residents that are required to quarantine, to be able to do so in their assigned room.

Residence Life

• The Housing staff had an in-person “All Staff Meeting” in April, bringing all staff members together, to discuss end-of-year closing and to informally recognize staff for the work they have done throughout the year.
• In addition to virtual community meetings, the housing staff provided a number of activities in April, including the following:
  - Gilbert residents enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt #Croc Edition, with Crocs Jibbitz and candy for prizes.
  - Gilbert staff created Final Exam Care Packages for their residents to help residents prepare for finals week.
  - Stickney residents learned about succulents and planted their own to help with air purification and to decorate their rooms.
  - Hoover residents had fun tie dying and with a glow-in-the-dark party. (pictured)
Career Services & Counseling Center
Ms. Tammy White

**Career Services**

*Individual Student Contacts:* 60
- Resume advice/critiques: 18
- Mock Interviews: 16
- Other: 26

*Presentations/Meetings/Other*
- Presentations:
  - Resume writing (Dr. Cazer’s Physical Education class)
- By the numbers
- Currently 423 jobs/internships listed on our job board
- Other
  - 1st Destination Survey was emailed to May 2021 graduates.
  - Continuing to work on Retain Alabama Initiative – ACHE provided report on UWA results.
  - CPI Team planning meeting and monthly check-in call with Natali Rivers.
  - Met with Dr. Chris Thomason and Alumni Relations to discuss UWA Strategic Plan related to career outcomes data for graduating students.
  - Participated in the Career Pathways Initiative Gallery Showcase.
  - Presided over the CPI Advisory Board meeting for this semester (with 5 employers)
  - Submitted bi-annual progress report, data measures document, quarterly milestones, and budget to UNCF CPI team.
  - Tiger Threads: Provided a virtual fashion show on social media with AST students and friends as models.
  - Attended...
    - UNCF Town Hall meeting discussing final reporting for the grant
    - AIDT Leadership Skills Training Session II
    - Alabama Connection Graduate & Professional School Fair meeting
    - Alabama Interstate Talent Development Convening
    - GOEW&T meeting
    - NACE Webinar “What Color is Your Parachute for College Students”
    - West Central Rural Development Initiative Roll Out meeting
- Direct Employer Contacts:
  - Emailed 14 Fall 2020 graduates about opening with Tuscaloosa City Schools
  - Fastenal – Met virtually to plan event for summer and fall
  - April 1 - Hyundai Employment & Internship virtual session - 5 students attended
  - April 8 - Alabama Rural Ministries Internship & Service Opportunities - 8 attended
  - April 22 - Mercedes Benz U.S. International Opportunities - 4 students attended

**Student Support Services**

*By the numbers*
- 143 individual student meetings conducted
- 15 tutors, working with 41 tutees, in 54 individual sessions each week
- 29 SSS Scholars recognized at Honors Day
- Applications for summer and fall scholarships distributed
- Former SSS student and UWA alumnus Jarius Johnson promoted to Dean of Instruction at East Mississippi Community College.
- Now collecting donated textbooks from students to expand Zach Narrumore Textbook Lending Library for Fall 2021

**Counseling Services**

*Individual Student Contacts:* 47
- Counseling - 43
- Intakes - 4

*Referrals:*
- West Alabama Mental Health Center – 3
- Private Physician – 2
- Rush Clinic - 3

*Presentations/Meetings/Other*
- Completed quarterly report for the campus-wide Suicide Awareness and Prevention Grant
- Phone contact with Social Security Administration regarding a disability claim
- Program in collaboration with SABRA Sanctuary regarding Domestic Violence – 1 attended.
- Program in collaboration with Tuscaloosa SAFE Center regarding Sexual Assault and Services provided. – 2 attended.
- Supervised a student for a Student Affairs internship
- Provided weekly Coping/Wellness Strategies for Mrs. Betsy Luker to be emailed all UWA faculty/students.

**ADA Services**
- Meeting with four (4) ADA students to review accommodations and developed accommodation plans for two (4) new students.

**Upcoming**
- UWA Suicide Prevention Grant Implementation
Registrator

Mrs. Susan Sparkman

- **March 29** - Preregistration opened for all Summer and Fall terms
- **May 6** – *End of Term* for Campus Spring and Online Spring Two. Grades are due by 5:00 p.m.
- **May 8** - Spring Commencement
- **May 13** – Degrees will be posted

*By the numbers*
- 561 transcripts were processed during the month of April 2021 compared to 452 during the month of April 2020.
Student Activities
Mr. Jason Gardner

Campus Activities Board

• April 15 - Hosted the annual Springfest. The event boasted 351 students in attendance. The highlight of the event was the tethered hot air balloon rides. (pictured)
• CAB directors have been selected for the 2021-2022 school year.
• Special "thank you" to all of the students that assisted with providing COVID safe events throughout the year.

Cheer

• April 16-18 - Hosted cheer tryouts for the 2021-2022 academic year and announced the new team. (pictured page 6-7).
Making plans to attend UCA college camp in July at Mississippi State University.

Intramurals

• Maurice Woody was hired as our GA for 2021-2023.

By the numbers

• Cornhole toss challenge: 62
• Ultimate Frisbee: 12
• Softball: 113 total participants (3 women’s, 5 men’s, 4 co-rec teams)
• Comparison Spring ’21 vs Spring ’19
  • Total participations 586 (+14)
  • Unique participations 316 (-10)

Band

• To date, the Band has signed 14 students for the upcoming fall.
• Director Michael Tignor met with six (6) students and auditioned three (3) students via Zoom.
• Recruiting visits included five (5) high schools and Five (5) community colleges.
• Successfully held guard, dance, and majorette auditions.
HONORS DAY CONVOCATION 2021

Processional ........................................... “Rigaudon” ........................................... Andre Campgra
Presenting ........................................... Mr. Richard Hester, Vice President for Student Affairs
State Song ........................................... “Alabama” ........................................... Dr. Christopher Shelt
Invocation ........................................... Mr. Christopher Dunn, SGA President
Welcome and Congratulatory Remarks ........................................... Dr. Timothy Edwards, University Provost

HONOR SOCIETIES

ALPHA ALPHA ALPHA An honor society established to recognize academic achievement by first-generation college students. Tri Alpha is dedicated to creating enthusiasm for scholarship, promoting leadership, and providing support networks for first-generation students within and across college chapters.

New members being recognized:
- Brooke Barker
- Nykea Bettis
- Keondra Caves
- April Clifton
- Tylsha Cole
- MyKayla Crumedy
- Jacob Dial

Presenter ........................................... Mr. Zachary Collins

NEW MEMBERS BEING RECOGNIZED

ALPHA CHI The National College Honor Society

New members being recognized:
- Thomas Anderson
- Christopher Babineaux
- Angela Barger
- Katelyn Beshers
- Keondra Caves
- Rachael Edgil
- Karla Galvan
- Kaidi Gonzalez

Presenter ........................................... Ms. Anna Morse

ALPHA EPSILON DELTA A national health pre-professional honor society dedicated to the encouragement and recognition of excellence in pre-professional health scholarship. Health programs include medicine, dentistry, veterinary, and other related fields.

New members being recognized:
- Henry Bowers
- Ashley Brooks
- Kendall Hannah

Presenter ........................................... Ms. Anna Morse

BETA BETA BETA A national honor society recognizing outstanding achievement in the life sciences and fostering undergraduate research in biology.

New members being recognized:
- Fannasy Garrett-Hammet
- Alexa Kauffman
- Kalton Ro耶

Presenter ........................................... Ms. Anna Morse

BLUE KEY A national honor society which recognizes men and women for leadership in extracurricular and academic affairs. Those eligible for election to membership are outstanding juniors, seniors, graduate students, and, under certain conditions, sophomores who are in the top 35% of their class.

New members being recognized:
- Justin Allison
- Arianna Armstrong
- Keondra Caves
- Mary Maddox Cook
- Peyton Coats
- Brooke Dees

Presenter ........................................... Mr. Christopher Dunn

CARDINAL KEY A national honor society for men and women of at least junior status who are leaders in the University community and who are deemed potential leaders in the future.

New members being recognized:
- Angela Barger
- Katelyn Beshers
- Nykea Bettis
- Keondra Caves

Presenter ........................................... Ms. Anna Morse

DELTA MU DELTA An international honor society for students in business with a 3.25 or better GPA who rank in the upper twenty percent of the junior or senior class.

New members being recognized:
- Kathryn Burks
- Diana Collier
- Frances Crider
- Capri Edwards-Mais

Presenter ........................................... Mr. Frankie Malveo, Jr.
**Iota Tau Alpha**  
A National Athletic Training Education Honor Society committed to stimulating interest, scholarship, and promotion of athletic training education.

New members being recognized:
- Spradlin Hailey
- Byrd Jordan
- Madison Lewis
- Haley Thorpe

New members being recognized:
- Quiara Dunson
- Bria Brown
- Qamoriyon Anderson
- Jaihanna Alford
- Inez Hammon
- Laura Griffith
- Lauren Fuller
- Mi’a Callens
- Jordan Allison
- Katelyn Beshears
- Joey Byars

**Kappa Delta Pi**  
An international honor society in Education, was founded in 1911 to foster excellence in education and promote fellowship among those dedicated to teaching. For over a century, the Society has consistently grown, starting with a local chapter to become the international organization it is today, with an initiated membership that exceeds 1.2 million.

New members being recognized:
- Najma Ali
- Malandi Alston
- Jordan Bailey
- Emma Bedwell
- Katelyn Bedwell
- Joey Byars

**Lambda Pi Eta**  
Lambda Pi Eta (LPH) is the National Communication Association's official honor society at four-year colleges and universities. LPH has more than 500 active chapters at four-year colleges and universities nationwide.

New members being recognized:
- Jodyn Abrams
- Jordan Allison
- Mia Callens
- Lauren Fuller
- Laura Gelfish
- Inez Hammon

**Omicron Delta Kappa**  
Recognized as the National Leadership Honor Society, ODK recognizes and encourages superior leadership and exemplary character. ODK encourages collaboration among members across the five phases: scholarship, athletics, service, communications, and arts. Founded in 1914 at Washington and Lee University, ODK honors and develops leaders through scholarships, workshops, career opportunities, leadership resources, and a lifelong connection to other members.

New members being recognized:
- Nicole Buccheri
- Zachary Collins
- Jaycie Corell
- Allison Craft
- Christopher Dunn
- Skye Frank

**Phi Alpha Theta**  
Founded in 1921, Phi Alpha Theta, the international honor society in History, is the largest accredited honor society in the United States. Membership is open to all majors with at least 12 hours of history courses. As it states in the Phi Alpha Theta mission statement, "We are a professional society whose mission is to promote the study of history through the encouragement of research, good teaching, publication and the exchange of learning and ideas among historians. We seek to bring students, teachers and writers of history together for intellectual and social exchanges, which promote and assist historical research and publication by our members in a variety of ways."

New members being recognized:
- Jacie Corell
- Garren Grane
- Samantha Graves

**Order of Omega**  
Order of Omega is a leadership honor society for members of Fraternity & Sorority organizations.

New members being recognized:
- Nicole Buccheri
- Zachary Collins
- Jaycie Corell
- Allison Craft
- Christopher Dunn
- Skye Frank

**Pi Lambda Sigma**  
The Lambda Sigma Honor Society was founded in 1922 at the University of Pittsburgh. Since that time, chapters at 67 colleges and universities have been chartered. The Beta Omicron Chapter at UWA recognizes freshmen, who will serve as honors members during their sophomore year. The society is based on the tenants of Leadership, Scholarship, Fellowship and Service.

New members being recognized:
- Jaihaena Alford
- Qamoryn Anderson
- Bra Brown
- Qusara Dunson

**Presenter**  
- Ms. Khadija Easley
- Ms. Sarah Wright
- Ms. Chrissy Tubbs and Ms. Caidie Johnson
- Ms. Caidie Johnson
- Ms. Caide Johnson
- Dr. Richard Schellhammer
New members being recognized:

**Phi Kappa Phi**

- Rachael Edgil
- Kayla Christie
- Kimberly Caton
- Leah Brast
- Christopher Babineaux
- Thomas Anderson
- Rosie Eaton
- Chaylah Landrum

**Phi Eta Sigma**

- Sharman Ensminger
- Lisa Ellis
- Lee Eilert
- Rachael Edgil

**Graduate**

- Christian Cribbs
- Rachael Edgil
- Kayla Christie
- Kimberly Caton
- Leah Brast
- Christopher Babineaux
- Thomas Anderson
- Rosie Eaton
- Chaylah Landrum

**Undergraduate**

- Sharman Ensminger
- Lisa Ellis
- Lee Eilert
- Rachael Edgil

**Pinnacle**

- Chelsea Ervin
- Jessica Fewell
- Aubrianna McClendon

**Academic and Excellence Achievement Award**

- Justin Jenkins

**Phi Kappa Phi Emerging Scholar Awards**

- Shelby Candi
- Morgan Houston
- Sheridan Kromann
- Jessica Sheffield
- Laura Thomason

**Phi Kappa Phi Great Minds Award**

- Dr. Mary Hanks

**Academic and Excellence Achievement Award**

- Justin Jenkins

**Psi Chi**

- Jayna Gerhart
- Carlyn Manor
- Iyhania Thomas

**Sigma Tau Delta**

- Emily Edmonds
- Jenna Frey
- Chandler McCrosby

**Phi Kappa Phi**

- Ms. Michelle Campbell

**Musical Excellence Awards**

- Sheridan Kromann
- Jessica Sheffield
- Laura Thomason

**Musical Excellence Awards**

- Ms. Michelle Campbell

**Musical Excellence Awards**

- Ms. Michelle Campbell
SPECIAL RECOGNITION

STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

Student of the Year ......................................................... Zachary Collins
Co-Freshman of the Year .................................................... Selena Brown
Co-Freshman of the Year .................................................... Caitlyn Piper
Presenter ................................................................. Ms. Andrea Farquhar

COLLEGE AND DIVISION AWARDS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

Aver Stephens Rumley Award ............................................................. Katie Jones
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Jan Miller

Carol Parnell Cunningham Award .................................................... Haley Richardson
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Jan Miller

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS

Betty Jean Tucker Award for Creative Writing .................................................... Nigel Davis
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Mark Davis

Betty Jean Tucker Award for Critical Writing ................................................ Drue Lyles
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Mark Davis

Charles Loveless Scholarship Award ........................................... Matthew Hennington
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Mark Davis

Robert B. Gilbert Award for Freshman Composition .................................... Mary Kendall Glass
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Mark Davis

The Dymond Award ................................................................ Barbara Anderson
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Mark Davis

IMC Leadership Award ................................................................ Sarah Wright
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Mark Davis

David Warren Bowen Prize for Undergraduate Writing and Research .................................................... Stella Smith
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. Mark Davis

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS

Alabama Power Endowed Scholarship ........................................ Shayla Chapman
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. John McCall

Jessica Hill Memorial Marine Biology Scholarship .................................. Alayna Collins
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. John McCall

Jessica Hill Memorial Marine Biology Scholarship .................................. Bryan Denney
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. John McCall

A. J. Killebrew Scholarship Award in Mathematics Education .................. Allison VanCise
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. John McCall

A. J. Killebrew Scholarship Award in Mathematics ................................ Audrick Pyronneau
Presenter ................................................................. Dr. John McCall

Covered Bridge
The University of West Alabama
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARS PROGRAMS

The University Scholars Program recognizes annually an outstanding scholar in each undergraduate degree program. The recipient is chosen by the faculty in his or her discipline based on academic performance and participation in related extracurricular activities.

Presenters ...................................................... Dr. Ashley Dumas and Mr. Greg Jones

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY
AAS Degree in Automotive Engineering Technology ................................................ Samuel Hall
Accounting .............................................................. Zachary Collins
Business Administration ........................................ Chelsea Lobitos
Computer Information Systems ...................................... Jenni Aarniva
Engineering Technology ........................................ Joseph Milligan
Finance ................................................................. Nathaniel Sanford
Management ....................................................... Jordan Ryser
Marketing .................................................................. Victoria Montjoy
Quantitative Finance and Econometrics ......................... Zhenyu Wang

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
Early Childhood/Elementary Education ................................................. Cheyenne Martin
Special Education ...................................................... Laurel Carrier

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS
English ...................................................................... Joy Richardson
History ....................................................................... Megan Morrison
Integrated Marketing Communications ................................. Nic Noland
Psychology .................................................................. ChyAnna Bennett
Sociology ..................................................................... Julian Rembert

COLLEGE OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND MATHEMATICS
Athletic Training ......................................................... Clayton McVay
Biology ...................................................................... Haley Hatcher
Cell and Molecular Biology ........................................... Anna Morse
Chemistry Comprehensive ............................................ Caleigh Wallace
Conservation and Field Biology ........................................ Luke McCray
Environmental Science ............................................... Aaron Evans
Exercise Science ...................................................... Kylie Martin
General Science ....................................................... Allison Craft
Health Science ......................................................... Kimberly Parker
Mathematics ............................................................ Kelsey Hafley

Physical Education (P-12), Teacher Education ......................................... Joseph Law
Sport Management ................................................................ Jacob Murphree

DIVISION OF NURSING
Nursing ...................................................................... Mary Slimp

ALMA MATER

THE PRUITT PRESIDENTIAL MEDALLION
The concept of the medallion originated in biblical days as a symbol for authority. The medallion was worn for adornment and its likeness served as the official seal.

The medallion and chain are made of sterling silver. The Presidential Medallion is inscribed with the founding date of the University and the three functions of the University: Teaching, Research, and Service.

The lamp of learning, situated at the top of the medallion, symbolizes a source of intellectual illumination. Laurel leaves encircling the medallion represent honor and victory.

The engraving on the back of the medallion reads:

The Pruitt Presidential Medallion
Given by Mrs. Ira Drayton Pruitt
and Mr. and Mrs. Ira Drayton Pruitt, Jr.
October 1, 1994.

THE MACE BEARER AND THE RALPH M. LYON MACE

The mace, originally a functional weapon, evolved into a symbol of the power and authority of the ruler and was used as such in the medieval court ceremonies, a use which has been transferred to the academic world.

The University of West Alabama mace is made of native walnut and embellished with gold trim. Surmounted by an eagle of freedom, the orb is divided into panels, each inlaid with an ivory shield. Three of these panels portray the Great Seal of the United States, the Great Seal of Alabama, and the University Seal, while others represent academic disciplines.

Commissioned in 1974 and completed in 1976, the University Mace is named in honor of Dr. Ralph M. Lyon, a longtime professor and administrator at the University of West Alabama.
THE ALABAMA STATE SONG

ALABAMA

Alabama, Alabama,
We will aye be true to thee,
From thy Southern shore where groweth,
By the sea thine orange tree.
To thy Northern vale where floweth
Deep and blue thy Tennessee.
Alabama, Alabama,
We will aye be true to thee!

Little, little, can I give thee,
Alabama, mother mine,
But that little—hand, brain, spirit,
All I have and am are thine.
Take, O take the gift and giver,
Take and serve thyself with me.
Alabama, Alabama,
I will aye be true to thee.

Julia S. Tutwiler, 1873

THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA

ALMA MATER

All hail to thee, our Alma Mater,
Sings our loyalty.

O may you keep us thine forever,
Minds and spirits free.

We stand beside thee strong and brave,
Our gladsome voices sing.

When youth’s bright morning fades away,
Thy praise shall ever ring.

James D. Crawford, 1968