Welcome to October, the season of Halloween and our traditional homecoming activities. Rest in peace (RIP) that our Student Engagement guys are planning to continue a number of our traditions associated with both of these significant events. Homecoming has been re-branded as Spirit Week, the search for the Key to Victory will go on, we will have a homecoming court, and we will crown this year’s HC Queen. Dr. Brown will lead additional Ghost Tours of campus to accommodate smaller crowds and socially distance as we edge closer to All Hallows Eve. The good people of Brock have decorated for the season, and we invite all departments to join us in making the most out of October 2020 as we head into the later part of the fall semester.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard Hester
**Admissions**

Mrs. Libba Baker

By the Numbers

- **Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020**
  - Applications: 168 (-166)
  - Freshman: 165 (-157)
  - Admits: 108 (+54)
  - Applications: 65 (-3)
  - Freshman: 27 (-10)
  - Admits: 31 (+16)
  - Transfer: 3 (-9)
  - Freshman: 106 (+55)

- **Spring 2021 vs Spring 2020**
  - Applications: 65 (-3)
  - Freshman: 27 (-10)
  - Admits: 31 (+16)
  - Transfer: 3 (-9)

- **Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020 (Freshmen)**
  - Scholarships Reviewed: 31
  - Awarded: 24 (-4)
  - Accepted: 1 (+1)

- **Fall 2021 vs Fall 2020 (Transfers)**
  - Scholarships Reviewed: 4
  - Awarded: 1 (+1)
  - Accepted: 1 (+1)

- **Spring 2021 (Freshmen)**
  - Scholarships Reviewed: 5
  - Awarded: 5
  - Accepted: 0

- **Spring 2021 (Transfers)**
  - Scholarships Reviewed: 9
  - Awarded: 4
  - Accepted: 1

**Campus Tours (individual):**

- August 15, 2020 - October 1, 2020: 17
- August 15, 2019 - October 1, 2019: 18
- 75% check-in rate

**Staff Notes**

- Mrs. Brenda Jones hosted three (3) Zoom meetings with partner schools (Lawson State CC x 2 and Shelton State CC). She also attended one (1) in-person partnership pathways meeting (Wallace CC-Demopolis) and one (1) in-person transfer fair (Hinds CC).
- Signed Transfer Partnerships with the following Mississippi community colleges: Jones College and Hinds Community College. This partnership initiative provides an easily accessible pathway for students to further their education at a 4-year institution.
- Mrs. Brenda Edwards participated in three (3) webinars in September: Making the Class: How 2020 prepared us for recruiting in 2021 (September 3), ACT Score reporting (September 16), and Considerations and best practices in the electronic exchange of student transcripts (September 23).
- The Admissions Counselors participated in the Montgomery Junior League Virtual Fair (September 14-16), the ALACRAO High School Virtual Fair (September 17), and the MACRAO High School Virtual Fair (September 30). Counselors were able to interact with students through a chat feature and by hosting virtual sessions through Zoom.

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**Student Life**

Mr. Byron Thetford

**By the Numbers**

- **Spring 2021 (Transfers)**
  - Applications: 65 (-3)
  - Freshman: 27 (-10)
  - Admits: 31 (+16)
  - Transfer: 3 (-9)

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  - Transfer: 12 (NC)

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**Staff Notes**

- Mr. Byron Thetford presented the UWA Smoke and Tobacco Free Task Force recommendations for a Smoke Free Campus to be reviewed by the Dean’s Council as part of the initiative from the grant received from Truth Initiative in 2018.
- **Student Involvement**
  - **September 3** - SGA Elections were held
  - **September 4** - College Colors Day and all tiger fans were encouraged to wear red. This year SGA sponsored a photo contest with prizes for those who showed the most school spirit!
  - **September 17** - SGA celebrated Constitution Day with a reading during their meeting and a discussion about what the Constitution means to them.
  - Email reminders were sent to students on how to register to become an “official” organization on campus allowing them facility usage and other benefits.

**Greek Life**

- IFC Recruitment - 40 registered and 32 men accepting bids.

**Fitness Center**

- The Blood Drive was a success as the goal of 45 donors was eclipsed. Over 55 volunteers and donations were collected. Thank you to the softball team for their help and enthusiasm.
- The Fitness Center has served as the hub for the branded mask distribution. Thank you to Mr. Mike Pratt and his staff for developing a new check-in site to accommodate aid distribution.

**Upward Bound**

Ms. Vickie Pullum

- **September 21** - Virtual after school tutoring began

**Meetings**

- Staff met to select the dates for the Virtual Saturday Sessions for the year. The dates are:
  - September 26, 2020
  - October 24, 2020
  - November 14, 2020
  - December 5, 2020
  - January 23, 2021
  - February 20, 2021
  - March 20, 2021
  - April 24, 2021

- **September 16** - Hosted a virtual informative meeting with UB Parents and Students.

- **September 15** - Held a virtual meeting with our instructors and mentors via Zoom

- **September 29** - Zoom meeting with Michael Chasin VP and Tiffany from Nucleus Robotics. They provide activity-based robotics courses for UB programs which teach the basics of technology and computer programming using real, live robots. Considering adding this program for the Upward Bound students in the spring.

**Mentors**

- T’Chernavia Allen, Tra’Darrius Clark, Aaron Evans, J.D. Parker, and Jordan Toole
Student Activities
Mr. Jason Gardner

- Due to some changes in the “normal” fall schedule including the postponement of the alumni Homecoming, this fall students will get to enjoy Spirit Week. Students will have the opportunity to take part in many of the traditional activities in a new way that is compliant with the social distancing guidelines including announcing the 2020 Homecoming Court.

Campus Activities Board (CAB)

- Mr. Jason Gardner and the CAB Directors will attend the NACA Virtual Conference on October 2 – 4. This conference is designed to assist colleges/universities with ways to keep students engaged using a virtual platform.
- Hosted...
  - 3 movies on the lawn
  - Singer/songwriter, Tana Matz.
  - NFL season opening game event
  - Virtual show with mentalist duo, The Evasons (pictured below)
- Planned 8 events for the month of October
- Created CAB TikTok account for advertising events to students
- Revising marketing strategies to keep up with current trends

Intramurals

- Nickel Softball - 11 teams (55 total participants)
- 4 softball umpires trained
- 9 Life Size Pong Teams (18 total participants)
- Home Run Derby rescheduled to October 7 due to weather
- 3 for NFL Pick’em
- 10 for Disc Golf

Band

- Received interest cards from 50 potential members
  - 24 from the Class of 2021
  - 16 from the Class of 2022
  - 10 from other graduation years
- Hosted 5 potential band members for an on-campus visit.
- Currently practicing two (2) days per week. Practice days are Monday and Thursday.

Miss UWA

- Miss UWA, Ms. Emily Edmonds, crowned the first UCS Dream Week Princess at Tiger Stadium.
- Held first interest meeting for Miss UWA 2021 – 11 in attendance

Financial Aid
Mr. Steve Smith

2020-2021 Financial Aid Processing:

- As of Oct. 2, 2020 (increase since last report)...
  - Downloaded 7,116 ISIRs (359)
  - Packaged 6,569 awards (280)
  - 541 selected for verification (-12)
  - 619 verifications completed (80)

Career Services & Counseling Center
Ms. Tammy White

Career Services

**Individual Student Contacts:** 265
- Resume advice/critiques: 73
- Mock Interviews: 41
- Other: 151

**Presentations/Events/Meetings/Other**
- MBTI Interpretation - Professional Development class
- Resume Writing, Job Search, Internships, Career Services - English & Careers class
- Professionalism in a virtual setting, resumes, interviewing, Career Services - Professional Development class
- TIGERCareer Series Zoom Sessions
  - An Inside Look at Working in the Nonprofit Sector presented by Mr. Chris Theriot.
  - Career Roundtable (Using LinkedIn and virtual connection tips)
- Presentation on the MBTI via Loom video with a group of IMC students.
- Resume Writing, Virtual Connections with employers and Career Services - College of Business class
- Alabama Connection, CPI (Town Hall and Monthly Check-in call) and C2C Team, West ALABAMA WORKS: Quarterly Workforce Summit, Japan-America Society of Alabama (JASA): United States-Mexico-Canada

Automotive Industry Webinar, ALABAMA WORKS: Virtual Workforce Conference 2020, NACE Town Hall: The Reality-What’s Happening and How We Are Adjusting.
- Emailed select faculty (19) to help with providing information for the Class of 2020 First Destination Survey.
- Completed Weave Self-study for 2019-20 academic year.
- Continuing to develop the Career Services YouTube Channel.

**Employer information and connections**
- TIGERCareer Webinar: Steve Colburn, Mercedes-Benz U.S. International, (39 students attended)
- Contacts with Alabama Power, City of Selma, FBI, Fastenal, Huntsville Chamber of Commerce, and Americorps

**Upcoming**
- Distributing information on the C2C Program to freshmen through UWA 101 classes and with NSM students during an information/recruitment event.
- Hosting three (3) employer Virtual Events for students.
- Host a virtual C2C Advisory Board meeting

Counseling Services

**Individual Student Contacts:** 28
- Counseling - 24
- Intakes - 4

**Events/Meetings/Other**
- Meetings...
  - Virtual Counseling Lab via Zoom with Dr. Debbie Rose.
  - Dr. Tucker and others regarding the Unity March.
- Attended the Unity March and ALSCA Regional Virtual Workshop.

Presentations
- Assisting School Counseling and Clinical

Student Support Services
Ms. Andrea Farquhar

**Student Support Services**
- Mid-semester progress reports sent and received

**By the Numbers**
- 100+ individual student meetings conducted
- 160 students contacted regarding progress reports from professors
- 15 tutors
  - Tutoring 45 different subjects
  - In 105 individual tutorial sessions weekly
  - With 70% attendance rate

**Upcoming**
- October 5 - 15-minute FAFSA – Ms. Jessica Lotz
- October 14 - How to Become a Millionaire – Andrea Farquhar
- October 20 - Quickly Pay Off Student Loans – Ja’net Adams

**SSS FLi Society**
- Two (2) virtual meetings held in September.
  - Food drive on-going for UWA Food pantry.
  - Donations drop off in Foust 3.
- October 7 - Officer elections scheduled

**Mental Health Counseling Programs with**
their 2020 Fall 1 Term Residency Program for students.
- Completed one (1) UWA 101 Presentation on Suicide Awareness and Prevention.

**Upcoming**
- Preparing workshops for SSS
- UWA 101 Suicide Awareness and Prevention Presentations

**Referrals**
- Bryan Whitfield Emergency Room – 1
- Will Atkinson - ADA Compliance Officer - 1

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Spirit Week

- **October 26-30** - Key to Victory
- **October 26-30** - Spirit Week Door Decorating Competition
- **October 26** - Survey Says Game Show (virtual)
- **October 15, 21, & 27** - Walking Ghost Tour with Dr. Alan Brown (8:00pm - limit 30 per group)
- **October 28** - Magician Mike Super and Crowning of UWA Homecoming Court (7:00pm - Tiger Stadium)
- **October 29** - Serendipity Talent Show (7:00pm, Virtual)
- **September 7 - October 30** - Fitness Center Virtual 5K (visit fitness.uwa.edu)
Registrar
Mrs. Susan Sparkman

- **September 14** - Last day to drop/withdraw from a Fall 1 course without academic penalty
- **October 8** - Fall 1 classes end
- **October 9** - Fall 1 grades are due at 5:00
- **October 13** - Degrees will be posted for Fall One
- **October 15** - Deregistration for Fall 2
- **October 19** - Fall 2 classes begin

477 transcripts processed during September 2020 compared to 314 transcripts processed during the month of September 2019.
Housing Operations

• Housing applications for Spring 2021 are available on the Housing portal.

• COVID-19 Quarantine
  • Throughout the month of September, 59 on-campus housing residents were placed in quarantine, with 22 quarantining on campus and 37 returning home for quarantine. This included three (3) hall directors and five (5) resident assistants.
  • Residents that quarantined on campus had the opportunity to request up to three meals a day from the cafeteria through an online form created by Ms. Angela Ward. Meals were delivered by members of the Housing staff. More than 125 meals were delivered during the month of September.
  • So that residents in quarantine do not feel too isolated, Mrs. Shelly Fast calls each of them on Mondays and Fridays. On Wednesdays, she sends an email to each of the residents in quarantine.
  • Due to the high number of residents entering quarantine in early September, the Housing Office shifted to Phase 3 (orange) of the COVID-19 operational plan for campus housing on September 8. This limited visitation to guests within the same residence hall. Since quarantine numbers have fallen significantly, Housing shifted back to Phase 2 (yellow) on October 2. This Phase allows inter-building visitation but still limits visitation to enrolled UWA students.
  • Mary Randall was selected as a new resident assistant at Gilbert Hall. She replaced an RA that resigned from the position. Mary has been busy undergoing training and getting to know her residents.

Residence Life

• Resident Assistants have been connecting with their residents on a regular basis through virtual engagement platforms. RAs have also had some one-on-one “in-person” interactions, while maintaining social distancing.
  • Resident Assistants recently conducted health and safety inspections of their residents’ rooms. Due to the pandemic, residents set up appointments with their RAs. Residents opened doors to appliances, cabinets and closets prior to the arrival of their RAs. Then, residents exited their rooms when their RA arrived. RAs visually inspected each room for health and safety issues but were able to conduct the inspections without touching handles and other surfaces in the rooms.

Programming

• The Hoover staff hosted a virtual trivia game, focusing on time management. They also coordinated a campus scavenger hunt for residents.
  • Alisha Chaney at Patterson Hall issued a Photo of the Day social media challenge. Drue Lyles at Patterson Hall coordinated an MTV Cribs, Patterson Edition program.
  • The Gilbert Hall staff split into four teams to offer programs during September. One team created their own Virtual Livingston Bingo game to introduce residents to the ins and outs of Livingston. Another team showed residents how to maintain and clean their masks in So Fresh and So Clean: Mask Edition. The third team facilitated a scavenger hunt for residents, while the last team provided residents with information on how to register to vote in the upcoming election.