



# Academic Affairs Newsletter

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## New Faculty

This fall, Mrs. Rebecca Hamm joined the Department of Accounting and Business Law. She is one of our own, earning both her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of North Alabama. Rebecca was a Keller Key recipient during her time at UNA. Mrs. Hamm has been working as a CPA in Florence for the last several years and also serves as Public Relations Director for a local small business. She is passionate about the importance of accounting for our students and hopes to impart a real world perspective when teaching accounting fundamentals. Rebecca enjoys sporting events, history (especially local), and spending time with her three young children. She looks forward to a great year at UNA.

## Pay It Forward (as written by Victoria Hulsey)

I was working late last night and Dr. Koch showed up at my office door, concerned that ours were the last two cars in the parking lot. He almost insisted on walking me out but I assured him that I was fine and was ready to leave myself. After some hesitation, he left. I, on the other hand, got involved in finishing up a final piece of work and when I finally made it to the elevator realized I had left my cell phone in my office and had to go back to retrieve it. When I made it out to parking lot I saw that Dr. Koch was waiting in his car and did not leave until he saw me safely in my van. I don't know how long he waited but it was well over thirty minutes.

He is the kind of colleague who makes me proud, humbled, and grateful to be part of the UNA family. Thought you would like to know.

## QEP Forum

It is important to the success of our SACS reaffirmation efforts that the QEP we are proposing be fully understood by the campus. Toward that end, the SACS Leadership Team is hosting several information sessions. A session for UNA employees is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on November 16 in the GUC Performance Center. Two sessions for students are scheduled – 12 noon on November 16 and 2 p.m. on November 17, also in the Performance Center. These sessions are very important. The SACS Reaffirmation Committee will be looking for assurance that the QEP is an institution-wide effort. That means the campus is well-informed about the QEP and how it can transform student learning. Faculty are asked to announce the student sessions in their classes and strongly encourage attendance. Pizza will be served at the noon session so students can tie lunch to learning about the QEP. If your unit and/or colleagues have questions about the QEP or would like to schedule a meeting on the QEP, please contact Lisa Keys Matthews, QEP Director, at 256-765-4640.

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