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Welcome Back

As President Cale pointed out at the opening session, 2012-2013 saw many positive accomplishments at UNA. The “perfect” SACS outcome and groundbreaking for the science building are two among many. Let’s all pull together to make 2013-2014 equally as memorable.

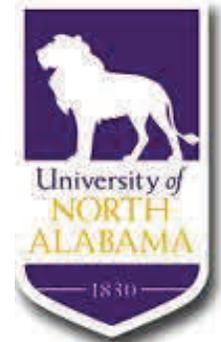
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University Success Center

The University Success Center was officially constituted this summer for the purpose of helping students develop the personal and academic skills necessary for university success. Four major offices are housed in the Center. University Advising Services, directed by Dr. Amy Crews, expands programming for various university demographics in need of additional academic assistance. The Center for Writing Excellence, under the leadership of Ms. Kathleen Richards, continues to support writing initiatives across campus. The new Mathematics Learning Center, directed by Instructor Marlow McCullough, is a collaborative partnership between the University Success Center and the Department of Mathematics. Finally, UNA’s First-Year Experience program is well into development, with an implementation date of Fall 2014. Although these offices are located across campus now, they will eventually be relocating to the second floor of the new academic commons building. For more information, contact Dr. Robert Koch, University Success Center and Center for Writing Excellence Director, at rtkoch@una.edu.

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Pi Sigma Epsilon

At a ceremony on August 27, 2013, the Zeta Phi chapter of PSE at UNA was established. This honor society is the only national, professional fraternal organization focusing on sales, marketing, and management in the United States.

Thanks to Jerome Gafford, Assistant Professor of Marketing and Director of the UNA Center for Professional Selling, for taking the initiative to create this opportunity for UNA students.

Congratulations

UNA senior culinary student Rachel Braswell has been awarded a \$5,000 scholarship through the [James Beard Foundation](#), a nonprofit culinary arts organization based in Greenwich Village, NY. James Beard was a prolific food writer, teacher, and cookbook author.

Isbell Scholars

Editorial changes were made to clarify a couple of policy areas. The [guidelines](#) are on our website and will be in the updated Employee Handbook available September 6. Many thanks to the UNA faculty participating in this valuable program.

Recent Publicity

The August issue of [Florence Life](#) has a nice article on UNA’s study abroad efforts. [View article here.](#) Author, Erin Rowley. “Study Abroad Trips Enrich Students.” *Florence Life* August 2013: pp. 14 - 17.

New Faculty Introduction

Mandy Prince Barksdale, Instructor in Accounting in the College of Business, is a certified public accountant with over eight years in the public accounting profession. She obtained a Master of Accountancy and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration, with a focus in accounting, from Auburn University. Mandy worked for Ernst & Young, LLP, an international accounting firm, and one of the Big Four accounting firms, specializing in audit at their Birmingham, AL, office for six years. Recently she worked for Patterson, Prince and Associates, P.C., a local public accounting firm. She and her husband, Jeff, currently live in Russellville, AL. In her free time, Mandy enjoys traveling, jogging, and reading.

Submissions

This newsletter is intended to keep the campus informed about news and articles within the academic community. If you have suggestions for items, send them to punderwood@una.edu.