

Academic Affairs Newsletter

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Congratulations

Recently, Dr. Mark Puckett, Associate Professor of Geology, requested a reprint of one of his own articles and discovered that the entire journal issue was devoted to his research. The images in the article were made using the UNA Zeiss Scanning Electron Microscope which is shared by the science departments. The Department of Physics and Earth Science congratulates Dr. Mark Puckett on this recognition of his work. The publication: Puckett, T. Markham, Colin, Jean-Paul, and Mitchell, Simon, 2012, New species of and genera of Ostracoda from the Maastrichtian (Late Cretaceous) of Jamaica: *Micropaleontology*, v. 58, no. 5, p. 397-455.

Dr. Brenda Webb

UNA Center for Professional Selling

Jerome Gafford, Director of the Center for Professional Selling, reports several excellent initiatives underway. On January 28, 22 UNA students visited with representatives from Fastenal at the Shoals Chamber of Commerce about the company and career and internship opportunities. Fastenal seeks to expand its involvement with the Center and with UNA. State Farm is also actively involved with the Center. Much of the excitement from business and industry stems from the Center and the effort to help students focus on sales as a needed job skill, regardless of their major. Departments are encouraged to contact Jerome at jmgafford@una.edu, or ext. 5240, to look for new ways to partner with the Center for Professional Selling.

Mathematics Fellowships

In the Fall of 2013, UNA's Department of Mathematics piloted an innovative initiative to provide student learning support through the Mathematics Learning Center. Mathematics Fellowships were awarded to 15 undergraduate students to work directly with faculty in their classrooms. In addition to providing instructional support in the classroom, Mathematics Fellows met the class once a week in a laboratory setting where they provided supplemental instruction to the students. Spring 2014 Mathematics Fellow recipients are Jeffrey Allen, Michael Beaver, Daniel Branscomb, Elly Couch, Tara Crunk, Sharon Eccleston, Alex Edwards, Noelle Hall, Brianna Hillman, Nikki Lowery, Autumn McMunn, and Austin Oldag.

Dr. Cynthia Stenger

Green Dot Training

The Department of Residence Life recently hosted the Violence Prevention Educator Certification Training for Green Dot, etcetera. This program is based on the theoretical and practical research of numerous disciplines and focuses on the prevention of power based personal violence such as sexual violence, domestic violence, and stalking through bystander awareness and activism. The Green Dot strategy was designed specifically for colleges and universities, but has recently expanded to secondary schools and community organizations across the nation.

Approximately 10 faculty members, 27 staff members, and 1 community organization representative were certified as Green Dot instructors after completing the required 28 hours of training which enables them to conduct bystander trainings and program overviews to the campus community. Individuals that were unable to participate in the full certificate program still have several opportunities to become involved with Green Dot as it prepares to launch at UNA. Please contact Jennifer Ballard at jballard1@una.edu for additional information.

Jennifer Ballard

Tweet of the Week

Raised \$1,700 at the Pink Out game auction today! The UNA Women's Basketball team will be donating over \$3,500 to ACS!

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