

Academic Affairs Newsletter

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Study Abroad

In 2006-2007, ten UNA students participated in study abroad courses. In 2013-2014, participation rose to 161. This amazing progress is due to the hard work of the faculty who lead trips and to Dr. Zhang and the Office of International Affairs. Great Job!

Phi Kappa Phi

At its initiation on April 15, 2014, the University of North Alabama chapter of The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi inducted 11 faculty and staff members. Congratulations to our employees:

Cindy Conlon Assistant VP for Business Services, Procurement
Melissa Driskell Instructor, Geology
Sarah Franklin Associate Professor, History
Beth Garfrerick Assistant Professor, Communications
Victoria Hulsey Chair and Professor, Department of Elementary Education
Marilyn B. Lee Professor, Nursing
Gregory Pitts Chair and Professor, Department of Communications
Jill M. Simpson Instructor, Computer Information Systems
Lee Godsey Renfroe Associate Professor, Health, Physical Education, and Recreation
David K. Ruebhausen Associate Professor, Theatre
Kenda Rusevlyan Testing Coordinator, University Advising

1st Annual Alpha Kappa Delta Sociology Research Symposium

The Department of Sociology and Family Studies hosted this event on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm in the GUC Banquet Halls. Nineteen student presenters participated in the round-table discussions sharing their individual research with their peers. More than 40 additional students attended the Symposium and listened to student presenters showcasing undergraduate scholarship in Sociology and Family Studies at UNA. Hopefully, this annual event will create excitement and involvement from students across disciplines in the future.

Commencement Advice

Follow your passion, stay true to yourself. Never follow someone else's path unless you're in the woods and you're lost and you see a path and by all means you should follow that.
~Ellen DeGeneres, Tulane 2009.



Order Spring Regalia by April 30, 2014
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New UNA Faculty 2014-2015 (as of April 22)

Effective January 6, 2014

CPT. Laura K. Kennebeck - Instructor in Military Science
MSG. Joseph R. Labrosse - Senior Military Science Instructor
MAJ. Leslie A. Relkin - Instructor in Military Science
Dr. Christopher J. Stopera - Assistant Professor of Chemistry

Effective Summer 2014

Dr. Carmen L. Burkhalter - Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Professor of Communications
Major W. Cochran Pruett - Chair of the Department of Military Science, Professor of Military Science

Effective August 18, 2014

Dr. Matthew E. Duques - Assistant Professor of English
Dr. Mohamad H. Elmasry - Assistant Professor of Communications
Ms. Katerina Hybnerova - Instructor in Marketing
Dr. Mario A. Mighty - Assistant Professor of Geography
Dr. Daniel B. Stevens - Associate Professor of Music, Orchestra Conductor, Conductor of the Shoals Symphony at UNA, Director of the Peery Center for Orchestral Studies
Dr. Jillian C. Stupiansky - Assistant Professor of Mathematics
Dr. Ping Zhao - Assistant Professor of Biology
Dr. Jianmei Zhang - Visiting Assistant Professor of Integrative Health

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