

Congratulations!

Mr. C. Matthew Little, FYE Director and a native of Sheffield, was awarded an AmeriCorps National Leadership Award along with 19 other members of the AmeriCorps class of 1994. The ceremony was held at the White House on September 12, 2014, as part of the 20th anniversary of the national program sponsored by the Points of Light Foundation. The award was given to AmeriCorps Alums who “were selected because of their exemplary commitment to a lifetime of service.” Matthew has made a lifetime commitment to volunteerism, and serves on two statewide volunteerism boards. He is a Commissioner on ServeAlabama, based in Montgomery, and a board member for Friends of Volunteer Tennessee, based in Nashville. The event was aired live on www.whitehouse.gov and Matthew’s accomplishments were spoken of by the President. ~ Rob Koch

The OPEN (OPportunities for Entry into Nursing) grant funded by HRSA was awarded to 79 (41 renewals and 38 new recipients) nursing and pre-nursing students at an orientation program held in the GUC on September 11. This federal grant will provide a total of \$561,488.00 for scholarships and mentoring support to financially disadvantaged students for the 2014-2015 academic year. The HRSA grant was first awarded in fall 2012. Since that time 34 students have graduated with a BSN degree. ~ Tera Kirkman

Dr. Paul Davison’s research was highlighted in an article in the American Heritage, Summer 2014 issue, pg. 62: “[Master of all Things Small.](#)” Congratulations!

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COB Programs Receive ABET Accreditation

UNA’s Bachelor of Business Administration Program in Computer Information Systems has been reaccredited and its Bachelor of Science in Computer Science Program has achieved initial accreditation by the Computing Accreditation Commission of ABET (<http://abet.org>). ABET is the recognized accreditor of college and university programs in applied science, computing, engineering, and engineering technology. ABET accreditation demonstrates a program’s commitment to providing its students with a quality education. For more information, please contact Dr. David Nickels, Chair of the Department of Computer Science and Information Systems, at 256-765-4734 or CSIS@una.edu.

UNA Students at Top of CPA Pass Rates Once Again

The National Association of State Boards of Accountancy (NASBA) recently released statistics on 2013 pass rates for the Certified Public Accounting (CPA) exam. Out of 22 universities in Alabama, UNA’s pass rate was the second highest in the state at 63.1%. This rate is approximately 40% higher than the national average. Auburn was slightly higher with a 63.4% pass rate. This is the third consecutive year that the UNA CPA Exam pass rate has been second in the state. UNA accounting majors are receiving an excellent education at UNA and our students can add significant value to organizations as interns and employees.

New Faculty

Dr. Helen Coronel, a Family Nurse Practitioner, is an Assistant Professor of Nursing in the College of Nursing. She received a BSN degree in May 1988 from the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, Texas. In August 1997 she earned a MSN degree from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Coronel has spent the last seven years working with service members and veterans with traumatic brain injury. In August, 2013 she received her Doctor of Nursing Practice degree from Vanderbilt University. Dr. Coronel’s capstone project was “Developing a Clinical Practice Guideline on the Diagnosis and Management of Mild Traumatic Brain Injury (Concussion) in the Primary Care Setting.” In addition to teaching here at UNA, Dr. Coronel continues to provide primary care to the military community at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama.

In 1994, Ms. Stephanie Luman graduated magna cum laude from the BSN degree program at UNA, and completed the MSN degree program in 2013. During her graduate work, she served on the Graduate Council and precepted with Ms. Lynn Underwood assisting with research on end-of-life nursing education, the subject of Ms. Underwood’s doctoral dissertation. Ms. Luman is currently pursuing an Ed.D in Leadership in Nursing Education at the University of Alabama. Stephanie plans to focus her doctoral research on end-of-life nursing education, as well as test-taking strategies for undergraduate nursing students. She comes to the College of Nursing with faculty experience in an Associate Degree Nursing program.

