

Student Pre-Registration

The University has changed some of its policies recently to be more student friendly. One policy of which students may not be aware is that they do not have to pay tuition immediately upon registration for the 2015 fall semester. The tuition and fees payment due date is now August 21, the Friday after classes begin. This is a change from previous years. This August 21 date is now the payment due date for all enrolled students.

As word is getting around, unregistered students are attempting to register. They may reach out to you for help. If you are contacted, please advise these students, even if it is electronically, so that they may receive the assistance they need.

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Professional Achievements

The University of North Alabama College of Nursing is pleased to announce that Jennifer Dawson, DNP, RN, has earned the designation of Certified Nurse Educator (CNE) after meeting strict eligibility criteria and successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing.

Dr. Lori Jamieson earned an Ed.D. degree specializing in English as a Second Language on April 20, 2015, from Northcentral University. Her dissertation topic was "Investigating College ESL Students' Experiences with L1 and L2 Note Taking to Improve English Skills: A Qualitative Study." Dr. Jamieson is the Interim ESL Program Director and an ESL Instructor.

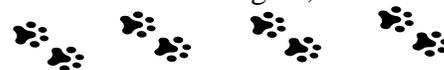
Carlene Blackburn presented *Geocaching as a Cultural Language Expansion Adventure* at the 2015 AMTESOL Conference in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, at the Bryant Conference Center on January 31. Also attending were Dr. Lori Jamieson, Zeynep Harkness, and Mary Beth Willis.

Dr. Lamont Maddox, Assistant Professor of Education, was awarded a \$4,000 grant from the National Council for Geographic Education. The grant will support two years of scaffolding lesson study to develop six to ten middle school geography teachers' professional teaching knowledge for problem-based geographic inquiry. Lesson study, a Japanese model of professional development, engages teachers, pedagogical experts, and content experts in collaboratively designing, implementing, and reflecting on a single research lesson.



Student Achievements

The UNA community has been very supportive of the athletic teams and their efforts to excel both academically and athletically. The athlete's GPA (264 students) for the spring 2015 semester was a 3.01! It is believed to be the first time in the school's history that the athletes as a group have broken the 3.0 mark. There were 22 student-athletes that earned a 4.00 and 148 that earned a 3.00 GPA or better. Again, we thank you for all of your support and Roar Lions! ~ Mark Linder



The Department of Music and Theatre had excellent representation at the National Association of Teachers of Singing Competition during the spring 2015 semester. Competing against colleges and universities within the states of Alabama, Georgia and Florida, the department had the following vocalists win at the district competition: Jessica Bailey, Gabrielle Fuqua, Crystal Lyle, Hunter Mitchell, Maria Sullivan, and Joey Wright. In addition, one UNA student, Gabrielle Fuqua, excelled to the national level claiming First Place at the Regional Competition. Teachers of these students are Dr. Tiffany Bostic-Brown, Mrs. Gene Anne Gifford, and Dr. Terrance D. Brown.