

Congratulations!

The UNA College of Business has officially been accredited by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). This is among the most difficult of all program accreditations to achieve. Fewer than 5% of all business programs worldwide enjoy this distinction. AACSB accreditation is important not only for our COB but for the university as a whole. To underscore that point, our international recruitment efforts will benefit significantly from being able to advertise this distinction to prospective students overseas.



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University Awards Gala



We are thrilled to announce that our own Renee Vandiver received the Outstanding Service Award! Thank you for your hard work and dedication!

Academic Affairs Faculty Awards

Outstanding Advising – Dr. Amber Paulk, Sociology & Family Studies

Dr. Jim F. Couch Outstanding Scholarship/Research – Dr. Glenn Marvin, Biology

Outstanding Service – Dr. Andrea Hunt, Sociology & Family Studies

Dr. Lawrence J. Nelson Outstanding Teaching – Mr. Will Brewer, Nursing

Eleanor Gaunder Phi Kappa Phi Excellence in Teaching Award – Dr. Kristy Oden, Nursing

Faculty/Staff Accomplishments

Dr. Andrew Luna, Director of Institutional Research, Planning, and Assessment, had an article titled "Newspapers, Party Politics, and Statesmen: Francis Scott Key's visit to Alabama", published in the *30th Anniversary Edition of Alabama Heritage*, 2016.



Dr. Jill M. Simpson, Instructor in Computer Information Systems, received Quality Matters recognition for meeting national standards in course design for her CIS 125 Business Applications for Microcomputer Software Online course.

New Faculty

Mrs. Laura McKee, Instructor in Human Environmental Sciences, is originally from Baton Rouge, LA. She earned her Bachelor's degree from Louisiana State University and her Master's degree from North Dakota State University. Both degrees were in Fashion Merchandising. Laura has over 17 years of experience in retail management. She was the store manager for GAP for the past 12 years. Laura and her husband, Johnathan McKee, have two sons. She also has a retired greyhound racer. Laura enjoys Cajun food, being outdoors, volunteering, and spending time with her family.



Ms. Kendra McLain, Assistant Professor of Human Environmental Sciences, is a long time UNA supporter. She attended Kilby elementary school and graduated from UNA in 2006 earning a Bachelor's of Science degree with a concentration in Interior Design. In 2012, she received her MFA in Interior Design from the Savannah College of Art and Design in Savannah, Georgia. As a recent Assistant Designer for Interior Design Associates in Nashville, TN, Kendra has gained insight into project management and the rapidly evolving interior design industry. In her free time, Kendra enjoys spending time with her family and friends, traveling, and college football.

Open Invitation

We invite your feedback and stories to make the newsletter more beneficial to campus. Please send submissions to mdaniels@una.edu.