

Thank you for a great year!



Congratulations Class of 2016

As the semester is drawing to a close, the Office of Academic Affairs would like to commend all faculty and staff for another great year! From SOAR to Commencement, your hard work and dedication has truly paid off in the lives of our students and our university. We wish you all an enjoyable and relaxing summer break!

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Strategic Doing Conference

UNA hosted the first Strategic Doing Practitioner Conference on May 4-6, 2016 at the Marriott Conference Center in Florence, AL. The participants attended from 15 states, the District of Columbia and Australia. An agile approach to building collaborations quickly, Strategic Doing now has practitioners in a wide variety of fields from urban regeneration and engineering education to workforce development and corporate innovation. Participants took part in three days of engaged learning with a growing network of Strategic Doing practitioners. At the gathering participants deepened their skills at designing and guiding collaborations and learned emerging practices for taking on complex problems. They left with new insights about how, by following simple rules, they can develop strategies in open, loosely connected networks. At the conference UNA faculty and staff, Dr. Doug Barrett, Mary Marshall VanSant, Dean Greg Carnes, Lisa Keys-Matthews, and Janyce Fadden participated in a panel that described the Digital Technology Cluster work that the region is implementing.



Faculty Accomplishments



Dr. Johnson A. Ogun, Assistant Professor and Director of Culinary Arts, successfully defended his dissertation entitled "An Analysis of Differences in Faculty Compensation by Geographic Region, State, and the Existence of Collective Bargaining at AASCU Institutions in the United States" earning an Ed.D in Higher Education Administration in January 2016. Congratulations!

New Faculty

We would like to welcome **Dr. Andrew N. Potter,** Visiting Instructor in Computer Information Systems. Dr. Potter has worked more than 30 years in information systems, primarily in research and development. This includes 10 years with Intergraph Corporation as a Software Consultant and Manager, and 13 years with Sentar, Inc., where he served as a Software Analyst, Chief Scientist, and Director of Research and Development. Dr. Potter has been teaching courses in information systems since 2008. Prior to joining the University of North Alabama, he taught graduate and undergraduate online courses for Southern New Hampshire University. Dr. Potter holds a Bachelor of Arts in English Literature and a Master of Administrative Science from the University of Alabama in Huntsville, a Master of Library Science from the University of Alabama, and a Ph.D. in Information Science from Nova Southeastern University. When he is not being a "computer geek," he enjoys reading, running, and traveling.



Open Invitation

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