

Academic Affairs Newsletter

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Photographic Exhibit

The seven students who accompanied Professor Chen on a May 2012 study abroad trip to China are exhibiting their photography at the Gallery in the Art Building. Go by and see some great images of life in China.

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Study Abroad for UNA Staff

A scholarship budget was approved (effective 2012-2013) to award up to 5 scholarships to UNA staff to participate in a UNA study abroad trip in 2013. The scholarships are \$1500 each. Participants must apply on behalf of a specific program to the IPO committee by January 15, 2013. Approval of the instructor of the course and the direct supervisor of the employee is required. For a copy of the guidelines, please contact Study Abroad in the International Affairs Office, international@una.edu.

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New Faculty Introduction

Willard Brewer, known as Will, attended Jackson State University where he received an M.S. in Community Health Nursing in 2011. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Nursing at UAB. Prior to his appointment in the College of Nursing, Will worked as an R.N. for Huntsville Hospital in the emergency department and in hospital/community education. Most recently, he played an integral role in establishing Madison Hospital's emergency services program. Will holds a certification in emergency nursing and instructor statuses in CPR, advanced cardiovascular life support and advanced pediatric life support. A native of Florence, he is very happy to be "home".

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CCNE Approval

The Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE), at its meeting on December 21, 2011, reviewed the continuous improvement progress report submitted last June (2011) by the master's degree program in nursing and determined that the program continues to meet all accreditation standards. Notification was received in late August, 2012. Congratulations to Dr. Bailey along with all the faculty and staff in the College of Nursing and Allied Health.

Accreditation Visits

During the month of October two programs will receive accreditation visits. The College of Business will have an ACBSP (Accreditation Council for Business Schools & Programs) site team visit next week, September 24-26, 2012. The College of Nursing and Allied Health will be visited by the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education, the accrediting body for the American Association of Colleges of Nursing October 3-5, 2012. This latter visit is for the CONAH graduate program only.

New Faculty Orientation

An orientation workshop and dinner for new faculty members was held Tuesday, September 18. We have a large contingent of 23 new faculty. The orientation will continue with mini-sessions for the next three Fridays to assist new faculty with their introduction to campus life.

The credentials, backgrounds, and diverse training of our new faculty members are exceptional. We welcome them to UNA!