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COB Accreditation

The ACBSP Review Committee for the continued accreditation of the College of Business completed its work on September 26. At the exit conference, the Committee offered exceedingly favorable remarks about the quality, dedication, and accomplishments of the faculty, staff and administrators of the COB. They especially cited faculty morale, community relations, support of administration, a process-oriented approach to continuous improvement, assessment efforts, a global perspective to educational offerings, a commitment to regional outreach, faculty credentials, the clinical assistant program and student advisement. The committee also offered recommendations that will enable the COB to narrow the focus of its improvement efforts in subsequent years. Congratulations to the faculty, administration and staff of the COB for an excellent external review! The UNA community knows the good work we do, but having it affirmed through external review is rewarding.

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COB Dean

Dean Kerry Gatlin has announced his plans to step down as COB dean effective at the end of the 2012-2013 year. He will return to the faculty. The success of the ACBSP accreditation is a fitting tribute to Dean Gatlin's effective leadership during his 11 year tenure as dean. Steps are underway to initiate the search process for a replacement.



Nice Compliment

Our office recently received a thank you letter from Ethan Cagle, senior chemistry major and campus leader. Ethan's last paragraph reads as follows:

"I have loved my time here at UNA more than I could even begin to express and that is thanks, in large part, to the faculty and administration that I have had the honor to get to know through the years. And I hope that one day I will be able to have even a fraction of the impact on the lives of students that you all have had on mine."

Thanks to all of you across campus who work hard daily to make a difference in the lives of students such as Ethan.

New Faculty Introduction

Rachel Winston was born and raised in Tuskegee, Alabama and is currently a Nursing Instructor at the University of North Alabama. She received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of North Alabama and a Master of Science in Nursing Education from the University of South Alabama. Rachel is also actively pursuing a Doctorate Degree as a means to further her knowledge base. Rachel has nursing experience in cities that include Huntsville, Decatur, Florence and Muscle Shoals. She is married to Milos Winston, a History teacher, and together they have three amazing children, Elijah, Nyah and Ava.

Good Job!

A report was recently released on the most engaging Higher Ed Facebook pages. UNA ranked #1 in the nation in its category, (pages between 20,000 and 74,999 fans). We also have the #1 most engaging post out of any Higher Ed Facebook page so far this year. That was the picture posted notifying everyone of George Lindsey's passing. Thanks to Jeremy Britten and the Web Communications team here at UNA. If you would like to see the study it can be viewed on the web at: <http://blog.varsityoutreach.com/2012/09/most-engaging-facebook-pages-and-posts.html>.

A day in the life of Leo and Una...



"So near and yet so far!"