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New Faculty

Dr. Leah Whitten, Assistant Professor of Education, is a native of Florence. She is a graduate of UNA, earning a B.B.A. in entertainment industry management and a M.A.Ed. in business education. Dr. Whitten worked two years for EMI Music in Nashville, TN, before pursuing a career in the field of education. She taught middle and high school for seven years in Birmingham's inner city. Dr. Whitten also spent two years at Auburn University as a graduate assistant while earning her Ph.D. in educational psychology. She comes to UNA via Austin Peay University in Clarksville, TN, where her research was published in *The Educational Technology Journal* at the Hawaii International Conference on Education, and a proposed grant is currently affecting legislation on the existing Troops to Teachers program. Welcome, Dr. Whitten!

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Visitors on Campus

Luther Strange, Alabama Attorney General, was on campus Wednesday as part of his visit to the Shoals area. Leadership Shoals visited UNA Tuesday and took a campus tour.

Veterans' Day



Keep in mind the ceremony at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, November 11, at the amphitheater. The special service allows us to stop our busy schedules and say thank you to our veterans and our current Armed Forces personnel.



Strategic Plan

UNA operates on a five year strategic plan cycle. The current plan is completed and a new plan for 2013-2018 is being developed by a committee appointed by the President. The committee will meet Monday to try and finalize a draft so it can be reviewed for action by the UNA Board of Trustees in December.

TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion)

Starting January 2, 2014, students in New York and Indiana seeking to earn a GED will take the TASC. Here is a sample question:

Baron de Montesquieu was an Enlightenment philosopher. Enlightenment philosophy in the 18th century challenged traditional authority and called for a society based on liberty, equality, and human reason. Which statement describes an effect of the Enlightenment in Europe?

- A. It led to increased restrictions on individual rights.
- B. It led many countries to introduce democracy to their colonies.
- C. It led to increased peace time cooperation between governments.
- D. It led many citizens to demand more rights from their government.

Lesson to be learned: Don't get a GED in New York or Indiana!

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The November/December issue has a wonderful article on our convocation speaker, Wendell Gunn, and a related article, "Fifty Years Later" about race at UNA in 2013. Click [here](#) to read the magazine online.

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