



UNA Welcomes Dr. Ross Alexander
UNA is proud to welcome Dr. Ross Alexander, who took charge as Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost, effective July 1, 2017. Alexander joins UNA from Indiana University-East in Richmond, Indiana. "They're going to see me a lot," he said. "It's very important for me to develop strong relationships with the faculty, with the staff, and with those people that I want to ask to partner with me on initiatives and programs and maybe think of things and look at things a little bit differently." Along with a new job and a recent move, Alexander and his wife Lilia also had their first child recently- Victoria Rose.

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Opioid & Addiction Awareness Town Hall Meeting



September 27, 2017
4-6 p.m.
Norton Auditorium
University of North Alabama



Opening Remarks: President Kenneth Kitts
Moderator: State Representative Johnny Mack Morrow

Panel Members

Steve Marshall, *State Attorney General*
Lynn Beshear, *Commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health*
Scott Harris, *Acting State Health Officer*
Tim Melson, *State Senator*
Bryan Libell, *CEO of Riverbend Center for Mental Health*
Quinn Pearson, *Chair, UNA's Counselor Education Department*

ADMISSION IS FREE & OPEN to the PUBLIC!

WELCOME BACK FACULTY!

We are glad you are here! As the 2017-2018 academic year commences, there is reason to rejoice! UNA strives to maintain a thriving, diversified community. We are excited that the tradition continues as UNA hosts the *Opioid and Addiction Awareness Town Hall Meeting*.

This event will be open to the public, and all are encouraged to attend. UNA seeks to welcome Alabama's state representatives to our campus, and we are confident in our faculty's ability to showcase UNA's statement to all campus visitors. Thank you for embracing not only the year's academic challenges but also the expectations we uphold for our campus community. We applaud you!

New Faculty Orientation

During the past academic year, UNA faculty devoted significant time to recruiting new faculty with great success. The New Faculty Orientation, sponsored by the VPAA's Office, was held on August 21, 2017. The program offered new faculty an overview of academic priorities, information on campus resources, the tenure and promotion process, employee benefits, Banner, and Canvas. As part of the event, faculty had the opportunity to meet with the President, Provost, and other campus leaders, faculty and staff. Student and faculty-staff panel discussions offered new faculty the opportunity to learn about student expectations, teaching, research, and service. We are proud of the new faculty cohort who join our distinctive team of teacher-scholars at UNA. Welcome!

UNA Receives Honors

Online Course Report ranks UNA's EMBA #1!

UNA has been commended as the BEST ONLINE EMBA in the nation, by Online Course Report, for the following: affordability, flexibility, and student support.

UNA partners with Florence City Schools

Districts of Distinction acknowledges UNA for partnering with Florence City Schools for the new program, IMPACT80. IMPACT80 seeks to enhance city schools by furthering current administrators' education. Upon completion of the program, Florence City Schools and UNA, will have fostered effective leaders within the Lauderdale County school system.

Counselor Education Programs Reaccredited

The Board of Directors, of the Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related Educational Programs (CACREP), decided to accredit both programs for an 8 year period through October 31, 2025, in July 2017, based on an extensive review, the visiting team's report, and the department's response to the team's report.

Congratulations!

Dr. Brett King, Professor of Finance, received Quality Matters recognition for meeting national standards in course design for his FI 393 Financial Management online course.

Open Invitation

We invite your feedback and stories to make the newsletter more beneficial to campus. Please send submissions with pictures to:

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