

SPRING 2026 NEWSLETTER

STAFF ACCOMPLISHMENTS



UNA Staff @ NASPA-AL (UAH)

Numerous Student Affairs staff members recently attended the 2026 NASPA Alabama Drive-In Conference at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, representing the UNA through leadership, service, and professional excellence. **Dr. K.C. White** served as a featured panelist during the Student Affairs luncheon, sharing insight and expertise with colleagues from across the state. **Matthew Jones** contributed to the conference's success as a member of the NASPA-AL Board while also presenting at the event. Additionally, **Becca Bush** was recognized at the state level with the *Outstanding Contribution to Student Engagement Award*, honoring her outstanding dedication to enhancing the student experience and fostering meaningful engagement opportunities. Becca will go on to be nominated for the NASPA Region III Bob E. Leach Award for Outstanding Service to Students.



For the past 10 years, Light the Fountain has served as one of the University's most cherished traditions, bringing together students, faculty, staff, alumni, and community members to celebrate the spring season and the spirit of UNA. This milestone anniversary was made possible through the leadership of **Dr. Tammy Jacques**, who guided a committee of more than 30 dedicated staff, faculty, and students in creating a truly unforgettable celebration. The event ushered in a new decade of tradition with spectacular drone and fireworks shows, festive activities, and memorable moments that illuminated campus with Lion pride and community spirit. Roar Lions!



Dr. Tammy Jacques at the LTF Thank You Lunch



Becca - 5 Years



Gloria - 5 Years



Jean Ann - 5 Years

We are proud to celebrate and recognize the dedicated service of our incredible staff who have reached key milestones in their careers at the University of North Alabama.



Tiffani - 5 Years



Anna Leigh - 5 Years

This year, we honor the following individuals for their years of service:

- **Becca Bush** - Associate Director, FYRI
- **Gloria Doxie** - Assistant Director, HRL
- **Jean Ann Gresham**-Health Services, Specialist
- **Tiffani Hill-Patterson** - Executive Asst to VPSA
- **Anna Leigh Rossi** - Director, FSL

Thank you for your continued dedication to UNA! Congratulations on your well-deserved recognition!



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Matthew/AJ win Bronze

We are proud to celebrate **AJ Benavides** and **Matthew Jones** for earning Bronze in the April 2026 Shoals Open Pickleball Tournament. Competing in the 4.0 division, AJ and Matthew intentionally challenged themselves by moving up to a higher level of competition, where they demonstrated resilience, teamwork, and strong athletic performance throughout the tournament. We are incredibly proud of the way they represented themselves and our Student Affairs division/UNA with professionalism, energy, and enthusiasm, and we look forward to seeing their continued success both on and off the court.



SAPD Awards (2025-2026)

University of North Alabama  Division of Student Affairs

DR. KIMBERLY A. GREENWAY
EMPLOYEE OTY



BECCA BUSH
Associate Director-FYRI

University of North Alabama  Division of Student Affairs

FRIEND OF THE DIVISION




SARAH EVANS
Listerhill Credit Union

University of North Alabama  Division of Student Affairs


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ETHAN FRANKS
Norton Auditorium

University of North Alabama  Division of Student Affairs

SILENT ROAR AWARD



STACY DEMORSE
Clinical Nurse

University of North Alabama  Division of Student Affairs

SILENT ROAR AWARD



DARLENE CROWDEN
Sr. Admin Assistant-DSS

University of North Alabama  Division of Student Affairs

UNA SPIRIT AWARD



MEGAN SIMMONS
Assistant Director-DSS

University of North Alabama  Division of Student Affairs

DEDICATED SERVICE AWARD



JESSIE LINDLEY
Executive Assistant-SE

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PROGRAM/PROJECT OTY



VETERANS WEEK
Military & Veterans Affairs

University of North Alabama  Division of Student Affairs

PRIDE AWARD



HOUSING & RESIDENCE LIFE

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GRAD ASSISTANT OTY



JUSTIN JUNIPHER
Graduate Assistant-FSL

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NEW MEMBER OTY



JAKE RUSSELL
Director-University Events

Congratulations to all nominees and award recipients!
We are so proud of everyone within the Division of Student Affairs.

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NEW HIRES/PROMOTIONS

PHOTO GALLERY

Taylor Law
Part-Time Temp, Disability Support Services (January 2026)

Candice Buford
Sr. Administrative Assistant, First Year & Retention Initiatives (March 2026)

Arantxa Vasquez
Area Coordinator, Housing & Residence Life (March 2026)

GRADUATING STAFF



Jessie Lindley

Interdisciplinary & Professional Studies
Concentration in Business and
Social/Behavioral Sciences

Meagan Thompson

Interdisciplinary & Professional Studies
Concentration in Business
with a minor in Marketing

SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

MAY

- 2nd: Minnette Ellis (SA)
- 5th: Gloria Doxie (HRL)
- 15th: Candice Buford (FYRI)
- 24th: Jessie Lindley (SE)

JUNE

- 1st: Anna Leigh Rossi (FSL)
- 1st: Glenda Richey (SRC)
- 13th: Gigi Broadway (GUC)
- 21st: Jean Ann Gresham (UHS)
- 30th: Becca Bush (FYRI)

JULY

- 5th: Nicholas Gordon (SA)
- 29th: Juliette Butler (SE)

AUGUST

- 1st: Ana Bermeo Franco (ROAR)
- 7th: Jeremy Martin (DSS)
- 15th: Luke Persall (SRC)
- 20th: Rose Carrillo (HRL)
- 22nd: Rebecca Crowden (DSS)

