Welcome to the UAB Family!

Welcome to The University of Alabama at Birmingham Parents Association for the 2005-2006 school year! We are glad you are a member of this organization and we are excited about keeping you connected with your student and abreast of UAB events and activities.

If you are receiving this newsletter, it means that you have been part of successfully preparing your child for college – and you want to continue to be a part of that success. College can be an exhilarating, yet anxious time for both you and your student. Rest assured, these feelings are normal and if you speak with any of the other members of the UAB Parents Association, they will tell you that they are excited and nervous about their student’s college experience as well.

By choosing to become a member of the UAB Parents Association, you have decided to participate in a strong network of parents who want to stay informed with what is going on at UAB, support their students throughout their college experiences, and be invited to take part in fun activities and events throughout the year designed specifically for UAB parents.

Thank you for being involved parents – parents who are involved in their students’ success. Together, we will work to support your students and encourage them to achieve their academic goals. As always, we are here to assist you as you help your students to grow and learn. Call or email us whenever we can help. Welcome to the UAB family!

Sincerely,
Karleen Dietrich
Director of New Student Orientation

UAB vs. Jacksonville State Football & Tailgate Parent Event

We had a great crowd on hand for our Football Game and Tailgate party event on Sept. 17th. The Blazers put an exclamation point on a great day with an exciting win outlasting Jacksonville State 35 – 28.

The victory improved the Blazers Season record to 2-1 as they head into Conference USA play. Thanks to all in attendance for making the event such a success, and look for information on our next event in the future.

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UAB Excitement about Class of 2009

This fall semester’s Freshman Class has the honor of being the most academically qualified class in the History of the University. Here at UAB with the recent implementation of our Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), we have set goals for student learning and outlined steps we are taking as a University to reach them.

Here are some statistics of this year’s class vs. the goals put in place with the implementation of UAB’s QEP.

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<td>Freshmen Enrollment</td>
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<td>Avg. ACT Score</td>
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As you can see, we already are exceeding goals in major categories. Also, UAB’s commitment to diversity is also exceeding our goals with a minority undergraduate population of 35.5%, exceeding our goal of 34.8%.

UAB’s Science and Technology Honors Program

UAB has added an exciting new honors program to its scholarship opportunities: The Science and Technology Honors Program. This combined undergraduate and graduate scholarship is designed for the best and brightest students whose academic and extracurricular achievements demonstrate intellectual curiosity, energy, creativity, leadership abilities, and community commitment.

- Members participate in special courses and research experiences which integrate many scientific and technical fields of study, providing a new perspective on crucial research questions.
- Students participate in an intensive research experience under the direction of a faculty mentor and write a paper suitable for publication and presentation at national meetings.
- Members can earn up to 12 hours of credit toward their doctoral degrees as undergraduates.
- Graduates of the Science and Technology Honors Program are well prepared for graduate and doctoral study. If admitted to the doctoral program at UAB, these graduates will receive two years of scholarship support.
- The program admits a maximum of 50 students each year.

UAB offers a wide range of doctoral programs in more than 20 science and technology fields such as the life and physical sciences, health services, nutrition, mathematics, engineering, public health, medical sociology, and psychology.

For more information on the Science and Technology Honors Program please contact:

Dr. Diane Tucker, Professor and Director Science and Technology Honors Program
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E-mail: dtucker@uab.edu

UAB’s New Student Campus Recreation Center Staying Busy

UAB’s Campus Recreation is already scoring points and setting standards with its innovative approach to fun and fitness. Students have flocked to the UAB Campus Recreation Center since it opened in May of 2005.

Students can find everything under one roof—free weights, court sports, swimming pools, aerobics classes, nutrition education, fitness areas, a climbing wall and much more. The state of the art facility has attracted over 160,000 in attendance since its opening.
UAB Leadership Foundations Program

Developing leadership skills is crucial to today's college student. In the workplace and in the community, students need skills that teach them effective ways to work in diverse environments, communicate clearly with others, and understand group dynamics. The University of Alabama at Birmingham's Office of Student Leadership is playing a large part in educating the college students of Alabama—most especially the students at UAB.

Through programming and service, it is the Office’s hope that students will become effective student leaders—learning to develop their own leadership styles and challenge them to expand their own vision and goals. In the past year, over 2000 students have participated in the Office of Student Leadership’s programs. This number has consistently increased since 2001. In keeping with the University’s Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP), the Leadership Foundations program has been created.

Leadership Foundations combines current leadership programs and proposed new programs such as workshops and lectures specifically designed for those students participating in the program. Leadership Foundations will provide the Office of Student Leadership administration a wonderful opportunity to manage and assess what our students are learning through leadership programming while setting expectations of involvement and learning for each level of leadership development.

It is our hope that Leadership Foundations will reach more students on the UAB campus. Through incorporating a structured leadership program into the current leadership opportunities offered to our students, we will be able to more fully track students' involvement, assess their needs and progress, and offer programs that benefit them as they prepare to be active and involved citizens in their communities.

For more information about the Leadership Foundations program, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Leadership at (205) 934-8020 or email us at uableadership@uab.edu. We hope your students will get involved in this wonderful and new opportunity!
UAB Student Leadership Opportunities!

The Office of Student Leadership has many opportunities and activities throughout the year. Your son or daughter can get a complete calendar listing of our upcoming events in the Student Life Academic Planner available in any of the Student Life offices in the Hill University Center. Below are some of the organizations that our office offers to your UAB student!

Undergraduate Student Government Association
The USGA provides programs and services for undergraduate students in the Schools of Arts & Humanities, Business, Education, Engineering, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences, and the Division of General Studies. The goals of the USGA consist of providing a means for expression of student needs, providing an experience in democratic living, encouraging individual responsibility, and fostering a spirit of loyalty and unity within the students towards each other as well as the University. The USGA also represents student issues, concerns, and views to the administration. Through the USGA, students can make changes within the university, thereby ensuring a pleasant undergraduate experience.

LeaderShape Institute
In 1999, UAB Student Leadership began sending students through the LeaderShape Institute, a nationally recognized leadership institute for college students in the United States. Since then, UAB has progressed to a “campus-based” session of LeaderShape and annually selects 10-15 students to attend this outstanding program. LeaderShape is a six day experience described as “intense fun in a relaxed learning environment” that focuses on leaving students with a commitment to leading with integrity that can result in extraordinary change. All students are welcome to apply! Applications are available each spring semester in our office.

Volunteer Program
Service to the Birmingham community is very important to the Office of Student Leadership and the Volunteer Program. Once each semester there is a campus-wide outreach day called “Into the Streets.” It draws over 1000 students annually. There are also on-going service projects, monthly service projects, and Volunteer fairs held each semester. During Spring Break, the Office of Student Leadership and Volunteer Programs takes a group of 18 students from UAB to work with Habitat for Humanity for a week. Recent trips have been to Oklahoma City, Wilmington and Miami.

Leadership and Service Council
All leadership and volunteer programs within our office are organized and led by members of the Leadership and Service Council. The students that attend LeaderShape become part of the Leadership and Service (LSC) Executive Board. These students plan events such as the fall and Winter Leadership Retreats, Into the Streets, Monthly Service Projects, and much, much more.

UAB Ambassadors
The UAB Ambassador Program consists of 20 students that represent the university at most university-related functions and events. These students serve the university as the official hosts and hostesses of UAB. The Ambassador program has students from all areas of the university including graduate and undergraduate students, as well as Truman scholars and EMSAP scholars. Applications are available in the Office of Student Leadership each fall during the first part of December.

Fraternities and Sororities
Currently, UAB has 12 active fraternities and sororities on campus. These organizations all have a similar purpose: to offer an opportunity for close friendships and to teach its members leadership through the experience of working with others on common goals and projects. Every fraternity and sorority encourages and expects above average scholarship. Each organization encourages participation in varied activities, which in turn offer unlimited and valuable experiences. All organizations recruit members in different ways depending on that organization’s national guidelines.

For information on any activities listed above, the new Leadership Foundations program (listed separately in this newsletter) or any student organization that is recognized on UAB’s campus, please feel free to contact the Office of Student Leadership at (205) 934-8020 or by email at uableadership@uab.edu.

Andrea Miller Pound
Assistant Director of Student Leadership
# UAB Homecoming 2005 Has Arrived

UAB’s Homecoming festivities will kick off Sunday, October 2nd and run through Saturday October 8th. Homecoming brings out the Blazer spirit every fall with a full week of exciting activities and favorite UAB campus traditions! Days of contests and parties lead up to a parade, pep rally, and bonfire on Friday, plus the football game on Saturday.

This year’s Homecoming activities promise to be full of excitement, spirit, and UAB Pride. There are must-see events for students, faculty, parents, alumni, and the community. This is just the thing for a proud UAB Parents’ Association member!

## UAB Homecoming 2005 Schedule of Events

**Sunday, October 2nd**  
2:00 p.m. | Paint the Town Green and Gold | HUC Concourse

**Monday, October 3rd**  
11:00 a.m. | Spirit Day | UAB Mini Park

**Tuesday, October 4th**  
12:00 p.m. | Fight Song Competition | HUC Concourse  
8:00 p.m. | Casino Night | Green and Gold Room in Bartow Arena

**Wednesday, October 5th**  
12:00 p.m. | Gurney Derby | 13th Street South between University and 10th Ave S.  
1:00 p.m. | Homecoming Field Day | Mini Park  
7:30 p.m. | Annual Stompdown Competition | Campus Recreation Center

**Friday, October 7th**  
12:00 p.m. | UAB Homecoming Parade |  
7:00 p.m. | Dragon March | starts at Rast/Blount Quad  
Following Dragon March | Bon-fire & Pep Rally | UAB Mini Park  
Following Bon Fire & Pep Rally | Homecoming Block Party | Anderson Alley

**Saturday, October 8th**  
8 a.m. | 5k Classic Run/Walk & 1 Mile Fun Run |  
10 a.m. | Pancake Breakfast | UAB Mini Park  
4:00 p.m. | Homecoming Tailgate | Blazer Village  
6:00 p.m. | UAB Blazers vs. SMU Mustangs | Legion Field  
(at half-time the spirit competition awards will be given out)

## Important Dates to Remember

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For Tickets visit www.uabsports.com