SIGNIFICANT UAB DATES

1821 - Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama created by the General Assembly
1936 - Extension Center of the University of Alabama opened in Birmingham
1945 - School of Medicine moved from Tuscaloosa to Birmingham and became a four-year school
1945 - Jefferson and Hillman Hospitals combined to serve as the teaching hospital for the School of Medicine
1948 - School of Dentistry, with Dr. Joseph F. Volker as dean, enrolled its first class
1955 - First Ph.D. earned on the Birmingham campus
1958 - Campus expansion began with acquisition of approximately 8.5 blocks (60 acres) from the Birmingham Housing Authority
1966 - Extension Center in Birmingham became the University of Alabama in Birmingham, one of three campuses of the University of Alabama
1966 - College of General Studies established
1966 - School of Health Services Administration established
1967 - School of Nursing moved from Tuscaloosa to Birmingham
1969 - UAB became an autonomous campus with Dr. Joseph F. Volker as its first president
1969 - School of Community and Allied Health Resources established by the Alabama Legislature and Regional Technical Institute established for health occupations training
1969 - School of Optometry established
1970 - Graduate School established
1970 - First degrees awarded by UAB
1971 - College of General Studies reorganized as University College with Schools of Business, Education, Engineering, and Arts and Sciences
1973 - School of Arts and Sciences restructured into Schools of Humanities, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social and Behavioral Sciences
1975 - Funds appropriated by Legislature for the purchase of approximately 30 blocks (140 acres) of Urban Renewal lands for UAB expansion
1976 - Dr. Joseph F. Volker appointed first chancellor of the University of Alabama System
1977 - Dr. S. Richardson Hill Jr. named second president
1981 - School of Public Health established
1984 - University of Alabama in Birmingham became University of Alabama at Birmingham
1987 - Dr. Charles A. McCallum named third president
1987 - School of Community and Allied Health became School of Health Related Professions
1988 - School of Humanities became School of Arts and Humanities
1989 - UAB exceeded $100 million in active grants and contracts
1989 - Use of the designation "University College" discontinued
1990 - 50,000th degree awarded by UAB
1992 - UAB's outpatient services moved to the newly constructed Kirklin Clinic
1993 - Dr. J. Claude Bennett named fourth president
1994 - UAB acquired Walker College, which became known as UAB Walker College
1994-95 - Certificate-level, junior college linkage programs (Regional Technical Institute) in the School of Health Related Professions phased out
1995 - Academic units reorganized under provost
1995 - UAB Health System established
1995 - UAB exceeded $200 million in active grants and contracts
1997 - Mr. Paul Hardin named interim president
1997 - Dr. W. Ann Reynolds named fifth president
1998 - Relationship terminated between UAB and UAB Walker College
1999 - UAB launched the public phase of a $250 million capital campaign, the largest capital campaign in
the history of the state; goal was later raised to $350 million
1999 - Southern Research Institute affiliated with UAB
2000 - UAB exceeded $300 million in active grants and contracts
2001 - UAB moved to a semester academic calendar
2002 - University of Alabama Board of Trustees approved an affiliation agreement between the UAB
Health System and Bessemer Carraway Medical Center
2002 - Dr. Malcolm Portera, Chancellor of the University of Alabama System, named interim president
2002 - Dr. Carol Z. Garrison named sixth president
2003 - Capital campaign officially ends on December 31, having raised $388.7 million for UAB
2006 - School of Health Related Professions became School of Health Professions
2007 - Degrees awarded by UAB surpassed 100,000
2010 - School of Arts and Humanities, Education, Natural Sciences and Mathematics, and Social
and Behavioral Sciences merged and realigned as the College of Arts and Sciences
2010 - UAB Women & Infants Center opened to patients
2010 - UAB Highlands became part of UAB Hospital
2012 - Dr. Richard B. Marchase named interim president
2012 - School of Education established as a separate school from the College of Arts and Sciences
2013 - Dr. Ray L. Watts named seventh president
2013 - UAB School of Business named Collat School of Business
2013 - UAB launched the public phase of a $1 billion capital campaign
2014 - Inaugural deans appointed for Honors College and UAB Libraries
2015 - UAB welcomed its highest performing freshman class ever, with an average ACT of 25
(top 21 percent nationally)
SIGNIFICANT UAB DATES (CONTINUED)

**UAB PRESIDENTS**

Dr. Joseph F. Volker, 1969-1976
Dr. S. Richardson Hill Jr., 1977-1987
Dr. Charles A. McCallum, 1987-1993
Dr. J. Claude Bennett, 1993-1996
Mr. Paul Hardin (Interim), 1997
Dr. W. Ann Reynolds, 1997-2002
Dr. Malcolm Portera (Interim), 2002
Dr. Carol Z. Garrison, 2002-2012
Dr. Richard B. Marchase (Interim), 2012-13
Dr. Ray L. Watts, 2013-present