

Newsletter

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EMPOWERING THE STUDENT VOICE**



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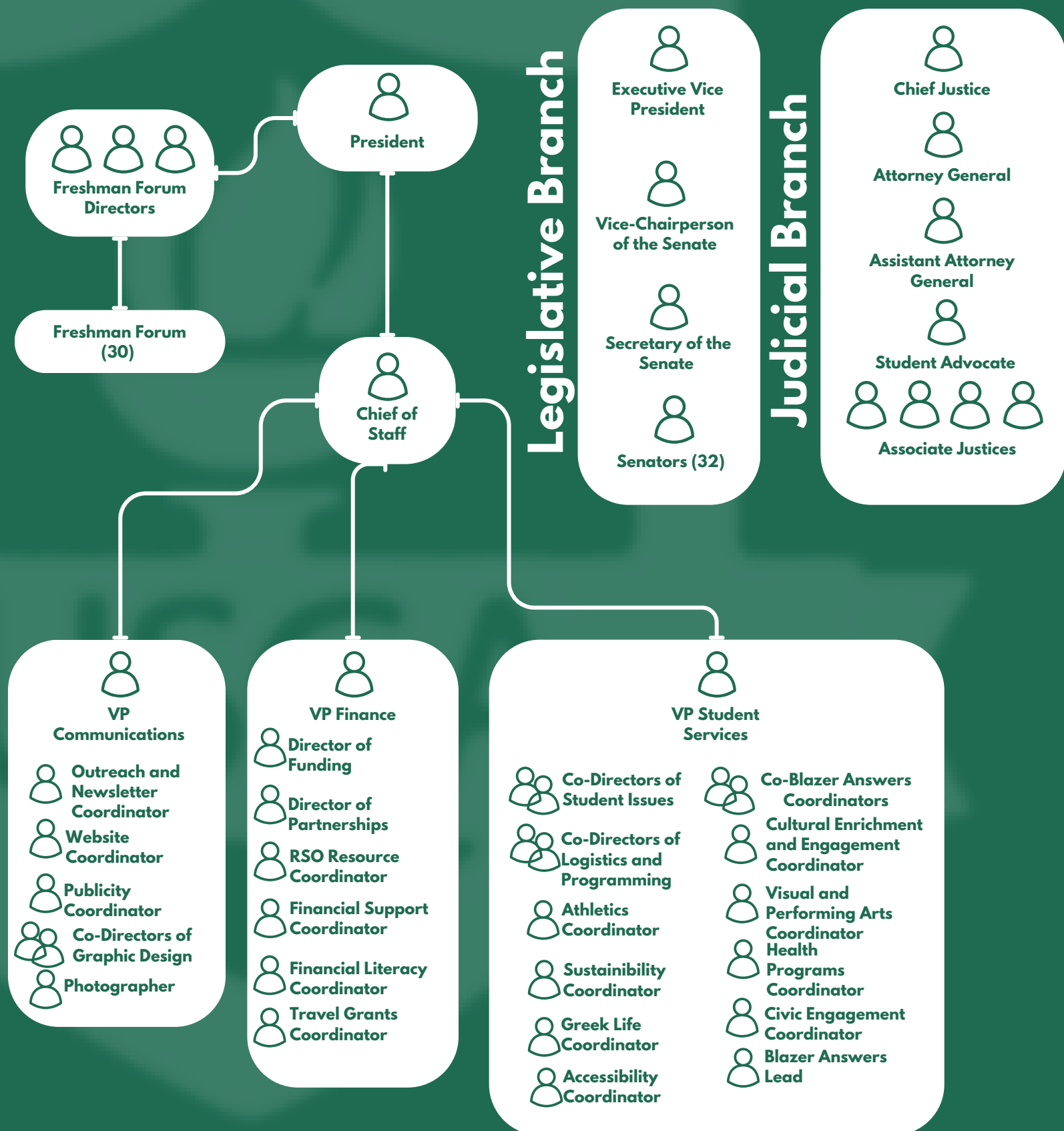
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USGA Structure

2024-2025



Ayona's Announcements

February 

Monthly Updates

**Check back next month for President
Ayona's Updates.**

**Have a great February, and enjoy the
rest of the Newsletter!**

Overviews from Office of the President

Monthly Updates

CAS Senator
Halla Al-Moradi



USGA Townhall

This month, the USGA held a Townhall to allow the student body to gain better insight into the abundant resources offered on campus. The well-attended event showcased standout groups, like the National Alumni Society. Make sure to keep up with the USGA Instagram for the fastest information for future Townhalls!



Election
Commission
Geethika Polepalli



USGA Election Season Updates:

This past month, the UAB student body took part in the USGA Elections! This immensely large event is planned heavily in advance through the Election Commission, headed this year by Sarah Wilson. The Presidential Election was the only contested election this year, and each candidate spoke at the USGA Debate.

The tight race for the Presidency was finalized. Check out all the results for the 2025 USGA Elections on page ____.

Catchin' Up With

COMMS

Monthly Updates

Vice President of
Communications
Ammar Rana

Can't Attend a USGA Meeting?

Check out our Instagram to be (virtually) part of all our USGA meetings. We hold in-person meetings every Tuesday at 7:00, and these are live-streamed!

Website Updates

The USGA website has gone under some significant changes over the past month, thanks to the work of our Website Coordinator, Charlotte Menko. Firstly, the "Newsletter" tab on the website has been updated to clearly showcase all the newsletters of this past year! Additionally, you can see the 2024 Fall RSO Budget under the "USGA Budget" tab to view just how this organization is working to provide students with the best access to a positive campus community through financial means.

Missed the Election?

Relive the election with us on Instagram, and check out all the posts from this past month.

Follow us!

INSTAGRAM: [uab_usga](#)

FACEBOOK: [UABUSGA](#)

OFFICIAL WEBSITE: www.uab.edu/usga


Fun Times with Finance!

Monthly Updates



Travel Grants
Coordinator
Arianne Siegel

RSO Spring Funding Distributed!



The Division of Finance is excited to announce that the funds for Registered Student Organizations have been distributed for the Spring semester. This has been a lot of hard work and dedication from the Division of Finance external to their academic obligations. USGA works to ensure student voices are heard, and providing financial support for student organizations is just one way this group meets this aim.

Fall 2025 Budget Information Sessions

The Fall Budget Information Sessions will be held on March 5 and March 7, both at 5 pm via Zoom. These information sessions are key to ensuring student organizations receive requested funding under USGA. If you are part of a registered student organization and require funding, please go to these meetings. The Zoom link is on our Instagram!



Sit Down with

February 

STUDENT SERVICES

Monthly Updates

Co-Director of Logistics
and Programming
Samanvi Vootukuri



Happy Black History Month

This February, we honor the legacy of Black leaders who have shaped our university and beyond. One of those trailblazers is Bracie Watson, the first Black and first-ever president of the UAB Undergraduate Student Government Association. As a student leader during UAB's early years, Watson played a crucial role in advocating for student representation and laying the foundation for future generations. His leadership and dedication continue to inspire us today. Let's take this time to reflect on the impact of Black changemakers at UAB and beyond!

Blazer Answers Tabling

Do you have questions about UAB and/or USGA? Make sure to check out Blazer Answers, a platform run through the Division of Student Services. Blazer Answers tabled on February 10!


Just Chillin' with JUDICIAL

Monthly Updates



Chief Justice
Isabella Campos

Higher Education Day



Higher Education Day is an annual advocacy event held in Montgomery, AL, bringing together students and university representatives to remind Alabama's policymakers and opinion leaders of the vital role the state's universities play and the importance of supporting public policies that strengthen their impact. The event also engages the media, providing statewide visibility for the value of higher education.

The aim of Higher Education Day is to highlight the significance of universities, connect students with key decision-makers, and create a space for the university community to collectively deliver important messages.

USGA and students were proud to represent UAB this year as part of Higher Education Day. Please consider signing up to attend the event next year!

Speak Out with the

SENATE

Monthly Updates



CAS Senator
Jaya Vadapalli



Collat Senators Kissing Booth

On February 13, the Collat School of Business Senators held a “Kissing Booth” to allow School of Business students to have an opportunity to meet their respective Senators while grabbing some cookies and Hershey Kisses!

CAS Senators Scavenger Hunt

USGA CAS Senators held a Scavenger Hunt from February 17 to February 21. The goal of the Hunt was to encourage the student body to get to know their Senators, especially since CAS has the most Senators of any USGA Senator division. The winner of the Scavenger Hunt won free UAB merchandise!

School of Engineering and Education Spring Carnival (March 3)

This exciting event will have games and allow students to network with different student organizations.


Additionally, the winner of the School of Engineering t-shirt design competition will be announced here!

Members of the Month




February 2024-2025


Welcome to Member(s) of the Month! USGA members nominate other members for their hard work and dedication. These members represent the values and mission of this organization, earning them a highlight for this month. This semester, Members of the Month are being highlighted on the respective page of their Division! Check out the sample of testimonies we received about members' work to the right. Make sure to check the USGA Newsletter next month to see who received Member of the Month!




Samanvi is a stellar representative of UAB and USGA! She always holds herself to high standards and is a role model. I can't wait to see what more she does before she graduates next year!



Jaya is so sweet and friendly and is always willing to help out, whether that's with interdisciplinary initiatives, volunteering, or involvement!



Geethika does everything with her utmost effort, and always has a smile on her face. She has quickly adapted to the fast-paced environment of USGA and is a vital addition to the Election Commission!



Halla never fails to put the student body first. She comes to every meeting ready to advocate and create a positive impact. I would consider Halla a true changemaker.

USGA Election Results

Executive Council

Presidential Race Winner
Saad Khan



Executive Vice Presidential Race Winner
Breanna Fisher



USGA Election Results

Executive Council

**Vice President of
Student Services**

Amanda Tran



**Vice President of
Finance**

Rachel Weng



**Vice President of
Communications**

Rishab Samant



2025- 2026

USGA Election Results

Senate

College of Arts and Sciences

Abby Kulkarni

Bhavya Chalasani

Jaya Vadapalli

Jonathan Harmon

Omar Jasser

Parmida Amiri

Pharell Mapa

Punarvi Mandadapu

Serika Patel

Taryn Billups

Vamsi Singu

School of Public Health

Ameena Momand

Aurora Tipp

School of Education

Ramy Mansur

2 Open Senate Seats

School of Business

Ashley Nguyen

Jesall Patel

Luc Ralph Slate

Samir Abouhaider

2 Open Senate Seats

Health Professions

John Ko

Soongi Yoon

Hailey Hezeay

Alyssa Hernandez

School of Engineering

Abhai Anand

Mohammed Elimam

Sneha Jayashankar

School of Nursing

Ameena Momand

Zainab Derkaoui

3 Open Senate Seats

See You Soon!

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