

# Academic Affairs Newsletter

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## Congratulations to New PKP Faculty/Staff Initiates

John Crabtree, David Nickels, Lesley Peterson, David Shields, Alex Takeuchi, Donna Tipps, Karen Townsend, Molly Vaughn, and Chunsheng Zhang.

## 2013 Newly Elected Directors to the UNA Foundation Board

Terry Bagwell, Jeffrey P. Daniel, Alex Godwin, Macke Mauldin, Nancy Opler, Robert L. Potts, Thomas T. Ross, William R. Strong, and Thomas S. White.

## Grammy-Award Winning Alumnus Presents Gold Record to Department!

John Paul White, the male half of the music duo The Civil Wars, presented the Department of Entertainment Industry with a gold record commemorating the 500,000 album sales of the duo's latest album "Barton Hollow."

White presented the gold record to the department on April 18. He graduated in 1999 with a degree in entertainment industry management.

White's latest success in the music industry includes GRAMMY nominations and awards, Country Music Association awards, an Americana Music Association award and even a Golden Globe nomination.

## Three Psychology Students Entering Ph.D. Programs in Fall 2013

Three students have been accepted for admission to graduate programs in psychology and will receive graduate fellowships or assistantships. Lauren A.J. Kirby, a senior honors program student from Pisgah, Alabama, will enroll in Auburn University's Ph.D. Program in cognitive and behavioral sciences – psychology where she will receive a graduate assistantship and full tuition support. Jordan L. Sparks, a senior from Muscle Shoals, Alabama, will enroll in Georgia Tech University's Ph.D. Program in quantitative psychology, where she will receive a graduate assistantship and full tuition support. Joy D. Wimberly, a senior from Arab, Alabama, will enroll in the University of Alabama's Ph.D. Program in school psychology where she will receive a graduate assistantship and full tuition support. Congratulations!

## PKP Student Research Paper Awards

At the spring PKP initiation, five student research papers received special recognition for excellence. The faculty mentors for these efforts were: Jeff Bibbee (2), Lisa Kirch, Kristen Van Rensselaer, and Lisa Minor. Thanks to these faculty for their support of student research and writing.

## SNA Offers Initial Scholarship

The Student Nurses Association (SNA) has awarded Stephanie Hooie with a \$1,000 scholarship for fall 2013. This is the first scholarship offered by the SNA. Stephanie was chosen for this honor because of her academic achievements, commitment to SNA, and her need for financial assistance. The scholarship will be offered on an annual basis to any qualified SNA member (must have completed second level in nursing program). SNA is accepting donations for the scholarship. Please contact Tera Kirkman for more information.

## University Awards Gala

Six faculty received special award recognition at the banquet Monday night. Congratulations!

President's Diversity Award

W. T. McElheny Award

Eleanor Gaunder PKP Excellence in Teaching Award

Academic Affairs Outstanding Scholarship/Research

Academic Affairs Outstanding Service

Academic Affairs Outstanding Teaching

Dr. Tera Kirkman, Assistant Professor, Nursing

Dr. Cynthia Burkhead, Assistant Professor, English

Dr. Michael Pretes, Professor, Geography

Dr. Sarah Franklin, Assistant Professor, History

Ms. Celia Reynolds, Professor, Librarian

Dr. Vicki Pierce, Assistant Professor, Nursing

## Quote For Our Retention Strategy

"Students are like teeth, if you ignore them, they go away."

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