

Congratulations!

Dana Hall, a May 2014 graduate of UNA's Interior Design Program, won first place in the Daisy Bond Student Competitions on September 12 at the American Society of Interior Designers (ASID) Alabama State Conference 2014. Entries for this competition were submitted in May of her last semester here at UNA. This competition was started to honor the late Daisy Bond and to recognize outstanding student members' work. For more information and to see Dana's winning portfolio [click here](#). Congratulations, Dana!

Dr. Eddie Elsey, UNA Associate Professor of Music and low brass instructor, performed on trombone with "The Tuscaloosa Horns" as the back-up group for Rock 'N Roll Hall of Fame legendary R & B super group "The Four Tops" at The Georgia National Fair on October 2, 2014, in Perry, Georgia. The Tuscaloosa Horns is the most in-demand back-up instrumental group for headliner performers such as "The Four Tops," "The Temptations," "The O'Jays" and many other R&B groups that perform in the Southern region of the United States. Good Job!

UNA math major John Carr received the first place award for "Best Student Presentation" at Kennesaw Mountain Undergraduate Mathematics Conference (KMUMC 2014) at Kennesaw State University over Fall Break weekend. Well done!

On October 3 Dr. Jillian Stupiansky, Assistant Professor of Mathematics, was inducted into the 34th class of the Birmingham-Southern College Sports Hall of Fame. She played golf at Birmingham-Southern from 2003-2007. In 2006 and 2007, she helped her team win the Big South Conference Championship and qualify for the NCAA Regional Tournament. As a senior, she was the individual champion in three tournaments, including the conference championship, was the Big South Conference Women's Golf Scholar-Athlete of the Year for the second year in a row, and was named the Birmingham-Southern Female Athlete of the Year. Congratulations!

KMUMC 2014

UNA's Math/CS undergraduate research team participated in the Kennesaw Mountain Undergraduate Mathematics Conference (KMUMC 2014) with student presentations by **Alex Edwards and Michael Beaver** (faculty mentor Dr. Jessica Stovall) entitled "Investigating Cardano's Irreducible Case;" **Daniel Branscomb** (faculty mentor Dr. Jesse Prince-Lubawy) entitled "Metric Distances Between Cayley Tables;" **John Carr** (faculty mentor Dr. Mark Greer) entitled "Exploring Algebraic Relationships Between Quasigroups and the Sudoku Property;" and **Katie Goldsmith** (faculty mentor Dr. Cindy Stenger) entitled "Investigating the Effectiveness of Peer-Led Supplemental Instruction." Undergraduate team member **Audrey McGee** also attended the conference.



New Faculty

Dr. Jillian Stupiansky is an Assistant Professor of Mathematics. She received a B.A. degree in mathematics from Birmingham-Southern College in 2007. She then attended the University of Florida where she earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. degree in mathematics in 2009 and 2013, respectively. Jillian taught at Westminster College in Fulton, Missouri, as an Assistant Professor during the 2013-2014 school year before joining the faculty at UNA. Dr. Stupiansky's research is in the area of mathematical biology, specifically vector-transmitted diseases. Her focus has been on modeling the spread of citrus greening disease, a devastating problem that affects all citrus crops and has had a huge impact on the Florida economy. In addition to teaching, Jillian loves games and sports, especially golf.

John Waters is a creativity and innovation consultant, design strategist, and educator. Currently he is a Visiting Associate Professor of Art with the University of North Alabama. For the past eight years, he served as Professor of Graphic Design at the Savannah College of Art and Design. For 25 years prior to that, he was President and Creative Director of Waters Design Associates, Inc. in New York City. A pioneer in the use of computers for design, and a veteran web designer, Waters has helped many organizations increase their value through innovative digital communications. He and his clients have received countless design awards and his work has been reproduced in numerous magazines and books in the U.S. and abroad. In February of 2013, he was selected by the readers of Graphic Design USA as one of the 50 most influential graphic designers of the past 50 years. His book, The Real Business of Web Design, published by Allworth Press in 2004, has been praised by both the design and business communities.

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