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Congratulations

Dr. Ernestine Davis, Professor in the College Nursing, has been selected for the Tuskegee University Nursing Hall of Fame. She will be inducted on March 29, 2014. UNA is very proud of Dr. Davis.

Dr. Chris Maynard, Chair of the Department of History and Political Science, has been selected to participate in the 2014 Alabama Leadership Initiative to be held in Montgomery in April. This two-day forum will discuss state issues and include state-wide leaders. Good Job!

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In the January 16 issue of the VPAA Newsletter, awards for Bill Strong and Alan Flowers were mentioned. The follow-up articles on these awards are available through [this link](#) (pages 92 and 98).

Thanks

UNA sponsored a very successful Distance Learning and Technology Conference on March 18. Thanks to Education Technology Services for helping organize and host the conference. Special thanks to the following faculty members for presenting at the conference: Dennis Balch, Pam Chaney, Andrea Hunt, Kristy Oden, Brian Ford, Chris Maynard, Jonathan Simms, and Jill Simpson.

Say No More, Professor

"A study published in *Communication Education*, a journal of the National Communication Association, reveals that students view professors as more credible when they disclose less personal information to their classes. The study surveyed 438 undergraduates at a southeastern university and compared teaching styles to student's classroom behaviors." (*The Presidency*, Spring 2014 Vol. 17, No. 2, pg. 6.) For more information visit www.acenet.edu/nomore.

New Commons

The Commons is now open and is being well received by students, employees, and the Shoals community. Space is available in the Commons that can be booked for events and academic functions. Virtual EMS is an online software that produces a viewable calendar to see when events are scheduled or if a room is open for booking. The website is <http://emsweb.una.edu/virtualems/>. Choose browse to view the calendar. It can be sorted by building, type of event, or dates. To book an event, meeting, or class in the Commons email punderwood@una.edu.

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