

## Homecoming Accolades for UNA Faculty

School spirit was at an all-time high as the UNA family gathered last Saturday, October 17, to celebrate this year's Homecoming festivities. Lion Pride was exemplified by a range of activities including the Faculty and Staff Service Awards presented to successful UNA alumni for their long-term campus involvement and dedication to students, colleagues, and the community. This year's Faculty Award recipients were Dr. Larry Bates ('92), Professor of Psychology, Dr. Dennis Balch ('71), Associate Professor of Management, and Dr. Joan Parris ('74), Professor Emerita of Computer Information Systems. The Political Service Alumni Award was presented to Mr. David Black ('80), Instructor in Economics and Chair of the Colbert County Commission. We congratulate our colleagues on their wonderful accomplishments and wish them continued success!

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## Faculty Achievements

Mr. Aaron Tennessee Benson, Assistant Professor of Art, won a commissioned sculpture competition, *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi*, in Sydney, Australia. Mr. Benson was selected by a curatorial panel to build a sculpture as part of a large, free-to-the-public arts event. Mr. Benson's sculpture will be one of over 100 pieces featured on the Bondi to Tamarama coastal walk this year. He and the other participating artists were chosen out of 500 submissions from 41 countries and six territories. As part of the competition, the panel also selected two of Mr. Benson's wall sculptures for a gallery exhibition. *Sculpture by the Sea, Bondi* will take place from October 22-November 8, 2015.



Dr. Lorie Johnson, Assistant Professor of Elementary Education, was invited to be the keynote speaker for Tuscumbia City School's Teacher Institute Day on August 3. Dr. Johnson delivered a keynote address entitled "You Were Made for This," reminding teachers and administrators that they are in their roles to make a difference in the lives of their students.



Dr. Paulette Alexander, Associate Dean for the College of Business, and Ms. Janyce Fadden, Executive-in-Residence, College of Business, presented a workshop at the Lean Higher Education Hub Conference in Waterloo Ontario, Canada, on September 10, 2015. They spoke on "Improving MBA Student Recruiting Processes through use of Value Stream Mapping." The conference website, with all of the papers publicly available is <https://uwaterloo.ca/lean-conference/>.

Dr. Isaac M. Sleadd, Assistant Professor of Biology, was recently published by the [Bulletin of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology](#). The article, "Total Mercury in Six Antarctic Notothenioid Fishes," was so interesting that the editor-in-chief called Dr. Sleadd for a follow-up feature editorial. The original article will be in print in the November 2015 bulletin, Volume 95, Issue 5, pp 557-560. Congratulations on a job well done!



Ms. Janyce Fadden, Executive-in-Residence, College of Business, recently presented UNA's role in the Shoals Strategic Doing Movement. First, at the annual summit of the University Economic Development Association held September 27-30, in Anchorage, Alaska, she participated in a panel discussion on "The new collaborative landscape of talent development and retention: Employing effective regional, metropolitan and statewide strategies." Secondly, at the Pathways to Innovation Program workshop held October 7-9 at the University of Las Vegas, Las Vegas, Nevada, Ms. Fadden spoke to over 70 participants about "Forging connections outside a metro area."

## Congratulations!

The National Kitchen and Bath Association (NKBA) announced recently that Ms. Heather Fields, a UNA interior design major, won second place in the 2014-2015 NKBA Student Design Competition – East Tennessee Gentleman's Farm, which offers \$10,000 in scholarships and prizes. All winners will attend the NKBA design competition awards event on Monday, January 18, 2016, held at Marquee Nightclub, the Cosmopolitan, Las Vegas, Nevada, during the Kitchen and Bath Industry Show (KBIS). The competition received hundreds of entries from NKBA student members at colleges and universities across North America.

## New Faculty Member

Dr. Barry Cumbie, Associate Professor of Computer Information Systems, completed his master's and doctorate studies at Auburn University in the area of Management of Innovation and Information Technology. A well published scholar, his research interests include the adoption and usage of technological innovations, particularly large institutional-wide systems including enterprise-wide systems, community-wide systems and e-government. Dr. Cumbie has lived in New England and the Pacific Northwest but has spent most of his years in the South and considers it home.

