Welcome back…

Welcome back to the 2016-17 academic year! We hope everyone enjoyed their summer and returns rested and ready for the new semester! This year promises to be an exciting and productive one with our continued focus on strong academics and student-focused education. As we begin our 186th year at UNA, we wish you a productive, challenging, and successful academic year! We look forward to seeing you around campus. Let’s make it a great year!

Welcome New Colleagues

The New Faculty Orientation, sponsored by the VPAA’s Office, was held on August 22, 2016. The program offered 26 new faculty members an overview of academic priorities, information on campus resources, the tenure and promotion process, employee benefits, Banner, and Canvas. Faculty members gained valuable knowledge about student expectations from a student panel and strategies for successful teaching from a faculty panel. As part of the event, faculty had the opportunity to meet with the President, Provost, and other campus leaders, faculty and staff. We are proud of the new faculty cohort who join our distinctive team of teacher-scholars at UNA. Welcome!

Several of our UNA faculty, staff, and students went to Haiti with Bethany Oliver Green before school started. They did service work and hope to create a lasting partnership with the community they visited. They traveled at a time when they could have been relaxing and getting ready for school to start, but they chose to make a difference. Join the VPAA’s Office in thanking these participants for their commitment.

Faculty Accomplishments

Anderson College of Nursing strives to provide top quality online courses. As an instructor in the Online Department, Dr. Kristy Oden wanted to ensure that course content was presented in the best way possible, a way that would most benefit her students. After attending Quality Matters workshops offered by UNA and learning that Quality Matters is a faculty-centered, peer review process that evaluates a course for quality and online components, she knew that this was a challenge that she wanted to fulfill. Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology, a fully online course required by all MSN students, was selected by Dr. Oden to be redesigned to meet the strenuous guidelines established by Quality Matters. With the expert guidance of Natasha Lindsey, Instructional Designer, Dr. Oden successfully prepared this course to meet the 43 standards and received the Quality Matters Certification. Dr. Oden can now display the Quality Matters symbol within the course, indicating to students that the design of the course meets current best practices. Congratulations to Dr. Oden for this accomplishment!

Service in Haiti

Bethany Oliver Green, Student Engagement
Jeff Bibbee, History
Clarissa Hall, Nursing
Gary Padgett, Secondary Education
David Johnson, HES
Mary Beth Willis, International Affairs
Tucker Green, graduate student in Geography

New Faculty

Dr. Butler Cain is an associate professor and chair of the Department of Communications at the University of North Alabama. He graduated from the University of Alabama with B.A. ('96) and M.A. ('02) degrees in Journalism, and he also received his Ph.D. in Media History ('07) from the University of Alabama. Dr. Cain spent many years working professionally as a broadcast journalist in Virginia and Alabama, including a decade as news director of Alabama Public Radio. He spent six years as the student news organization adviser and Broadcast Journalism program coordinator in the Department of Communication at West Texas A&M University in Canyon, Texas. Before transitioning into higher education, he spent a year teaching English language reading and writing skills in Seoul, South Korea.

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Open Invitation

We invite your feedback and stories to make the newsletter more beneficial to campus. Please send submissions to mdaniels@una.edu.