

## HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS!

On Wednesday, December 6, President Kitts and family opened their home to UNA's faculty, staff, and their families for UNA's very first annual, Santa Party! The event was filled with holiday cheer as attendees snacked on sugar cookies, created holiday crafts, and made pictures with Santa! Ms. Kitts had this to say about the featured event:

*"This event is about honoring families, being together and creating memories. I hope to look out on the front lawn the afternoon of Dec. 6 and see happy children running around and squealing with holiday delight."*



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## UNA Hosts International Education Week

UNA Office of International Affairs provided a week to remember as students from all over campus engaged in activities aimed at emphasizing diversity. The week consisted of a variety of events; such as, disc golf and Passport to the World. UNA exemplified unity as the community honored the 35 represented countries on campus.



## UNA's History Graduate Students Thrive

The Department of History celebrates the success of 2 graduate students, Brian Murphy and Brian Corrigan, for their contribution regarding the following book: "The Tennessee River and Northwest Alabama." The project is set to be released Fall 2018 and was awarded a traveling grant of \$1,260 by the Alabama Humanities Foundation. We are proud of these students and look forward to future collaborations.



## New Faculty



Dr. Jason B. Smith DNP, MSN, RN, CNE was appointed as an Associate Professor of Nursing at the University North Alabama on August 21, 2017. Dr. Smith is a native of Russellville and graduated from Russellville High School in 1997. Dr. Smith earned a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing (BSN) from the University of North Alabama in 2002, a Master's of Science in Nursing (MSN) in 2005, and a Doctorate of Nursing Practice (DNP) in 2011. Dr. Smith has an active, professional registered nurse licensure in the state of Alabama and certified as an advanced academic nurse educator. Dr. Smith has 16 years of experience in nursing education, clinical research, and clinical practice. "It is such a privilege to have the opportunity to return back to the educational institution that provided me with such great professional role models."

## Open Invitation

We invite your feedback and stories to make the newsletter more beneficial to campus. Please send submissions with pictures to:

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