



*The Office of the VPAA wishes all
Faculty and Staff the Best of
Holidays and a Prosperous New
Year!*

Welcome to D1!

The University of North Alabama will move to Division I and join the A-Sun Conference starting in the 2018-19 season. Our office is excited about the many opportunities and wish our athlete scholars much success! Also, we hope you will join us as we cheer on the UNA Lions at the NCAA Division II National Championship on Saturday, December 17th! Roar Lions!



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Faculty Accomplishment

Dr. Karen Townsend, Professor, Counselor Education, presented "Magnetic Personalities: Using Word Magnets in the Supervision Experience" at the 2016 Association for Creativity in Counseling Conference in Savannah, Georgia, and "Supervising Magnetic Personalities: Using Word Magnets in Individual Supervision" at the 2016 Southern Association for Counselor Education and Supervision Conference in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Dr. Miranda Parries of the Counselor Education Department received the Alabama Counseling Association's 2016 Individual Publication Award for her co-authored article, "Professional Counseling's Alignment with the Core Competencies for Interprofessional Collaborative Practice." The award was presented at this year's Alabama Counseling Association Conference 2016 in Birmingham, AL. The article was published in the special issue of the American Journal of Health Research. Special Issue: Integrating Interprofessional Collaborations in Health Services Research.



Dr. Townsend and Dr. Miranda Parries also presented "My Unique Snowflake: Multicultural Awareness Activities for Children and Adolescents" with several UNA students (Kristy Black, Laura Heaps, Miranda Hill, James Miller, Amy Thompson, Chase Wise) and University of Alabama doctoral intern at UNA, Amy Davis, at the 2016 Annual Conference of the Alabama Counseling Association in Birmingham, Alabama.

New Faculty Bio

Dr. Nikita Duke joined UNA in Fall 2016 as an Assistant Professor in the Anderson College of Nursing. She is married and has three children. She completed her Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree in July of 2016 from the University of South Alabama. She is also an alumni of the University of North Alabama where she obtained her Bachelor Degree of Nursing. She currently holds a specialty certification as a family psychiatric nurse practitioner and works part-time at Riverbend Center for Mental Health. She is currently a member and serves as secretary for the UNA Upsilon Omicron chapter of Sigma Theta Tau Nursing Honor Society. She has taught in the BSN program at UNA in the past and glad to be back home.



Important Dates

December 17 - Commencement at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

December 17 - Division II National Championship Game

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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