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Love of Learning Award Winners

Joy Wimberly, a May 2013 UNA graduate in psychology, received a \$500 award through the Love of Learning Phi Kappa Phi program. There were over 1,000 applications and 147 awards were made. Joy will be using the award at the University of Alabama where she was accepted to the School of Psychology Ph.D. program. She received full financial support with a graduate assistantship.

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Collier Library

Through this link, [Liberal Library Policy](#), read a short article from the Library Archives, 1954. Times have changed!

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CONAH News

The OPEN (Opportunities for Entry into Nursing) scholarship grant monies were awarded to 65 nursing and pre-nursing students in the second Orientation/ Reception program held in the GUC on September 4. This federal grant will provide a total of \$455,845 to minority and financially disadvantaged students for the 2013-2014 academic year.

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New Faculty Introduction

Dr. Shane Banks is an Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems in the College of Business. He received a Ph.D. with a concentration in Management Information Systems from the University of Memphis and MBA and bachelor's degrees from Arkansas State University. He has taught courses in computer information systems at Arkansas State University, University of Memphis, and Middle Tennessee State University. Prior to pursuing a Ph.D., he worked in various information technology roles including Information Technology Director for a telecommunications company. His research interests include examining how organizations are using information technology to improve the lives of those who do not have adequate access to basic needs such as health care and education. Shane and his wife Twyla have four children, Kirby, Caleb, Drace, and Sydney. Kirby is a freshman at UNA majoring in secondary education. Shane enjoys spending time with his family, playing golf, attending sporting events, and just being outdoors.



Why Go To College?

What is the Most Important Reason People Should Go To College? Click [here](#) for results of survey. Business Officer, July/August 2013: p. 92.

Congratulations

At the annual meeting of the Southern Association of Institutional Research in Memphis this October, Dr. Andrew Luna will receive the Distinguished Member Award for his service. Good job!

Graduate Student Conference

Under the leadership of the Department of History and Political Science, there will be an academic conference focused on the 50th anniversary of desegregation at the University of North Alabama. The conference will be held September 13 in the GUC. The campus community and guests are invited. Thanks to Dr. Sarah Franklin for leading this effort.

Faculty Service

Over the summer break Dr. Wendy Darby collaborated with the Florence City Police Department, the Florence City Schools System, and the Cramer Children's Advocacy Center to present a Child Abuse Prevention workshop for administrators, teachers, social workers, and staff in the Florence City School system. The three-hour program titled "Darkness to Light" was made possible through a Police Department grant provided by the St. Francis Project in coordination with Trinity Episcopal Church.

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