Press release for COB Awards and Appreciation Banquet

The University of North Alabama College Of Business held its first Awards and Appreciation Dinner on Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Guillot University Center on campus.

Dr. Greg Carnes, Dean of the College of Business, emceed the evening and said, “Tonight we brought together many highlights of events and people that make the College of Business so successful. We celebrated their achievements in a special way that becomes a new tradition for the College of Business. I am pleased for the award recipients and appreciate the sponsors that made the event outstanding.”

The event highlights included a special recognition of Mr. Joel Anderson with the awarding of an Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. Joel currently serves as Chairman and Director in the Anderson Companies. He is a tireless supporter of the Shoals region and led many successful boards and capital campaigns. His work with entrepreneurs led to the growth of many local and national companies. Joel is also a UNA Trustee.

President Kenneth Kitts presented the award to Joel following a special video presentation. “I am pleased that one of my first official duties is to bestow on Joel Anderson an Honorary Bachelor of Business Administration Degree. I first met Joel when he chaired the Presidential Search Committee. I knew then that this was a special place when people like Joel are so dedicated to the advancement of the community and UNA.”

In addition the awards included faculty, staff and students. Five Faculty and staff were recognized for their exceptional contributions. Each department recognized an outstanding senior. There were 62 Scholarships awarded.

The event, sponsored by SunTrust, raised funds for Study Abroad which will assist future students to broaden their global experiences. Victoria Atkinson, student, spoke about her experiences and how it changed her. “I strongly recommend that students take advantage of this excellent opportunity to deepen their global understanding. I am forever changed by the time I spent abroad. I know when I begin my career that I will bring this experience with me.”

Dean Carnes also recognized four faculty and staff on their service to the College and UNA as they retire. “We are a great College of Business because of the contributions these people made over their years of service. I wish them the very best as they start a new chapter.”

Highlights from the evening event are posted at https://www.una.edu/business/.

The recipients of staff and faculty awards:

**Faculty and Staff Awards**

**Faculty Advising Excellence Award** Carol H. Gossett  
*Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems*
Faculty Research Excellence Award  
James A. Jerkins  
*Assistant Professor of Computer Science*

Faculty Service Excellence Award  
Kerry P. Gatlin  
*Professor of Management*

Faculty Teaching Excellence Award  
Corey S. Cagle  
*Assistant Professor of Accounting*

Staff Service Excellence Award  
Kelly R. Irwin  
*Administrative Assistant, Computer Science and Information Systems*

**Departmental Outstanding Senior Awards**

**Accounting and Business Law** - Hannah F. Aycock

**Computer Science and Information Systems** - Thomas J. Rhodes

**Economics and Finance** - Allison V. Short

**Management and Marketing** - Robert J. Stein

**Scholarships**

**Department of Accounting and Business Law**

**Abroms Endowed Accounting Scholarship**  
Marilyn S. Sullivan  
John O. Posey

**Alabama Society of Certified Public Accountants Endowed Scholarship**  
Ambur F. Love

**Campbell Accounting Endowed Scholarship**  
Kyle G. Stephenson  
Kaitlin N. Eckl

**George E. and Cora C. Broman Endowed Scholarship**  
Brooklyn K. Dial

**Institute of Management Accountants (IMA) Endowed Scholarship**  
Hannah F. Aycock

**Lawrence H. Conwill Endowed Scholarship**  
Justin H. Coats

**North Alabama International Trade Association Scholarship**  
Miracle F. Osborne

**Patterson, Prince and Associates, P.C. Endowed Scholarship**  
Matthew W. Lovelace  
Tess A. Brink
Department of Computer Science and Information Systems

CIS Scholarships  Caleb M. Banks
   Tyler A. Delano  Houston B. Gallien
   James W. Gasque  Nathan F. Huckaba

UNA Huntsville/Madison County Alumni Association  Melissa R. Bates
CIS Endowed Scholarship  Tony L. Hunkapiller

William Hailey Scholarship  Richard Allen Stubbs

Charlotte Y. and Albert E. Williams Memorial Scholarship  Vincent C. Chiriaco
   Thomas J. Rhodes

Department of Economics and Finance

Gladys and Basil Morris Permanent Endowment Scholarship  Brandon T. Brown
   Justin H. Coats  Reagan Couch
   Brooklyn K. Dial  Matthew R. Harper
   Ty M. Miller

AmSouth Bank Business Scholarship  Seth D. Taylor

Department of Management and Marketing

Clark Warren Endowed Scholarship  Sara A. Blass

L.L. “Bud” Smith Marketing and Management Scholarship Fund  Jessica L. Wood

Shoals India Endowed Scholarship  Yogyata Batra

TVA Muscle Shoals Chapter of the National Management Association Endowed Scholarship  Breona L. Jackson

Thomas M. Rogers Jr. Memorial Scholarship  Christopher B. Barnett
   Alexis L. Batchelor  Lauren N. Blue
   Sara P. Dana  Amber L. Denson
   Steven D. Elkins  Chelsea B. Franks
   Alli K. Hill  Sarah A. Keeter
   Kelcey M. Kostelc  Ryan L. LaGanke
   Dakota P. McCluskey  Alexandria A. Niedergeses
   Christopher J. Pennie  Kelsey Poss
   Kerrigan L. Rister  Ashley B. Simbeck
Robin D. Thomaston    Colin H. Wright

William M. Gough, III, Endowed Scholarship    Bailey N. Claunch

College of Business

COB Faculty Scholarships    John D. Borden
    Miracle F. Osborne
    Seth D. Taylor

Roscoe S. and Eva C. Tallman Endowed Scholarship    Hannah M. Hopkins

Florence Rotary Club Memorial Endowed Scholarship    Kayla D. Kelley

JB and Pearlie Mardis Goins Memorial Endowed Scholarship    Tyler M. Elliot

Lodia and Ora Absher Endowed Scholarship    Elle A. Claytor

Sam and Nell Williams in Honor of Roy S. Stevens Endowed Scholarship    Savanna D. Beadle

Marsha Whitley Hargett Memorial Scholarship    Mallory E. Hayes

Retiring Faculty and Staff

Robert B. Bailey
Assistant Professor of Computer Information Systems

Kerry P. Gatlin
Professor of Management

Deborah L. Westmoreland
Administrative Assistant, Department of Economics and Finance

Cheryl L. Williams
Executive Assistant, Dean’s Office