UNA SGA

2023-2024

ANNUAL REPORT
Contents ...........................................................................................................2
Achievements at a Glance................................................................................3
The Students' History.......................................................................................4
Allocations to Student Organizations...............................................................6
SGA Endowed Scholarship..............................................................................7
Outreach Initiatives.........................................................................................8
Higher Education Day.....................................................................................9
CLEG...............................................................................................................10
Legislation Passed........................................................................................11
UNA Student Government Association.........................................................14
Freshman Forum...............................................................................................16
Other Items of Note........................................................................................18
2024-2025 Elections.......................................................................................19
ACHIEVEMENTS AT A GLANCE

$ 104,726.78
ALLOCATED TO STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

27
OUTREACH INITIATIVES

19
PIECES OF LEGISLATION PASSED

$ 2,000
AMOUNT FUNDRAISED
Homecoming elections are managed by SGA Elections and Recruitment. The theme was "Cheers to Fifty Years."

- **Step Sing winners** -
  - Overall champion: Lambda Sigma Phi
  - Women’s Division First Place: Alpha Gamma Delta
  - Men’s Division First Place: Pi Kappa Alpha

- **Fraternity Man and Sorority Woman of the Year** -
  - Ryne McGuyer, Lambda Sigma Phi and Jada Mitchell, Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc.

- **Undergraduate Service** -
  - Mia Batchelor, Rebekah Callahan, Olivia Oliphant, and Garret Statom

- **Hall of Fame** -
  - Abby Eggemeyer, Talon Pritchard, Amber Sandvig, and Meg Wilbanks

- **University Man and Woman of the Year** -
  - Mario Sanchez-Salcedo and Anna Grace Rye

**NOTABLE CAMPUS UPDATES**

- Demolition of Lagrange Hall in preparation for a new residence hall
- Construction of a new Computing and Mathematics Building
- Planning of an on-campus football stadium
- Secured $13 Million in federal funding for new Engineering Building
Amber's involvement in the Student Government Association spans four years. Serving in both Freshman Forum as well as Student Senate as committee chair in both. Notably, Amber was the first woman to serve as SGA President for two years. In this capacity, she actively participated in various campus meetings and sat on the Shared Governance Executive Committee. Additionally, Amber was a member of several Shared Governance committees.

SGA AWARDS

- R. L. Potts Hall of Fame - Amber Sandvig
- Senator of the Year - Kerigan Mardis
- Freshman Forum Delegate of the Year - Zane Thompson.
- W. T. McElheny Award - Dr. K.C White
  ◦ This award is given to a university employee who provided outstanding service to SGA. The recipient is voted on by the Student Government Association.
- Philanthropy Award - Mandelyn McGinnis and Olivia Britton
Student Organizations have received funding from the Student Activity Fund since the beginning of the fiscal year, October 2023. These allocations are managed by the Budget Oversight Committee of SGA.
The journey to establish the scholarship began in 2010, and it took five years to raise $25,000 to endow it. The first scholarships were awarded in 2016. The SGA Endowed Scholarship is managed by the Treasurer who creates a committee to select the recipients.

Scholarships were awarded to 4 students, totaling $2,630.

Since the scholarship's creation, $21,920 has been awarded to 32 students.

Raised $2,000 by hosting 5 spirit events, 1 candy-gram sale, and a t-shirt, sweatshirt, and tote bag fundraiser to support the SGA Endowed Scholarship. It had a market value of $66,753.72 as of April 2024.
OUTREACH INITIATIVES

HOSTED EVENTS

- The Lucky Dip
- Homecoming Elections
- SGA Past Officers Breakfast
- Finals Week Treats
- FSU v. UNA Football game (260 goodie bags for the band)
- Spirit Night Fundraisers at Taco Mama and Mugshots for the SGA Endowed Scholarship
- Hosted Smile Beverage Co. on Campus for SGA Endowed Scholarship
- 12 feedback tables in the GUC
- Hosted T-shirt/Sweatshirt sale for SGA Endowed Scholarship
- Pizza and Politics event to encourage voter registration
- Welcome Back Tables
- Spring into Finals event to provide resources to students
- Pride Points that encouraged academic participation
- SGA Elections
- Lions Give and Grab donation event for students to donate items when they move out

SPONSORED EVENTS

- Homecoming events
- UNA Preview Day
- College Colors Day table
- Helped co-sponsor a student bus to first away football game of the season in Montgomery, AL
- Water Bottle Drive for the American Legion
- Donated funds to support the Cap Your Can Campaign
- The Big Deal
- Kilby Kids Halloween in the GUC
- Facilitated Donations for Citations Food Drive
- Donated two $200 bookstore scholarships as giveaways for Light the Fountain
- Assisted Diversity Education Week events
- The Last Lucky Dip for Seniors
At Higher Education Day, Student Government Associations of public universities from across the state meet in Montgomery to advocate for more funding for higher education in Alabama. UNA's involvement in the event is managed by the Legislative Affairs Committee.
CLEG is the Alabama Collegiate Legislature Conference that is hosted annually in Montgomery, Alabama at the state capitol building. At CLEG students have the opportunity to participate in mock government in all branches of state government. This year was UNA’s first year back to CLEG since 2019. SGA had the honor of winning the Speaker’s Cup award which is voted on by peer institutions on overall character, professionalism, and knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Our delegation also had a mock bill pass through both houses and was signed into law by the YMCA Collegiate Governor.

Pro-Tempore Olivia Britton was awarded the Outstanding delegate award at CLEG.
Bill 23-01 The Senate
Re-Apportionment Amendment
Changed the number of senators based on college population to a set amount of 30 senators: 25 elected and 5 appointed. The seats shall be distributed to each academic college based on the percentage each college has out of the total student population.

Bill 23-02 The Freshman, International, and Transfer Seats Amendment
Amended the Constitution with regard to the five (5) appointed seats. One (1) is reserved for freshmen, two (2) each are reserved for international and transfer students.

Bill 23-03 The Freshman and Transfer Senator Constitutional Changes Amendment
Set up a temporary committee to re-evaluate the number of senators each year prior to an election.

Bill 23-04 The Constitutional Amendment Effective Date Change Amendment
Changed effective date of an amendment from the next academic year to the next semester.

Bill 24-01 The Freshman Forum Advisors Amendment
Added an additional SGA Advisor for Freshman Forum.
Bill 23-11 The Copies of Resolutions and Bills Act
Provided the Secretary with paperless options to present legislation to senators.

Bill 23-12 The Student Forum Act
Updated the Code of Laws to require an open student forum at every meeting.

Bill 23-15 Committee Re-Apportionment Act
Required each committee to have at least 5 members and chair.

Bill 23-18 The Cap Your Campaign Act
Provided $250 for the Cap Your Can Campaign to promote alcohol education and safety.

Bill 23-19 The College Outreach Tables Act
Provided funding for a Campus-Wide outreach tables in January.

Bill 24-01 Coupe D’e Code Act
Revised the method of Senator and Executive Officer evaluations.

Bill 24-02 Valentine’s Day Party Act
Allocated Funding for an SGA social gathering.

Bill 24-03 Light The Fountain Contributions Act
Provided funding for two Bookstore Scholarships at Light the Fountain.

Bill 24-04 Senate Reports Act
Replaced Senator evaluations with Senate reports.

Bill 24-05 Freshman Forum T-Shirts Act
Provided funding for Freshman Forum’s T-shirts.
Bill 24-06 Freshman Forum Advisors Requirements Act
Replaced the UPC Freshman Forum Advisor with a second Freshman Forum Advisor from Senate and revised qualifications for both positions.

Bill 24-07 Freshman Forum Advisor Salary Change Act
Revised the pay for the two Freshman Forum Advisors.

Bill 24-08 Freshman Forum Selection Committee Act
Replaced the Director of Student Engagement with the SGA President in the Freshman Forum selection process.

Bill 24-09 SGA Freshman Forum Advisors Act
Made the Code of Laws consistent with changes in regard to the removal of the UPC Freshman Forum advisor.

Bill 24-10 Freshman Forum Advisors Pluralizing Act
Made the Code of Laws consistent with changes in regard to the additional Freshman Forum Advisor.

Bill 24-11 President and Vice-President Term Requirement Act
Revised President and Vice-President qualifications to require that a person running must have served at least one semester in the Executive or Legislative Branch by the time election applications open.

Bill 24-12 Secretary and Treasurer Term Requirement Act
Made the Secretary and Treasurer qualifications equal to the President and Vice President in regard to time served in SGA.

Bill 24-13 The Mandated Officers Debate Act
Required that all candidates for President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary in order to run in the SGA elections, unless otherwise cleared by the Elections and Recruitment Committee chair.

RESOLUTIONS

R-24-01 Expression of Gratitude to UNA Dining Services
Recognized Chartwells employees for continuing to work on campus during the snowstorm.
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Amber Sandvig, President
Rebekah Callahan, Vice President
Mia Batchelor, Treasurer
Averie Yeager, Secretary
Madison Reese, Pro-Tempore Fall
Olivia Britton, Pro-Tempore Spring
Nicholas Wilder, Chief of Staff
Micheal Gilliland, Historian
Kaylee Elliott, Communications Director
Abigail Kusz, Freshman Forum Senate Advisor
Nicole Ballenger, Diversity and Inclusion Advocate

STUDENT COURT

Garret Statom, Chief Justice
Treasure Franklin, Justice
Mackenzie Martin, Justice
Emma Melton, Justice
Maddilyn Willis, Justice
Academic Affairs Committee:   Legislative Affairs Committee:
Alexandra Rhoades, Chair   Kerigan Mardis, Chair
Nadya Hazoury-Sanchez   Jacoby Bateman
Kody Purinton   Victoria Hamilton (Spring)

Budget Oversight Committee:   Student Welfare Committee:
Mandelyn McGinnis, Chair   Alyssa Ledlow, Chair
William Cantrell (Spring)   Ryland Giles (Spring)
Kennedy Deamues   Eleanor Fitz
Ivie Scott

Elections and Recruitment Committee:   Committee Chairs (L to R): Kerigan Mardis, Mandelyn McGinnis, Vice President Callahan, Anjalee Crawford, Alexandra Rhoades, and Alyssa Ledlow
Anjalee Crawford, Chair   Alyssa Ledlow, Chair
Bryson Hewell   Ryland Giles (Spring)
Bailee Strait   Eleanor Fitz
FRESHMAN FORUM

Public Relations Committee:
Hanley Prestridge, Chair
Carlie Harchfield
Liz Williams
Mallory Ebert
Sydney Kate Ervin

Student Welfare Committee:
Manuela Gomes, Chair
Meadow McDonald
Kennedy Poindexter
Grayson Murray
Gracyn Thomas
Grace Anthony
Elijah Winston
Abigail McElwee

Service Committee:
Anna-Bekah Cress, Chair
Chesny Morrison
Drew Morton
Evy Bosko
Hannah Grace Akers
Makayla Williams
Reed Willis
Troi Cheeks

Social Committee:
Ianthe Oosthuizen, Chair
Bailey Clark
B. P. Blair
Carlos Pullen-Marks
Jahtonia Wilson
Kaleigh Bohannon
Madison Wennberg
Nyla Brown

Outreach & Philanthropy Committee:
Zane Thompson, Chair
Regan Ellis
Marti Sherman
Lyric Sheppard
Lilly Williford
Jenna Sample
Jaxon Yamaguchi
Jada Winston
Heidi Armstrong
BILLS

- 23-05
  Freshman Forum Friendsgiving Act
- 24-01
  Feel the Love Event Act
- 24-02
  Pause for Paws Act
- 24-02
  St. Patrick’s Day Trivia Night Act
- 24-03
  The Spring Market Act

EVENTS

- Homecoming events: Parade, Lion Olympics, Window Painting Competition
- Finals Goodie Bag Tables
- Candy-Grams to benefit the SGA Endowed Scholarship Fundraiser
- Pause for Paws- Event to help de-stress students during midterms by petting a dog
- Habitat for Humanity Service Week- Promoting community volunteer work
- Easter Eggstravaganza- Scavenger hunt across campus
- Spring Market Event
OTHER ITEMS OF NOTE

ATTENDED EVENTS

• American Student Government Association Conference in Orlando, FL, July 14-15
• STARS Leadership and University Advocates Conference in Destin, FL, August 2-4
• College Colors Day with Governor Ivey in Montgomery, AL, August 24
• Higher Education Day in Montgomery, AL, February 22
• YMCA Collegiate Legislature Conference in Montgomery, AL, February 29-March 2

TRAININGS

• Diversity and Inclusion Training by Dr. Hunt and Dr. Winston
• Disability Awareness training with Dr. Graham Sission
• Higher Education Day Partnership Training

ORGANIZATIONAL REFORM

• Constitutional Changes passed and sent to a Student Referendum
• Code of Laws revisions passed
• Elections Manual revisions passed
• Allocations Manual revisions passed

College Colors Day
Pictured left to right: Nicholas Wilder, Chief of Staff; Amber Sandvig, President; Governor Ivey; Una and Leo
ELECTIONS FOR 2024-2025

TOTAL VOTES: 1222

ANDERSON COLLEGE OF NURSING AND HEALTH PROFESSIONS: 155 VOTERS
4 CANDIDATES FOR 3 AVAILABLE SENATE SEATS

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN SCIENCES: 293 VOTERS
5 CANDIDATES FOR 5 AVAILABLE SENATE SEATS

SANDERS COLLEGE OF BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY: 301 VOTERS
11 CANDIDATES FOR 9 AVAILABLE SENATE SEATS

COLLEGE OF ARTS, SCIENCES, AND ENGINEERING: 473 VOTERS
20 CANDIDATES FOR 8 AVAILABLE SENATE SEATS

TWO CANDIDATES EACH RAN FOR PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, AND TREASURER. SECRETARY CANDIDATE RAN UNOPPOSED.

Elections are managed by the SGA Elections and Recruitment Committee
We, the students of the University of North Alabama, in order to take a responsible part in the decision making processes of the University at large; to protect and defend the rights and responsibilities of the University to the students and of the students of the University; to provide for cultural, social, physical, and educational welfare; to foster a spirit of unity among students; to strive toward a better understanding between administration, faculty, and students; and to encourage individual responsibility, by the authority granted to us by the Board of Trustees and University President, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the students of the University of North Alabama.