

# DECEMBER 2021 NEWSLETTER

## STAFF RECOGNITION - FALL



Jennifer Berry  
UNA Spirit Award

**Jennifer Berry** is the Senior Mental Health Counselor for Student Counseling Services. Jennifer was selected as the Fall 2021 recipient of the **UNA Spirit Award**. This award recognizes staff who best embrace the spirit of the university. Jennifer's nomination shared, "She has always been faithful to her UNA family and takes every opportunity to educate, support, and uplift others. Her energy and giving spirit is contagious!" Although Jennifer has been presented with a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to pursue her passion, we know she will carry her UNA spirit with her on this next step.

**Sarah Young** is an Environmental Services Team Leader for HRL. Sarah was selected as a Fall 2021 recipient of the **Silent Roar Award**. This award recognizes the contributions of staff who foster student success, while completing their responsibilities, behind the scenes. Her nomination shared, "Sarah is one of those hard-working individuals who loves prepping the halls for SOAR and greeting the students and parents when they check-in. She pays attention to the details to make sure that the residence halls are in good shape for the students. She is a team player and always willing to lend a hand."



Sarah Young  
Silent Roar Award

THE SPRING 2022 RECOGNITION NOMINATIONS WILL OPEN  
MARCH 1, 2022 AND CLOSE APRIL 15, 2022.

## DECEMBER WORK ANNIVERSARIES

**Bethany Green** (9 Years)  
**Hollon McCullar** (6 Years)  
**Holly Edens** (5 Years)  
**Kayleigh Baker** (2 Years)  
**John Gurley** (2 Years)

## NEW HIRES

**Adam Ferguson**, Officer, *UPD*  
**Joseph Bosarge**, Officer, *UPD*  
**Brian Llewellyn**, Officer, *UPD*



## DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

**Les Jackson** (3rd)  
**Latricia Hensley** (7th)  
**Elisa Fields** (8th)  
**Holly Edens** (11th)  
**Adam Ferguson** (15th)  
**Susan Glassco** (16th)  
**Patty Apkarian** (19th)  
**John Gurley** (19th)  
**Dr. Patricia Auxier** (29th)

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT -- UNA CAMPUS COALITION FOR BASIC NEEDS



Holly Edens & Bethany Green

Earlier this fall, **Holly Edens** and **Bethany Green** travelled to Auburn, AL on behalf of the UNA Campus Coalition for Basic Needs Task Force to receive a \$25,000 grant from Auburn University Hunger Solutions. UNA's task force is made up of staff and faculty campus wide, including Holly and Bethany. These funds will be used to improve service for our students experiencing food and basic needs insecurity.

UNA joined the Alabama Campus Coalition for Basic Needs (ACCBN) in 2019, at its inception, along with 9 other four-year universities. The coalition has since grown to include 13 four-year and 12 two-year colleges across the state. The mission of the ACCBN is to unify colleges and universities throughout Alabama to ensure student basic needs are met, thereby empowering all students to succeed in school, earn degrees, and open doors to opportunity.

Be sure to congratulate Bethany, Holly, and all members of UNA's Task Force!

## STAFF UPDATES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Elisa Fields** is retiring after 19 years of service to UNA as an Environmental Services Specialist. Her last day will be December 31st, 2021. We wish Elisa well!
- **Bethany Green** has been promoted to Interim Director of Student Engagement.
- **Sarah Young** and **Sherry Willis** have both recently been promoted to Environmental Services Team Leaders.
- The Division is pleased to announce we have two returning staff members. Beginning December 1st, Laci Lake and John Gurley will both be returning to Student Affairs.  
**Laci Lake** will be returning to Student Counseling Services as a Mental Health Counselor.  
**John Gurley** will be joining Suite 202 as a University Investigator and Deputy Title IX Coordinator. We are so excited to have these two return to Student Affairs!
- **Kayleigh Baker** was selected to serve on the Association of Title IX Administrators (ATIXA) Advisory Board. ATIXA is the nation's only membership association dedicated solely to Title IX compliance and supports over 7,500 members who hold Title IX responsibilities in schools and colleges. ATIXA is the leading provider of Title IX training and certification in the U.S., having certified more than 37,000 Title IX Coordinators and Title IX investigators since 2011. Kayleigh was nominated by the President and Executive Director of ATIXA due to her contributions to the field.

## DECEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER

2nd: Study Day  
3rd: SAPD Fall Evaluation Due  
3rd-8th: Finals  
10th: Board of Trustees Meeting  
10th-11th: Fall Commencement  
13th: Winter Session Begins  
18th: University Closed until 1/3/22  
31st: Winter Session Ends



Happy  
holidays



We want to thank everyone for giving our UNA students an incredible semester. Thank you, all, for the hard work you put in 24/7, 365. Our hope is that you enjoy some well-deserved rest over the upcoming month! We'll see you in 2022!

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