

UNA SGA

2022-2023 Annual Report



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Achievements at a Glance

\$126,300 Allocated to Student Organizations

\$2731 Awarded via the SGA Endowed Scholarship

44 Outreach Initiatives

24 Pieces of Legislation Passed

The Students' History of UNA

Notable Reward Recipients

- Miss UNA - Lauren Vance
- Mr. University - Garret Statom
- Homecoming King - Josh Corbin
- Homecoming Queen - Shana Melton
- Step Sing winners - Overall champion, Pi Kappa Alpha; Women's Division First Place, Alpha Gamma Delta; Men's Division First Place, Lambda Sigma Phi
- Fraternity Man and Sorority Woman of the Year- Garret Statom and MacKenna Gosart
- Hall of Fame - Mackenzie Martin, Jayden Bobo, Edric "EJ" Powell, Emma Warren
- University Man and Woman of the Year - Tevin Pauley and Shanise Allen
- Undergraduate Service - Candice Buford, Treasure Franklin, Makenzie McGuire, and Talon Pritchard



Homecoming elections are managed by SGA Elections and Recruitment. The theme was "Our TraDItion Roars On"

Notable Campus Updates

- Record high enrollment with 10,000 students for the first time as UNA celebrates it's 193rd birthday
- UNA received full NCAA Division I Status in athletics
- Sanders Family names the Sanders College of Business and Technology
- Dr. Kyle Reason was the first student to complete a dissertation defense and earn his Ph.D. at UNA.

Making History

Amber Sandvig is making history at UNA by being the first female to serve two terms as SGA president.



SGA Awards

- Senator of the Year - Mackenzie Martin
- Freshman Forum Delegate of the Year - Nick Wilder
- Spirit of SGA Award - Micheal Gilliland

This award is given to a member of one of the branches of SGA who embodies the spirit of SGA. The recipient is selected by the executive officers.

- W. T. McElheny Award - Kristi Henson

This award is given to a university employee who provided outstanding service to SGA. The recipient is voted on by the Student Government Association.



Allocations to Student Organizations

\$126,300

Allocated from the Student Activity Fund

\$32,166

Diversity Programs

\$26,802

Educational Programs

\$24,843

Social Programs

\$17,503

Entertainment Programs

\$14,029

Conferences

\$8,757

Philanthropic Programs

\$1,100

Travel

\$1,100

Recreation

Student organizations have received funding from the Student Activity Fund since the beginning of the new fiscal year, October 2022. These allocations are managed by the Budget Oversight Committee of SGA.

SGA Endowed Scholarship

\$910 scholarships were awarded to 3 students, totaling \$2731.

Since the scholarship's creation, \$16,559 has been awarded to 28 people

Raised \$134 by hosting a Taco Mama Spirit Night to support the SGA Endowed Scholarship, which had a Market Value of \$59,905.09 as of Sept. 30, 2022.

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.

Outreach Initiatives

Hosted Events

- The Lucky Dip
- Homecoming Elections
- SGA Past Officers Breakfast
- Noala survey regarding housing
- Tailgate "Meet the Senators" Event
- Finals Goody Bags in the Library
- Two International Bus Trips to Huntsville
- School Supplies for Kilby Teachers and Teacher's Interns
- Martin Luther King Jr. Day table
- Pride Points by the Academic Affairs Committee
- SGA Table and managed raffle at Light the Fountain
- Taco Mama Spirit Night to fundraise for the endowed scholarship
- Sponsored the Campus Clean Up Day
- Mental Health Awareness Table: Leave a Note, Take a Note
- Inauguration and Recognition Ceremony



Other Supported Events

- Homecoming Parade
- Veterans Day Ceremony
- Pawloween with Kilby Kids
- UNA Aerial Photo
- Quality Enhancement Plan Launch
- UNA Preview Day
- City Council Liaison Program
- Survey for the Food Service Committee
- UNA Founder's Day "stuff a lion" event
- Interviewed and assisted with SACSCOC
- Sponsored bookstore scholarship and "Swag Bag" to be given away at Light the Fountain
- Women's History Month Table
- Sponsored t-shirts for the UNA Aerial Photo



Higher Education Day



Higher Education Day is when Student Government Associations of public universities across the state go to Montgomery to advocate for more funding for higher education in Alabama. UNA's involvement in the event is managed by the Legislative Affairs Committee.





FAST GROWING AND AFFORDABLE

UNA is the fastest growing 4-year institution in the State of Alabama and one of the most affordable.

CLOSE TO OTHER STATES

UNA is in close proximity to two other states, drawing in new people, many of whom stay in Alabama and join the workforce.



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING

UNA provides many opportunities for students to take part in a more hands-on approach to learning.



SMALL BUT CLOSE

The smaller school size allows for students to more easily connect and stand out.



STUDENT SERVICES

UNA offers many services for its students, including a Food Pantry and Counseling Services that are available to every student.



- During Higher Education Day, Governor Ivey mentioned UNA in her speech with a "Roar Lions"!
- SGA wants to thank President Kitts for his continued support of Project 208 and the Student Government Association.

To the left are some of the talking points utilized when speaking with Alabama legislators.



Legislation Passed

Passed Bills

- **B22-10 Chambers Camera Bill**
Funded a camera system in the SGA Chambers
- **B22-11 UNA Photo Shoot Bill**
Funded t-shirts to be given to students to wear for the aerial UNA photo
- **B22-12 Trip to International Grocery Stores Bill**
Funded a trip for international students to the international food markets in Huntsville
- **B22-13 Tailgate Sweatshirt Bill**
Funded sweatshirts to give away to students at the "Meet Your Senators" tailgate event
- **B22-14 Mandatory Senate Trainings Bill**
Established mandatory diversity and inclusion training sessions as well as leadership and team building training events every semester for Senate
- **B22-15 VP Absence Procedure Bill**
Established a procedure wherein the Chief of Staff shall preside over the SGA meeting if the Vice President and Pro-Tempore are unable to lead Senate
- **B22-16 DIA Compensation Bill**
Funded payment for the Diversity and Inclusion Advocate for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023 semesters
- **B23-01 Presidential Mentors Exception**
Established to excuse the members of the Presidential Mentors Academy from the last weekly meeting of the Freshman Forum every month

- **B23-02 Academic Affairs Achievement Incentive**

States the Academic Affairs Committee must provide the student body with at least one campus-wide achievement initiative per school calendar year

- **B23-03 New Orleans Student Government Conference Bill**

Funded SGA members to attend the American Student Government Conference in New Orleans in February of 2023

- **B23-04 Stipends Bill**

Adjusted stipends for Freshman Forum Advisor, Communications Director, Historian, Diversity & Inclusion Advocate, SGA Chairs, Pro-Tempore, and Chief of Staff

- **B23-05 Freshman Forum Advisor Office Hours Bill**

Requires the Freshman Forum Advisor to hold office hours

- **B23-06 Treasurer Requirement Bill**

Removes the Accounting Principles (AC 291) class requirement from the qualifications for SGA Treasurer

- **B 23-07 Committee Chair Meeting Absences Bill**

Added Committee Chair Meetings into the meetings that go towards total absences

- **B 23-08 Allocation Manual Timeline**

Added a timeline to present the allocations manual

Resolutions

- **R22-03 QEP Resolution**

Announced the Student Government Association's support of the UNA Quality Enhancement Plan

- **R23-01 Pine Street Safety Resolution**

States pedestrian safety on Pine Street is a top priority

UNA Student Government Association

Executive Council

Amber Sandvig, President

Kennedy Edwards, Vice President

Garret Statom, Treasurer

Will Driver, Secretary

Mackenzie Martin, Pro-Tempore

Howard Cooper, Chief of Staff

Mia Batchelor, Historian

Caroline Conkle, Communications Director

Rebekah Callahan, Freshman Forum Senate Advisor

Hannah Hardin, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Advocate



(l to r) Howard Cooper, SGA Chief of Staff, Una, Alabama Governor Kay Ivey, Leo, and SGA President Amber Sandvig at College Colors Day in Montgomery on September 2, 2022.



Student Court

MacKenna Gosart, Chief Justice

Abby Eggemeyer, Justice

Ernest Elphage, Justice

Savana Robertson, Justice

Lauren Vance, Justice

Legislative Branch

Academic Affairs Committee:

Emma Melton, Chair
AJ Miller
Kody Purinton

Budget Oversight Committee:

Madison Reese, Chair
Apurv Raj
Laikyn Andrews (Fall)
Romain Baudry (Spring)
Yashi Srivastava

Elections and Recruitment Committee:

Whitney Austin, Chair (Fall)
Treasure Franklin, Chair (Spring)
Maddilyn Willis
Stuart Henderson (Spring)

Legislative Affairs Committee:

Isabella Medrano, Chair
Sawyer Wright
Yaslin Perez

Student Welfare Committee:

Kabir Oyewale, Chair (Fall)
Alyssa Ledlow, Chair (Spring)
Laikyn Andrews (Spring)
Rodnesia Goodloe



Freshman Forum

Public Relations Committee:

Kaylee Elliott, Chair
Andrew Shirley
Ivie Scott
Lexie Lundy
Madalyn Martin
Mary Batchelor
Traci Pettus

Student Welfare Committee:

Abigail Kusz, Chair
Averie Yeager
Bryson Hewell
Faeryn Kennedy
Jeremiah Grissom
Leah Owens
Micheal Gilliland

Rebekah Callahan, SGA Advisor

Madi Worden, UPC Advisor

Madeline Cooper, Executive Chair

Audrey Richards, Clerk

Service Committee:

Nick Wilder, Chair
Avery Fuller
Carrigan Dawson
Cody Cline
Madison Hogan
Makenzi Gasaway
Morgan Rakestraw
Odalis Duran
Walker Peete

Social Committee:

Leah Whipple, Chair
Brantley Blaxton
Ella Grace Maxwell
Kaley Rigsby
Krimsyn Jones
Kyle Seegars
Omarie Bartee

Outreach & Philanthropy Committee:

Emma Holbrook, Chair
Kennedy Deamues
Maylee Fisher
Ossiris Aguilar
Sydney Carter
Sydney Newton



Events

Bills

- B22-01 Clothing Drive Sticker
- B23-01 Presidential Mentors Exception
- B23-02 Cans for Candy
- B23-04 Valentines Day Table
- B23-05 Freshman Forum Shirts
- B23-06 Freshman Floral
- B23-07 Spring into Student Resources

- Preview Day
- Past Officers Breakfast
- Winter Clothing Drive for international students
- Holiday Party
- Canned Food Drive for the Pantry
- "Meet the Delegates" Valentine's Day table
- Period Product Drive
- Planted flowers at Olive Hall
- Spring Into Student Resources
- Icecream Social
- Freshman Forum Gala



Other Items of Note

Attended Events

- Higher Education Partnership STARS
- Conference College Colors Day
- American Student Government Association Conference in New Orleans
- Higher Education Day in Montgomery, AL

Trainings

- RSO Training
- Diversity and Inclusion Training by Dr. Hunt and Dr. Winston
- 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

Other

- Immunization Document Amendments passed
- Bird Scooter conversation passed resulting in a memorandum
- Letter of support sent to Mayor Betterton regarding the roundabout

Elections for 2023-2024

Total Votes:
735

Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions: 78
1 candidate for 2 available senate seats

College of Education and Human Sciences: 160
4 candidates for 3 available senate seats

Sanders College of Business and Technology: 127
5 candidates for 5 available senate seats

College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering: 370
9 candidates for 5 available senate seats

President, Vice President, and Treasurer ran unopposed.
2 candidates ran for Secretary.

Elections are managed by the SGA
Elections and Recruitment Committee

For more information:
una.edu/sga

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.

