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A MESSAGE FROM

Dr. Samory T. Pruitt

Vice President for Community Affairs

Welcome to The University of Alabama's sixth New Faculty Community Engagement Tour.

The Division of Community Affairs is pleased that you have chosen to participate, and we believe this tour will be beneficial to you whether you are a faculty member, staff, a student or a community member.

Created in 2004, the Division is recognized nationally and internationally for its leadership in community engagement. I am honored to be the immediate past president of the executive committee of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, which coordinates activities and programs worldwide in this field.

Community-engaged scholarship exists at the intersection of teaching, research and service, the three pillars of The University of Alabama's mission. The tour plays an important role in advancing that mission by providing opportunities to connect, and for community members to become the teachers while members of the University community embrace the role of learner.

The tour — Exploring New Places, Meeting New People, Engaging New Communities — provides an exciting opportunity to see engagement scholarship in action. Its purpose is to encourage new community-University partnerships.

We are confident that this time together will prove to be a source of inspiration for each of you to connect your research passions to addressing community needs through new partnerships. You may also be encouraged by the work already taking place at various tour stops.

After the tour is complete and you have had an opportunity to explore new partnership possibilities, we invite you to share with us your plans, your progress and your victories.

All the best,

Dr. Samory T. Pruitt

Vice President for Community Affairs



A MESSAGE FROM

Dr. James T. Dalton

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Division of Community Affairs, together with the Office of Academic Affairs, the Graduate School, the Center for Community-Based Partnerships and the Council on Community-Based Partnerships, conducted the first New Faculty Community Engagement Tour in 2017. The tour, which was designed to assist new faculty in learning about the University's partnership efforts in nearby communities, featured three, daylong explorations throughout West Alabama and the Black Belt region. It was a resounding success and, accordingly, we committed to offering it annually.

Modeled after tours sponsored by other Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC) member institutions, these three days in May provide unique insights into the possibilities that exist through community-engaged scholarship. Our hope is that the knowledge gained through participation will assist faculty and staff,

graduate students and community partners in identifying community needs that overlap with research interests and coursework, as well as facilitate innovative partnerships that connect community partner learning opportunities with University resources, enabling both to benefit from authentic and inventive community engagement.

UA's mission — to advance the intellectual and social condition of the people of the state, the nation and the world through the creation, translation and dissemination of knowledge, with an emphasis on quality programs in the areas of teaching, research and service — undergirds our community-engaged scholarship endeavors. These efforts provide a unique opportunity to combine teaching, research and service in ways that aid the communities we are privileged to serve.

Thank you,

Ďr. James T. Dalton

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

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BEVILL STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Site Coordinator: Paul Kennedy

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Vice President of Development & Marketing, Walker Area Community Foundation

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FAYETTE ART MUSEUM AND CIVIC CENTER

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Emily Montague

County Librarian, Fayette Area Chamber of Commerce

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MILLPORT, AL
LAMAR COUNTY

MILLPORT TOWN HALL

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Lisa Wright

Principal, South Lamar Lamar County Board of Education



Walker Area Community Foundation

Founded in 1995, the Walker Area Community
Foundation is a nonprofit, grantmaking organization.
Its mission is to build a permanent endowment that
will forever help support the charitable needs of the
community and improve the quality of life for the people
of Walker County and the surrounding area. Since its
inception, the Foundation has grown from \$6 million to
more than \$112 million, while giving away more than \$43
million to more than 490 nonprofit organizations across
the state. The Foundation supports quality of life through
funding initiatives involving the arts and humanities,
education, recreation, elder care, health and social welfare.

Bevill State Community College

Originally founded in 1992, Bevill State Community
College consists of four main campuses and one
instructional site. Bevill State provides higher education
access and applied technology educational opportunities
to more than one-quarter million people across seven
counties with a network that reaches more than 4,600
square miles, from the Birmingham city limits to the
Mississippi state line. As an accredited two-year institution,
Bevill State is dedicated to supporting students' success in
West Central Alabama and its surrounding region through
educational partnerships and its many programs in health
sciences, career technical education, and workforce and
economic development.





Fayette Art Museum and Civic Center

Located in Fayette, Ala., the Fayette Art Museum and Civic Center is home to a large collection of art from Alabama-born artists and the Fayette County Sports Hall of Fame. The museum was founded in 1969 after local artist Lois Wilson dedicated a collection of more than 2,600 works of art. Wilson grew up in Fayette County, but later traveled to Europe and Boston to study art, after serving in World War II. The museum houses more than 4,000 pieces of art, including works from her collection and other famous Alabama artists, such as Jimmy Lee Sudduth and Mose Tolliver. The museum earned national attention when it was designated a regional tourist attraction by *National Geographic* in 1999.

Fayette County Memorial Library

The Fayette County Memorial Library was founded in 1922 with a modest donation of 68 books. Since then, its collection has expanded to 22,250 items, and the library has grown to meet the needs of literacy and education for residents of Fayette County by providing access to information, technology, services and programs.





Lamar County

Lamar County was founded during Reconstruction in the Northwestern part of the state. Millport is one of the largest cities in the county, following Sulligent and Vernon. In its development, Lamar County's economy was dominated by agriculture and timber production. However, following the end of World War II, manufacturing replaced agriculture as the county's primary economic means. Education and healthcare services follow as the second-highest form of employment. The Lamar County School System is the county's school system. While transportation makes up a small percentage of the local economy, the county has a public airport, the Lamar County

Airport. Arts education is an area of continued growth as Lamar County is also a member of the Northwest Alabama Arts Council and sponsors the annual Jerry Brown Arts Festival in Hamilton.

Millport

Located in Lamar County, Millport is the third largest city in the county and home to South Lamar School. Recently, Millport was awarded a Drinking Water State Revolving Fund grant on Oct. 16, 2023, in the amount of \$1,713,000. Funding will be used to update the town's water system and replace its oldest water tank, which is 75 years old.





BOLIGEE, AL GREENE COUNTY

BOLIGEE COMMUNITY CENTER

Site Coordinator: Judge Lillie Jones-Osborne

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Mayor, Town of Boligee

Carol Zippert

Director, Society of Folk Art and Culture

YORK, AL
SUMTER COUNTY

POPSTART COMMUNITY SPACE

Site Coordinators: Marcus Campbell & Marguerite Hinrichs

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County Commissioner

Jeffrey Artis

Retired FBI and Business Owner

Marcus Campbell

County Commissioner

Marguerite Hinrichs

Executive Director and Curator, Coleman Center for the Arts

Willie Lake

Mayor, City of York

Loretta Wilson

Hospital Administration, Hill Hospital



DEMOPOLIS, AL *MARENGO COUNTY*

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Site Coordinator: Virginia Norman

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Director of Patient Experience and Foundation Operations, Whitfield Regional Hospital

John Crawford

Foreman, Black Warrior Electric County Commissioner

Machelle Jackson

Pastor, Outreach Church Entrepreneur, Machelle CA Portia Sheperd

Executive Director, Black Belt Women Rising

Jason Windham

Owner, Batter UP & Holiday Cleaners County Commissioner



Greene County Hospital

The Greene County Hospital is the hub for the Greene County Health System, which includes the hospital, the Greene County Residential Care Center, the Greene County Physicians Clinic, the Greene County Eye Clinic and the Greene County Health System Home Health Agency. Their mission is to provide optimal medical care to the residents of Greene and surrounding counties.

Children's Policy Council

The mission of the Greene County Children's Policy Council is to mobilize stakeholders in working collaboratively to develop and implement a community plan that addresses the needs of the children of Greene County. The Council operates an after-school tutorial program for students that has engaged in a project to collect the stories of

residents who participated in the civil rights movement in Greene County. This program began paying tribute to selected Greene County trailblazers in 2011. Initiated by District Judge Lillie Jones-Osborne, the program was originally supported by a grant from the Black Belt Community Foundation. Through the program, students have acquired valuable information on their community and their own families.

Robert H. Young Community Center

The Robert H. Young Community Center in Eutaw (old Carver School) was the site of the historic 1965 student boycott and protest that took place during the height of the civil rights movement.





Hill Hospital

Hill Hospital of Sumter County provides general medical and surgical care, as well as emergency room care, to the citizens of Sumter County through both the hospital and its many clinics. Over the years, Hill Hospital has engaged in a number of partnerships with UA.

Board of Education

The Sumter County School System consists of three middle schools and one high school. The school system has long struggled from a low tax base that results in tight budgets for the schools. The University of Alabama has been part of the UA/UWA In-Service Center and AMSTI for many years, and Sumter Central High School is a GEAR UP (Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs) participant.

Coleman Center for the Arts

The Coleman Center for the Arts was founded in 1985 through the grassroots efforts of the citizens of Sumter County to promote positive social change, address civic needs, build local pride and use creativity for community problem-solving. It achieves these goals through programs such as an artist-in-residence, an annual exhibition of local art and an education program. The Center is supported through local, state and national donations.





Bryan Whitfield Memorial Hospital

The Bryan Whitfield Memorial Hospital in Demopolis provides the region with a broad range of health services. This includes physical and mental health care with an emphasis on preventive services.

Marengo County History and Archive Museum

The Marengo County History and Archives Museum Foundation, Inc. was established to tell the story of Marengo County through its history, culture and people. Their history includes the original Native Americans who lived in the region, as well as the French, African American, Jewish and European groups that comprised the foundation of the area. The Museum is located in the Rosenbush Building in historic downtown Demopolis.

The Museum also provides programs and support for the local school systems and other youth organizations. It provides local citizens and others with a place to learn about the county history and culture.

Morning Star Baptist Church

Founded in 1920, the Morning Star Baptist Church became a center for the civil rights movement in Demopolis when Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. came to speak at the church in 1964. In 1988, the church was added to the Alabama Register of Landmarks and Heritage.





GREENSBORO, AL

HALE COUNTY

SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

Site Coordinator: Llevelyn Rhone

Jovita Lewis

Hale County Coordinator, Cooperative Extension

Llevelyn Rhone

Founder, Greensboro Regional Opportunity Works, Inc.

Michael Ryans

Superintendent, Hale County Board of Education

Curtis Travis

Alabama House of Representatives, District 72

LaWanda Vanhorn

Founder, Healing Steps Movement

UNIONTOWN, AL

PERRY COUNTY

MARION ART CENTER

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Emefa Butler

Founder, CHOICE

Donald Bennett

Main Street Marion

Tyrone Brown

Entrepreneur, Renaissance Center/Electrician

Kimberly Cosby

Founder, Project Grace

Cindy Fisher

Publisher, Blackbelt News Network

Jeffery Robinson

President, Uniontown Housing Authority



SELMA, AL DALLAS COUNTY

SELMA AND DALLAS COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Kandice Collins

Program Manager II, UAB's Selma Family Medicine

Jim Corrigan

Executive Director, Craig Field Airport & Industrial Authority

Verdell Dawson

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Sheryl Smedley

Executive Director, Selma Chamber of Commerce

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Owner, The Coffee Shoppe and Reflections

Henry Thompson

Assistant Director of Planning & Development, City of Selma

Danielle Wooten

Director of Planning & Development, City of Selma



Salem Missionary Baptist Church

Founded in 1869, Salem Missionary Baptist Church traces the roots of its founders to the original Salem Baptist Church in Old Troy (on the eastern edge of what became Greensboro, Alabama). With \$2,000 from the proceeds of the sale of the original Salem Baptist Church, former slaves built their own church on Baptist Hill, which is the present-day location of Salem Missionary Baptist Church. Salem has doubled as a school in addition to being a house of worship. Its founders were motivated by a widely shared impulse to possess their own church, which was common among emancipated slaves. Salem stands as a symbol to its founders' drive for self-ownership, religious independence, and civic engagement that came after emancipation, and continues today.

Safe House Black History Museum

The Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. sought safety from the Ku Klux Klan in 1968 in a modest house in Greensboro two weeks prior to his assassination. An active civil rights movement participant and friend of the King family converted the house into the Safe House Black History Museum to document the local area's participation in the struggle.





Uniontown

Uniontown is located in Perry County, the "canebrake" portion of the Alabama Black Belt region noted for its rich farming soil. Originally called Woodville when settled in 1818, it incorporated in 1836 and its name was changed to Uniontown. In 2000, the Uniontown Historic Downtown District was named to the National Register of Historic Places. Civil rights have always been a struggle in Uniontown, continuing in the 21st Century in the form of the Arrowhead Landfill, Alabama's largest mega-waste dump. For many years, residents have protested the negative environmental impact and health concerns of the landfill, whose permit was renewed last year for operation until 2033 by the Alabama Department of Environmental Management.

C.H.O.I.C.E.

Founded in 2009 by Emefa Butler, the nonprofit C.H.O.I.C.E. (Choosing to Help Others in our Community Excel) has as its mission the creation of collaborative partnerships to ensure access to charitable and educational resources. The Perry county-based organization operates the Uniontown Resource Center, a one-stop community hub that includes meeting areas, an innovation lab, resource rooms, classrooms and a rec room. The organization provides programs and services including workforce development, mentoring, education, cultural arts, health and wellness and athletics and recreation.





Black Belt Community Foundation

The Black Belt Community Foundation (BBCF) mission is the focal point for gifts and grants to have an impact on those living and working in the region. It was founded in 2004 and has put critical resources into the region to make a lasting impact. Through giving, receiving, and growing, the BBCF focuses on consolidating many region-wide improvement efforts into a common endeavor with a simple mission: "taking what we have to make what we need." These three areas also move the region forward in attaining a vision of a transformed Black Belt where all residents contribute to healthy communities and reap the benefits of shared gifts and a productive regional economy.

Edmund Pettus Bridge

Unfortunately, the Edmund Pettus Bridge is most famous for Bloody Sunday — one of the most terrible events in Alabama's history. On March 7, 1965, a young John Lewis led more than 600 African Americans across the bridge on their way to Montgomery as they sought the right to vote. Lewis and many of the marchers were brutally attacked by law enforcement officers. In the African American community, the bridge has come to symbolize their nonviolent struggle and bravery in the face of overwhelming odds. It is ironic that the bridge is named after a Confederate brigadier general and Ku Klux Klan leader. The reporting of the events of Bloody Sunday influenced the passing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 later that year.









Council on Community-Based Partnerships





