

 **NEW FACULTY**

Community Engagement Tour

2018

EXPLORING NEW PLACES • MEETING NEW PEOPLE • ENGAGING NEW COMMUNITIES





A MESSAGE FROM

Dr. Samory T. Pruitt

Vice President for Community Affairs

Welcome to The University of Alabama's second annual Community Engagement Tour. The Division of Community Affairs is pleased that you have chosen to participate, and we are confident that this time together will serve as a source of both information and inspiration that allows each of you to connect your research passions to existing initiatives, as well as to the formation of new ones, in partnerships that positively affect the citizens and communities throughout the region.

The Division's mission — to establish engagement-scholarship partnerships across the tri-partite teaching, research, and service mission of the University — effectively brings together University faculty, staff, students and community partners for the mutual benefit of the campus and the communities we are privileged to serve.

Created in 2004, the Division is recognized nationally and internationally for its leadership in community engagement. I am honored to be the current president

of the executive committee of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, which coordinates activities and programs worldwide in this field.

The new faculty engagement tour — Exploring New Places, Meeting New People and Engaging New Communities — provides an exciting opportunity to explore firsthand some of the results of our efforts to accomplish the Division's and the University's mission, as well as to find inspiration for future endeavors. This tour will be beneficial to all participants, but is especially appropriate for new faculty, staff, students and community members to see engagement scholarship in action.

Best,

Dr. Samory T. Pruitt

Vice President for Community Affairs



A MESSAGE FROM

Dr. Kevin Whitaker

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

The Division of Community Affairs, in partnership 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 Exploring New Places, Meeting New People and Engaging New Communities 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 have chosen to offer it again in 2018, returning to some venues and adding new destinations.

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

Dr. Kevin Whitaker

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs



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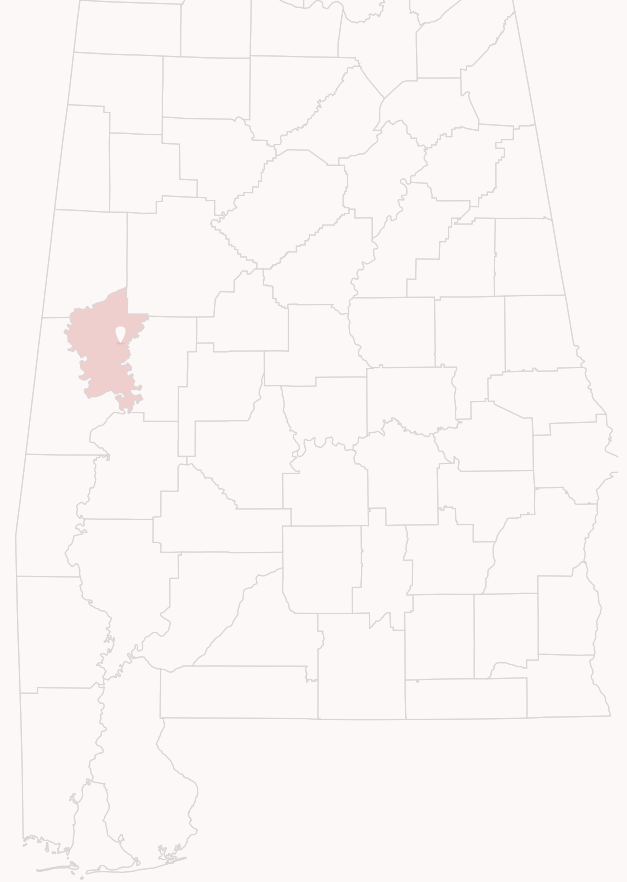
Stop No. 1

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 address 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. Jones-Osborne indicates that through the program, students have acquired valuable information on their community and their own families.



Site Coordinator

Judge Lillie Jones-Osborne

Panel Location

Robert Brown Middle School

Panel Members

Ms. Phyllis Belcher

Greene County Industrial Development Authority

Dr. Marcia Pugh

Administrator, Greene County Hospital

Dr. David Coddington

Greene Prairie Farm

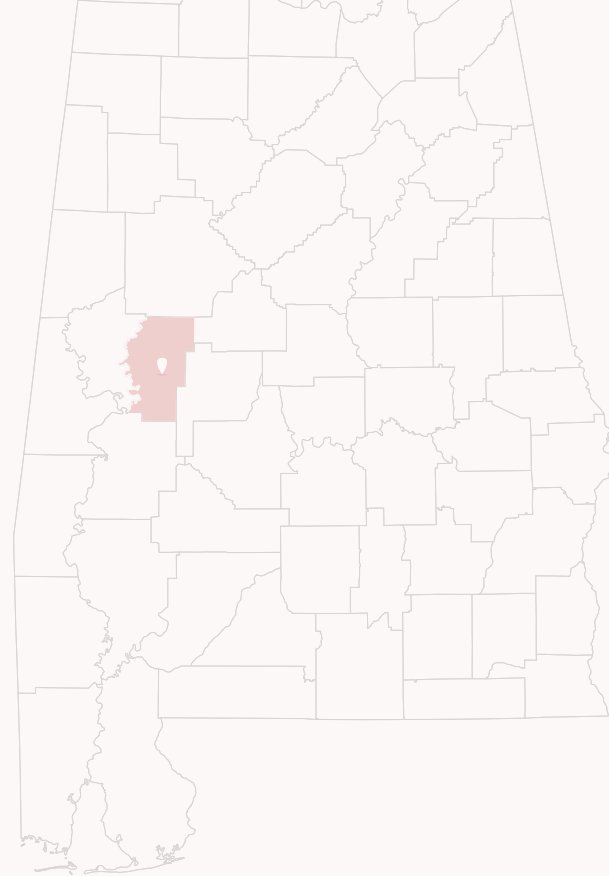
Dr. Shayla McCray

*Director, 21st Century Community Learning Centers,
Greene County Board of Education*



GREENSBORO HALE COUNTY

Stop No. 2



Horseshoe Farm

Project Horseshoe Farm is a multifaceted community, service, and leadership development organization that is pursuing novel approaches to support independence and quality of life among seniors and adults living with mental illness, improve educational opportunity for at-risk children, and prepare some of our state's brightest future service leaders in community health and education.

HERO

HERO relies on unique partnerships with universities to accomplish its mission to work as a catalyst to end rural poverty. HERO opened on Main Street in 1984, starting local housing and business developments that include PIELab, HeroBIKE, a Thrift Store teaching business basics, and single-family homes with Auburn's Rural Studios. Behind Main is an educational campus housing YouthBuild for skills instruction, a day care, pre-school, and the Fatherhood Initiative. Partners may conduct entrepreneurial programming in a Rosenwald Schoolhouse dedicated as an Innovation Center, along with storefront spaces through local and distance learning.

The Safe House Museum

The Museum draws its name from the fact that the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. sought safety from the Ku Klux Klan in 1968 in a modest, shotgun-style house in Greensboro just two weeks prior to his assassination. An active participant of the Civil Rights Movement and personal 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.



Site Coordinators

Meg Rankin-Byrd & Buzzy Barnette

Panel Location

Martin Stewart Schoolhouse

Panel Members

Katie Andoe
*Assistant Principal, Hale County
Middle School*

The Rev. Ron Ross
Program Manager, HERO

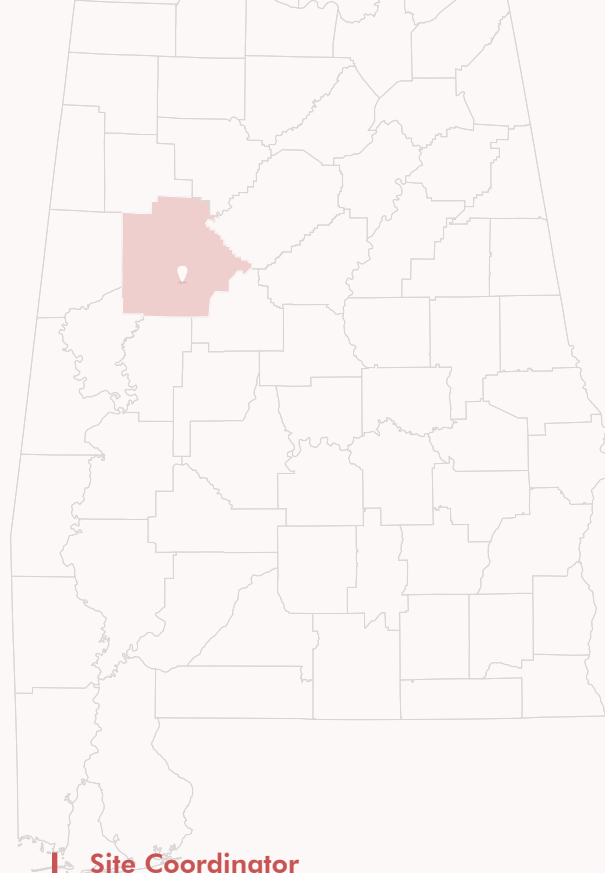
Terrance Spencer
*Assistant Principal, Greensboro
Elementary School*

John Dorsey
Director, Project Horseshoe Farm



WEST TUSCALOOSA TUSCALOOSA COUNTY

Stop No. 3



Stillman College

Stillman College is a liberal arts institution committed to fostering academic excellence and to providing high-quality educational opportunities for diverse populations with disparate levels of academic preparation. Primarily a teaching institution, Stillman has a proud and evolving tradition of preparing students for leadership, scholarship, and service in society.

Stillman has a historical and covenantal affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), whose Reformed tradition and commitment to the cultivation of the mind correspond well with the mission of the College. The College, via its constituents, is committed to service for the common good. The entire academic enterprise, undergirded with the principles of faith and ethical integrity, manifests constructive compassion as it confidently pursues the best in scholarly inquiry and creative endeavors.

Site Coordinator

Dr. Lamin Drammeh

Panel Location

Houston Harte Center

Panel Members

Dr. Byron Abston

*Associate Dean of Student Services, TCHE Liaison,
Shelton State Community College*

Dr. Linda Beito

Professor of Social Sciences, Stillman College

Toya T. Burton, DC, MPH

*Chiropractor/Clinical Project Manager Initiatives,
Whatley Health Services, Inc.*

Dr. Lamin E. Drammeh

*Vice President for Strategic Initiatives,
Stillman College*

Dean Robert Heath

Library Services, Stillman College

Dr. Mary Jane Krotzer

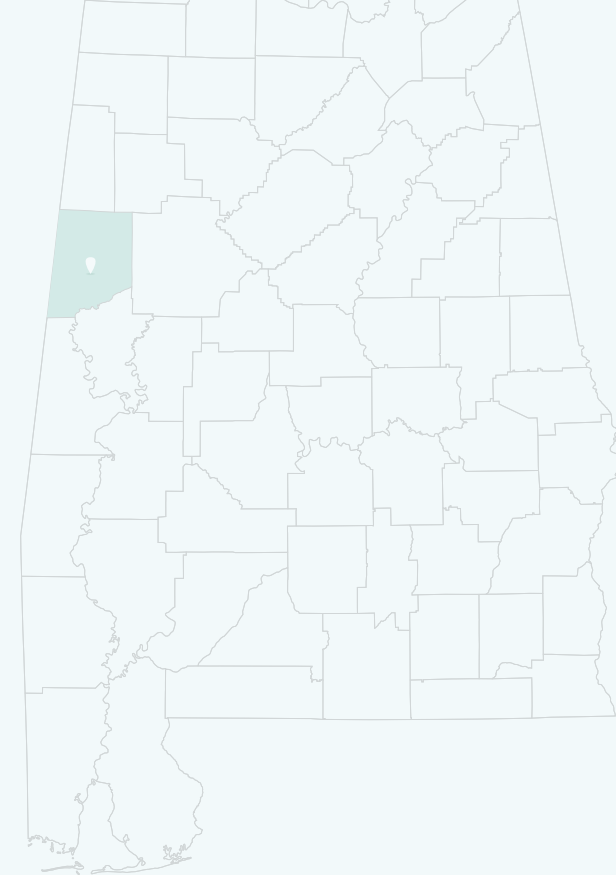
*Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness,
Stillman College*





CARROLLTON & ALICEVILLE PICKENS COUNTY

Stop No. 1



UA Pickens County Partnership

Pickens County is a Medically Underserved Area and a Primary Care, Mental Health, and Dental Health Professional Shortage Area. The county ranks 45th in health outcomes among Alabama's 67 counties. In 2015 approximately \$600,000 was obtained from the Alabama Legislature to initiate the partnership. To date, the funding has been used to fund eight projects that address a health issue or priority in Pickens County. Each project includes UA faculty and students and Pickens County community organizations or similar entities. The grant also provides six, year-long fellowships for recent UA graduates. The fellowships provide an opportunity for students to serve in health-related capacities while expanding their experience and education. There is also a coordinator to facilitate the development of the program and to provide oversight of partnership activities. The coordinator, Wilamena Dailey, is based in Pickens County.

Growth and Progress in Aliceville

In 2014, ALProHealth and Alabama Cooperative Extension System were given a grant from the CDC to address obesity in Alabama. The grant's purpose is to aid in improving access to healthy living opportunities in counties with an obesity rate of over 40 percent. Pickens County was designated a candidate, and Aliceville, the largest city in the County, was chosen as the recipient. Today, Aliceville is the home of a new walking track and pavilion used for a bi-weekly farmers market hosted from May to September. Aliceville is also the home of many new businesses including a coffee shop, restaurant, and boutique. Growth in commerce, industry, and agriculture is a key component of the current initiative to foster a healthy and thriving city in Pickens County.



Site Coordinator

Emma Bjornson

Panel Location

Pickens County College and
Career Center

Panel Members

Parthenia Oliver

Nurse Practitioner, Whatley Health Services, Inc.

Debbie Rodgers

Owner, Court Square Coffee

Rodney Shamery

*Coordinator of Fatherhood Program,
Family Resource Center*

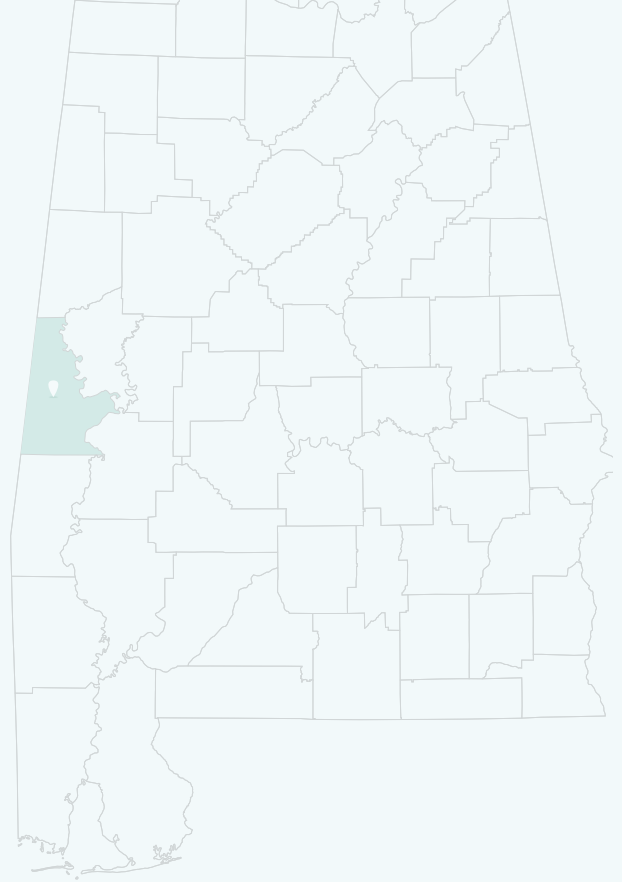
Cynthia Simpson

Director, Pickens County Community Action



LIVINGSTON & YORK SUMTER COUNTY

Stop No. 2



Hill Hospital

Hill Hospital of York, Alabama provides both preventative and health 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 four K–8 feeder schools and one 9–12 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 County Schools has also participated in the Rockets and Race Cars Program provided by the UA College of Engineering. Livingston Junior High School is a GearUp partner. For the 2017–2018 school year, two of the junior high schools participated in UA's Parent Teacher Leadership Academy.

Coleman Center for the Arts

The Coleman Center for the Arts was founded in 1985 through the grass roots 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.



Site Coordinator
Chris Spencer

Panel Location
Livingston Civic Center

Panel Members
Allison Brantley
Chamber of Commerce
Tramene Maye
Principal, Livingston Jr. High School
Lovie Burrell-Parks
Community Leader
Shirley Byrd
Board Chairperson, Hill Hospital of Sumter County
The Rev. Bob Little
Pastor, Galilee Baptist Church, Panola



MARION PERRY COUNTY

Stop No. 3

Jimmie Lee Jackson Historic Marker

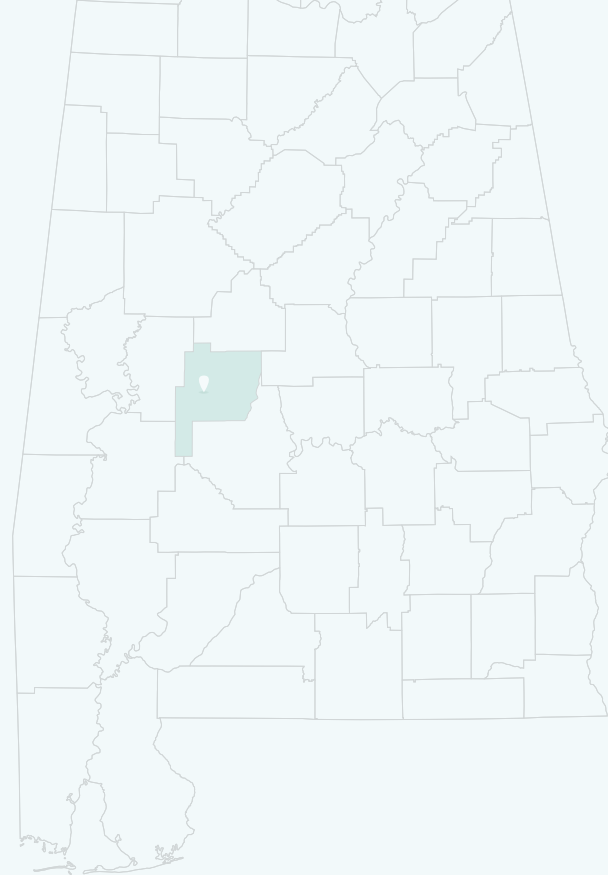
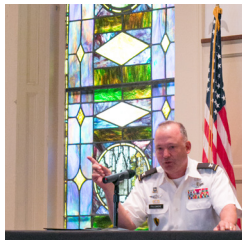
Jimmie Lee Jackson was a civil rights activist who was tragically shot in 1965 at 26 years of age by an Alabama state trooper during a small protest in Marion. He died of his injuries eight days later. This protest was part of a much larger civil rights movement, and at Jackson's funeral, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. eulogized his death, which helped inspire the famous march from Selma to Montgomery to gain voting rights for African Americans. In 2016, an historic marker was erected in front of the Marion County Courthouse to honor the native son and civil rights activist.

Judson College

Judson College began teaching classes on January 7, 1839 with nine female students in a home rented by Julia Barron. Barron contributed a nearby property that the college has called home since 1840. The Alabama legislature granted Judson an official charter of incorporation a year later. From its earliest days, Judson alumnae were known as women who worked to improve society. Judson College continues today as an undergraduate college for females and is affiliated with the Alabama Baptist Convention. It has also maintained its mission of community involvement.

Main Street Marion

Poised for economic growth in agriculture, forestry, and tourism and situated between three major metropolitan areas — Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, and Montgomery — Marion is waiting to be discovered. Designation as a Main Street Community sparked a movement to revitalize the heart of the community and Main Street district: the historic downtown square. Main Street Marion is focused on the revitalization of historic downtown Marion by bringing jobs, dollars, and people together.



Site Coordinators

Chris Joiner & Martha Grace Mize

Panel Location

Marion Methodist Church

Panel Members

Frances Ford

*Executive Director and Healthcare Coordinator,
Sowing Seeds of Hope*

Col. Ed Passmore, USA (Ret.)

*Vice President for Student Affairs, Commandment of
Cadets and Director for Leadership and Career
Development, Marion Military Institute*

Dr. Cathy Trimble

Principal, Francis Marion School

Katrina Easley

County Extension Coordinator

To learn more about UA's Honors College Black Belt Experience, visit <https://honors.ua.edu/programs/black-belt-experience/>



UNIONTOWN PERRY COUNTY

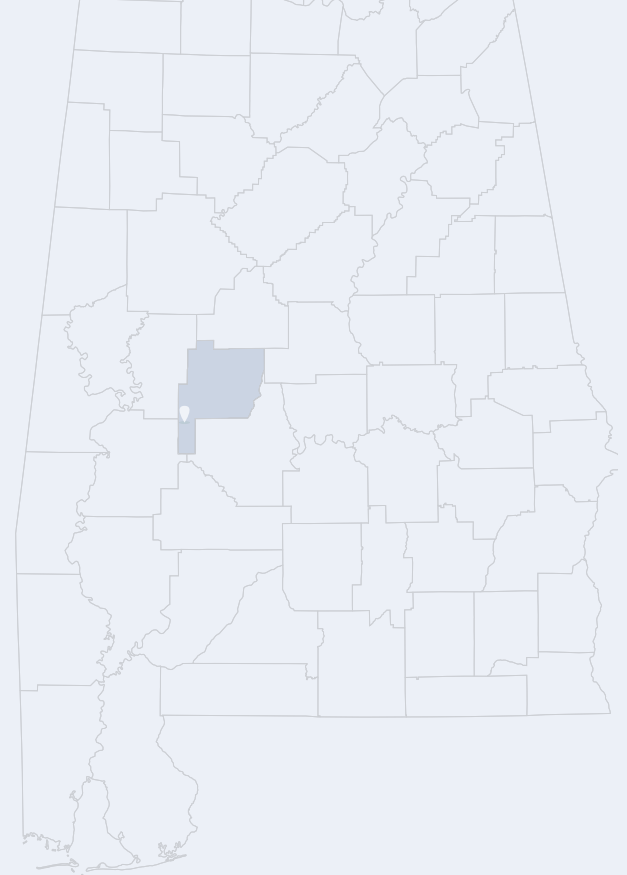
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Uniontown

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.

Civil rights have always been a struggle in Uniontown and continue today in the form of the Arrowhead Landfill, Alabama’s largest mega-waste dump. The dump has been a sore point for county residents for many years and received another setback this year when the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency dismissed two civil rights complaints related to the dump, filed against the Alabama Department of Environmental Management by residents of Uniontown.

Trying to move beyond traditional agriculture, in 1991, five west Alabama farmers set out to create a company that raises and distributes the finest quality U.S. farm-raised catfish on the market in a cost efficient, environmentally responsible manner. This commitment to healthier, sustainable farm-to-fork practices helped the Harvest Select Catfish Plant to become one of the nation’s primary farmers, harvesters, processors, and distributors of American catfish. By 2008, they had become the first U.S. catfish processor to be Best Aquaculture Practices certified by the Global Aquaculture Alliance. Today, Harvest Select employs more than 250 dedicated, trained personnel in Uniontown, producing over 750,000 pounds of catfish weekly. This hands-on approach allows them to get the fish out of the pond and restaurant ready in less than 50 minutes — a difference apparent in the taste.



Site Coordinator

Jamaal Hunter

Panel Location

City Recreation Center

Panel Members

Emefa Butler

C.H.O.I.C.E., Nonprofit

John H. Heard III

Superintendent, Perry County Schools

Gilbert Sentell

Sentell Engineering



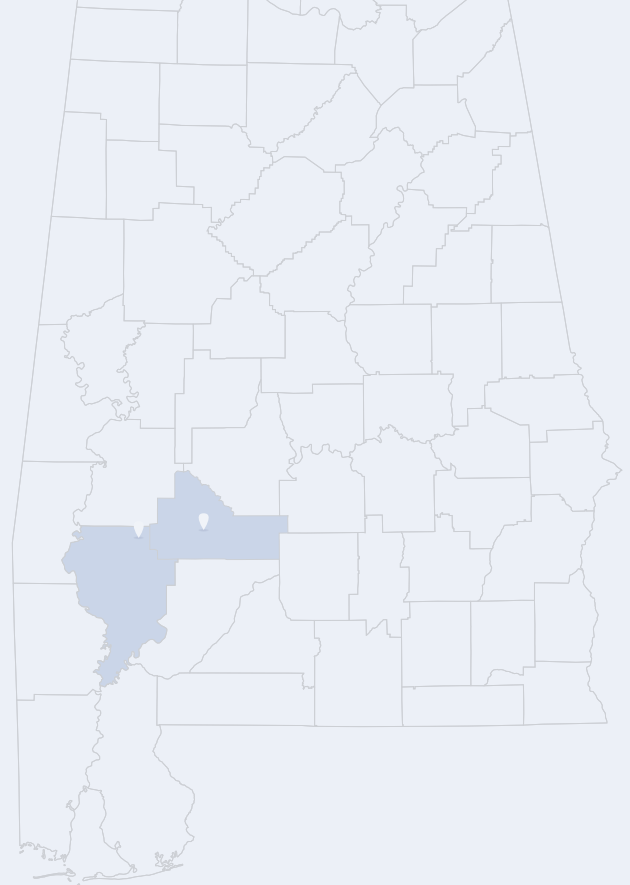
THOMASVILLE CLARKE COUNTY
CAMDEN WILCOX COUNTY
Stop No. 2

Golden Dragon Plant

The Golden Dragon facility opened in 2014 and currently employs approximately 300 people. The Chinese-owned plant, often referred to as the Golden Dragon Plant, manufactures pipes used in air conditioner machinery. The Golden Dragon Precise Copper Tube Group initially invested about \$100 million in the plant and it continues to grow. It has been an economic and social boon to that region of Alabama.

Gee's Bend

Gee's Bend is best known for its quilters and the Black Belt Treasures Cultural Arts Center. Gee's Bend quilters have produced countless patchwork masterpieces beginning as far back as the mid-19th century, with the oldest existing examples dating from the 1920s. Enlivened by a visual imagination that extends the expressive boundaries of the quilt genre, these astounding creations constitute a crucial chapter in the history of African American art. The quilts have been exhibited at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, the Indianapolis Museum of Art, the Philadelphia Museum of Art, and the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.



Site Coordinator

Amy Prescott

Panel Location

Thomasville Civic Center

Panel Members

Kevin Heartsil

Director, Thomasville City Works

Jason Jones

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*Director, Thomasville Health and Rehabilitation Center
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SELMA DALLAS COUNTY

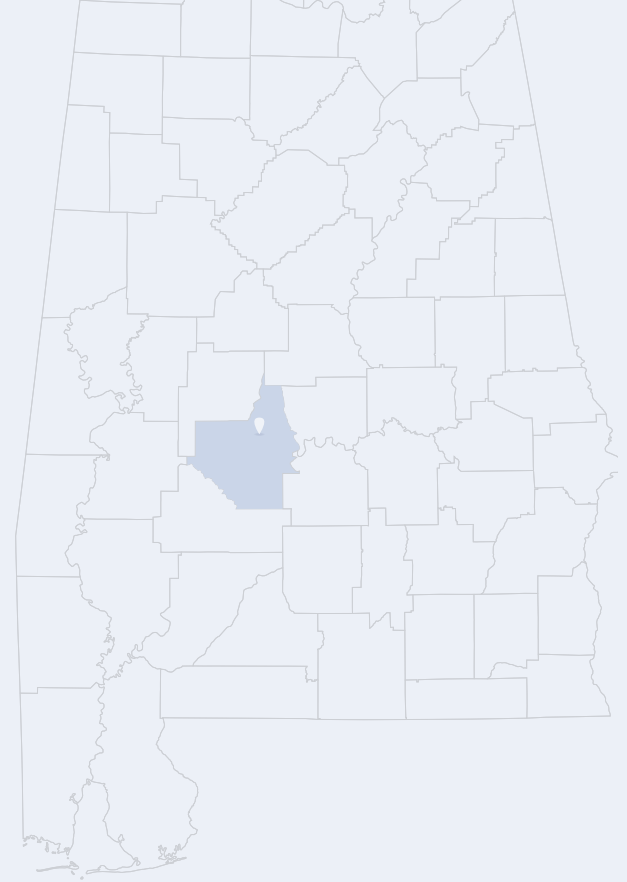
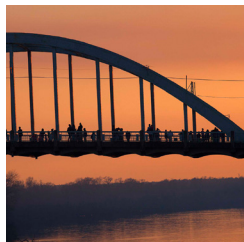
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Black Belt Community Foundation

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 endeavors 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 one of the most terrible events of Alabama’s history — the Bloody Sunday event where African Americans seeking the right to vote were attacked while marching across the bridge on their way to Montgomery. 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 and other similar happenings influenced the passing of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 later that year.



Site Coordinator
Chris Spencer

Panel Location
Selma Interpretive Center

Panel Members

Felecia Lucky
President, Black Belt Community Foundation

Aubry Carter
Manager, Alabama Power

Sheryl Smedley
Executive Director, Selma Chamber of Commerce

Barja Wilson
Executive Director, Selma Redevelopment Authority

The Rev. Lawrence Wofford
Pastor, Clinton Chapel AME Church

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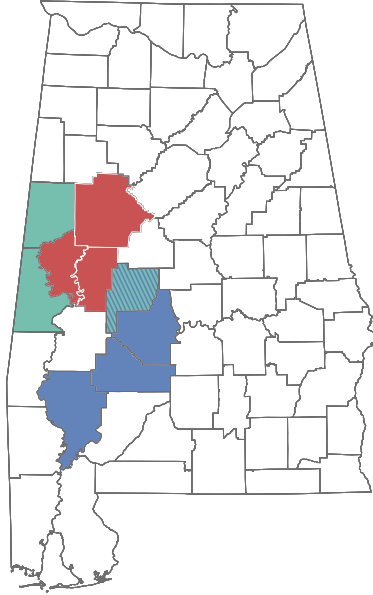


Graduate School

Council on Community-Based Partnerships

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Community Affairs
Center for Community-Based Partnerships



 DAY 1

GREENE COUNTY
HALE COUNTY
TUSCALOOSA COUNTY



 DAY 2

PICKENS COUNTY
SUMTER COUNTY
PERRY COUNTY



 DAY 3

PERRY COUNTY
CLARKE COUNTY
WILCOX COUNTY
DALLAS COUNTY

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