NEW FACULTY Community Engagement Tour

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 third 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 tripartite 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 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



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 each year since, 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 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.

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Dr. Kevin W. Whitaker Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs











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. 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

ROBERT BROWN MIDDLE SCHOOL

Marilyn Gibson Librarian, James C. Poole Memorial Library

Judge Lillie Jones-Osborne District Judge, Greene County Greene County Children's Policy Council

Mildred Morgan Coordinator, Greene County Community in Action Facilitator, Strengthening Family Program Drenda Morton Robert Brown Middle School 21st Century After-School Program

Iris Sermon Director, Greene County E-911

Dr. Carol Zippert The Society of Folk Art and Culture

John Zippert Board Member, Greene County Hospital



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 at various points 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.

Rural Studio

The Rural Studio is a design-build program of Auburn University. Established in 1993, the program gives architecture students a hands-on educational experience while assisting underserved populations in West Alabama's Black Belt region. To date, Rural Studio has built more than 200 projects and educated more than 1,000 "Citizen Architects."

The Safe House 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.

SITE COORDINATOR LLEVELYN RHONE

SALEM MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

Tyler Clements *ALFA Insurance Agent Co-Owner, Puddle Jumpers LLC*

Mattie Harris Director, Hale County Department of Human Resources

Bill Hemstreet Former Fish Health Specialist Alabama Fish Farming Center, Auburn University Emily McGlohn Assistant Professor, Rural Studio Auburn University

Llevelyn Rhone Founder, Greensboro Regional Opportunity Works, Inc.

Michael Ryans Superintendent, Hale County School System

Andrea Whaley Clinical Director, Hale County Hospital Home Health Agency







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City of Tuscaloosa's 2018 Comprehensive Five-Year Affordable Housing Study

Tuscaloosa updated its Five-Year Consolidated Housing Plan, required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The plan provided foundational information related to housing and neighborhoods in Tuscaloosa that can assist with informing citizens and making decisions about future policy direction. An analysis of current policies found in city-adopted plans identifies four key areas of strong policy direction:

Day 1 // Stop No. 3

- Protecting Neighborhood Character
- Promoting Housing Diversity
- Assisting Lower Income Households
- Serving Neighborhoods

The EDGE

The EDGE is an incubator and accelerator designed to help build and grow businesses and jobs. The EDGE was started in 2012 as a partnership among the City of Tuscaloosa, the West Alabama Chamber of Commerce and The University of Alabama. The EDGE offers workspace and learning opportunities for both new and established firms. In early 2019, the EDGE relocated to a new 26,000 square-foot facility wherein day-to-day operations are managed by the Alabama Entrepreneurship Institute (AEI). In addition to their work with the EDGE, AEI also promotes entrepreneurship endeavors in the Culverhouse College of Business and throughout The University of Alabama.

SITE COORDINATOR ASHLEY CRITES

Ashley Crites Director of Planning, City of Tuscaloosa

Brock Corder President, The Builders Group

Daphne Curtis Agent, RealtySouth

Chris Hall Director of Development, Tuscaloosa Housing Authority

THE EDGE

Heather Hill HOME Investment Partnership Program, City of Tuscaloosa

Brandon Kasteler Habitat for Humanity

Dr. Theresa Welbourne Executive Director, Alabama Entrepreneurship Institute Executive Director, The EDGE



UA Pickens County Partnership

Pickens County is a Medically Underserved Area and a Primary Care, Mental Health and Dental Health Professional Shortage Area. In 2015, the Alabama Legislature provided approximately \$600,000 to initiate the partnership. To date, the funding has been used for eight projects that address a county health issue or priority. Each includes UA faculty and students and Pickens County community organizations or similar entities.

Aliceville Museum

The Aliceville Museum was begun in the 1980s as an exhibit in a single room at the Aliceville Public Library. In 1993, a donation of the former Aliceville Coca-Cola Bottling Plant buildings and property set the stage for future Museum growth. Today it boasts four exhibits, including one that features artifacts from the Aliceville Prisoner of War Camp, which existed from 1942 to 1945. It includes the largest collection of WWII POW artifacts in the U.S.

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. Pickens County was designated a candidate, and Aliceville was chosen as the recipient. Today it is the home of a 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. Growth in commerce, industry and agriculture is a key component of the initiative to foster a healthy and thriving city in Pickens County.

SITE COORDINATOR SARAH QUICK

ALICEVILLE MUSEUM

Cynthia Colvin *Community Member, First Baptist Aliceville*

Sarah Quick Pickens County Fellow, UA/Pickens County Health Care Teaching Partnership

Shawn McDaniel Vice Principal, Pickens County College and Career Center **Edgar Pruitt** *Director, Chamber of Commerce*

Chelsie Skinner Primary Care CRNP, Pickens County Medical Center

Terrence Windham *City Councilman, Aliceville*













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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 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.

SITE COORDINATOR CHRIS SPENCER

Minister Edmond Bell Shiloh Zion Baptist Church

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Chris Spencer Director, Resource Development for Community Engagement, The University of Alabama

Lindsey Truelove Director, Sumter County Chamber of Commerce

Loretta Wilson Administrator, Hill Hospital of Sumter County



Jimmie Lee Jackson Historic Marker

Jimmie Lee Jackson was a civil rights activist who was tragically shot in 1965, at the age of 26, 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 have been known as women who work to improve society.

Main Street Marion

Main Street Marion is focused on the revitalization of downtown Marion by bringing jobs, dollars and people together. Situated between three major metropolitan areas — Tuscaloosa, Birmingham and Montgomery — Marion is poised for economic growth in agriculture, forestry and tourism.

FRANCIS MARION HIGH SCHOOL

Col. Ed Passmore Vice President, Student Affairs Commandant of Cadets Director, Leadership and Career Development Marion Military Institute

Dr. Cathy Trimble Principal, Francis Marion School



SITE COORDINATOR MARY MOORE

Katrina Easley Extension Coordinator, Perry County

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

Mary Moore Former Supernumerary Circuit Clerk, Perry County







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.

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 that community members have access to charitable and educational resources. The organization operates the Uniontown YOUth Resource Center, a one-stop community hub that includes meeting areas and 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.

R.C. Hatch High School

The mission of R.C. Hatch High School is to ensure that all students are college- and career-ready by seeking to create a challenging learning environment that encourages high expectations for success through development-appropriate instruction that allows for individual differences and learning styles. The school promotes a safe, orderly, caring, and supportive environment.

SITE COORDINATOR EMEFA BUTLER

Cpl. Jamarus Allen *Uniontown Police Department*

Emefa Butler Choosing to Help Others In our Community Excel (C.H.O.I.C.E.)

Kay Dudley Teacher, HOSA Advisor, R.C. Hatch High School

R.C. HATCH HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Leslie Ford Principal, R.C. Hatch High School

Shawn Hall Cowboy Church of the Prairie

Detre Langhorne Librarian, Uniontown Public Library



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 quiltmakers 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 COORDINATORS AMY PRESCOTT & SHELDON DAY

Sheldon Day Mayor, City of Thomasville

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Liz Megginson Thomasville Public Library

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THOMASVILLE CIVIC CENTER

Amy Prescott Director, Thomasville Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Charles Shepherd Coastal Alabama Community College

Erika Turflinger Process Engineering Co-op Student, The University of Alabama





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 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

Judge Bob Armstrong District Judge

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SELMA INTERPRETIVE CENTER

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PERRY COUNTY

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