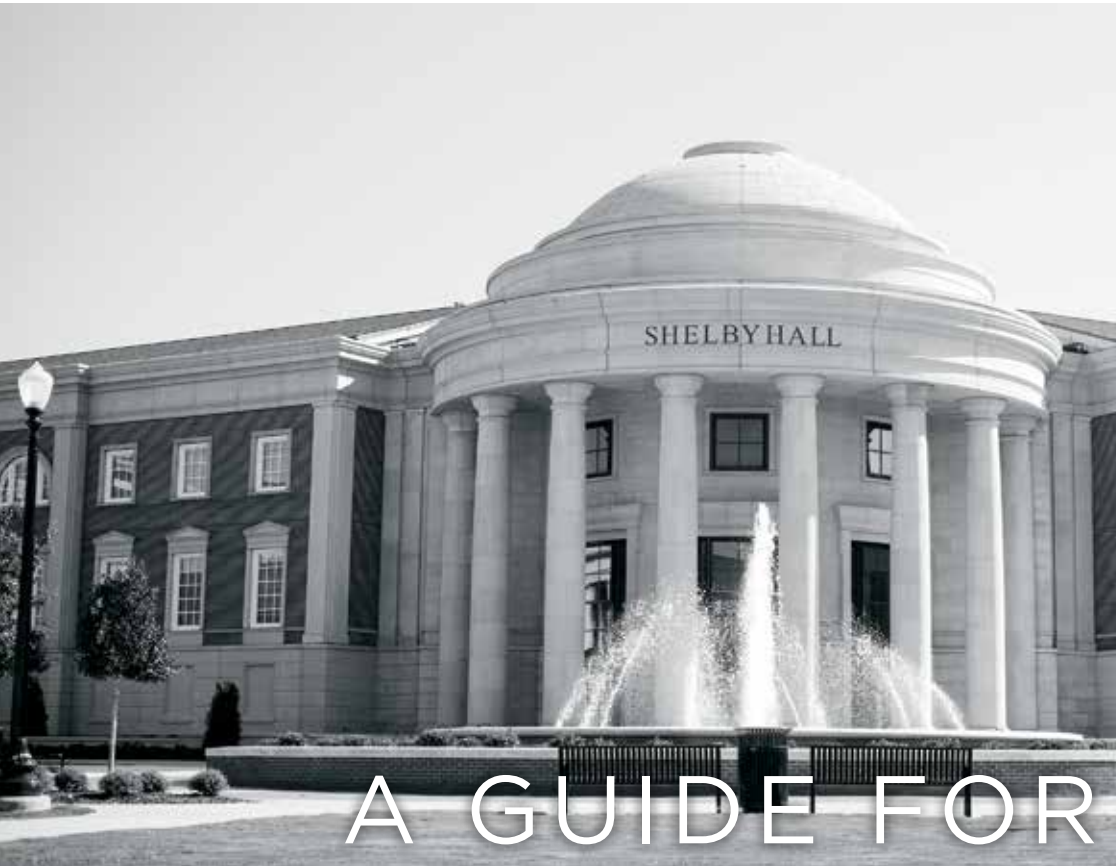


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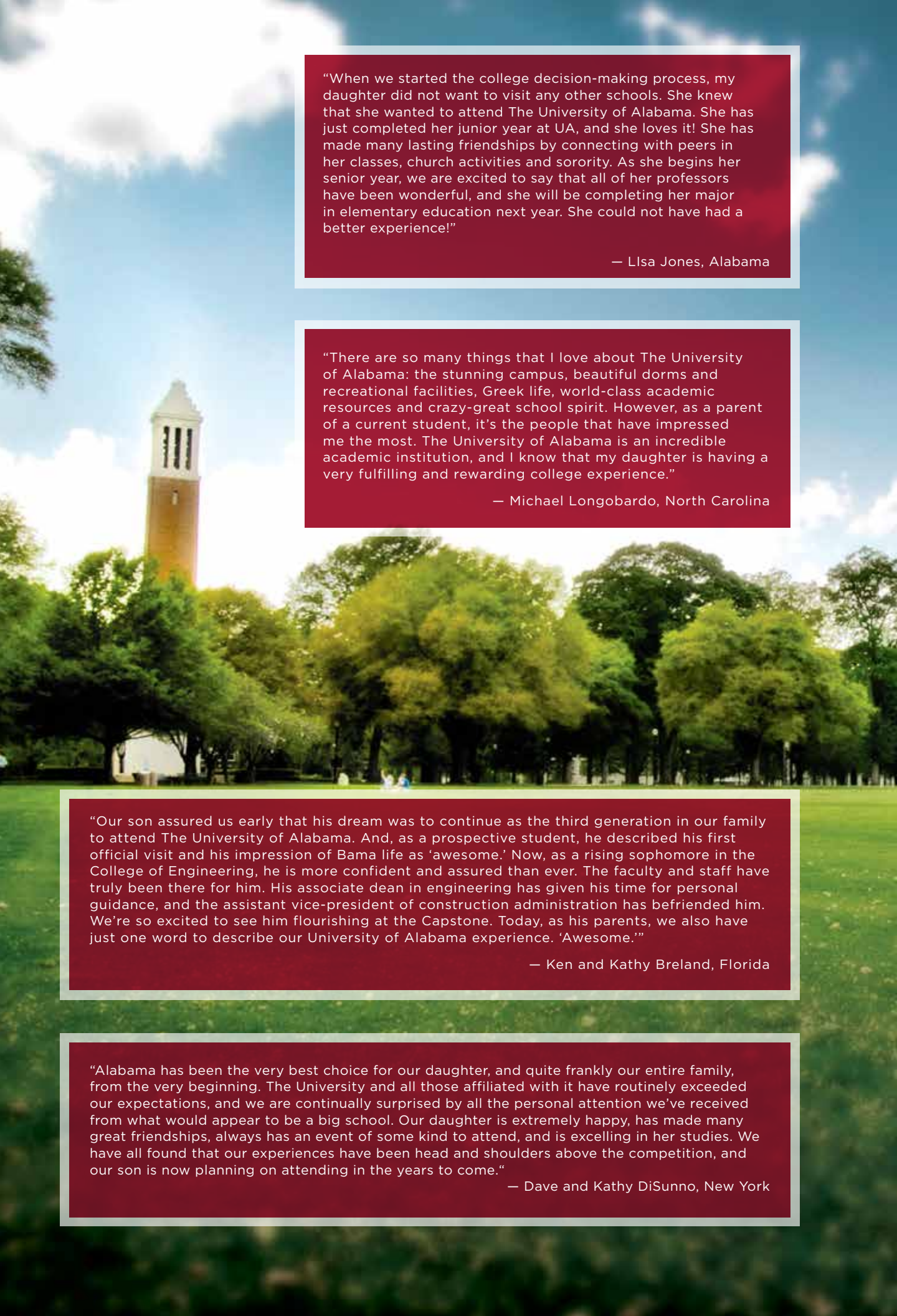


A GUIDE FOR
PARENTS



THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

you are **UA**.



“When we started the college decision-making process, my daughter did not want to visit any other schools. She knew that she wanted to attend The University of Alabama. She has just completed her junior year at UA, and she loves it! She has made many lasting friendships by connecting with peers in her classes, church activities and sorority. As she begins her senior year, we are excited to say that all of her professors have been wonderful, and she will be completing her major in elementary education next year. She could not have had a better experience!”

— Lisa Jones, Alabama

“There are so many things that I love about The University of Alabama: the stunning campus, beautiful dorms and recreational facilities, Greek life, world-class academic resources and crazy-great school spirit. However, as a parent of a current student, it’s the people that have impressed me the most. The University of Alabama is an incredible academic institution, and I know that my daughter is having a very fulfilling and rewarding college experience.”

— Michael Longobardo, North Carolina

“Our son assured us early that his dream was to continue as the third generation in our family to attend The University of Alabama. And, as a prospective student, he described his first official visit and his impression of Bama life as ‘awesome.’ Now, as a rising sophomore in the College of Engineering, he is more confident and assured than ever. The faculty and staff have truly been there for him. His associate dean in engineering has given his time for personal guidance, and the assistant vice-president of construction administration has befriended him. We’re so excited to see him flourishing at the Capstone. Today, as his parents, we also have just one word to describe our University of Alabama experience. ‘Awesome.’”

— Ken and Kathy Breland, Florida

“Alabama has been the very best choice for our daughter, and quite frankly our entire family, from the very beginning. The University and all those affiliated with it have routinely exceeded our expectations, and we are continually surprised by all the personal attention we’ve received from what would appear to be a big school. Our daughter is extremely happy, has made many great friendships, always has an event of some kind to attend, and is excelling in her studies. We have all found that our experiences have been head and shoulders above the competition, and our son is now planning on attending in the years to come.”

— Dave and Kathy DiSunno, New York



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“Our son is currently a junior Computer Engineering student in the UA Honors College and Emerging Scholars Program. When he began researching colleges, UA was not on the radar. The scholarship offers, as well as the numerous programs UA has directed at ambitious students, quickly drew his attention. After a campus visit, we were all impressed by the top-notch facilities and labs, accessibility of professors, individual attention, beautiful campus, small class sizes, undergraduate research opportunities, and the warm and friendly environment. Coming from Michigan, we did not realize Southern hospitality is a real thing! He made his decision on that day. As he completed his second year, his experiences in the classroom, in undergraduate research projects and in interactions with professors have surpassed what he anticipated! Recently our current high school senior also committed to UA to study Electrical Engineering. He was accepted into the UA Computer-Based Honors program and soon realized that no other university could offer him the same opportunities as the CBH program. As parents of two future UA alumni, we are very happy that our sons have made the wise and well-informed decision to attend UA. Roll Tide!”

— Mike and Katie Dahl, Michigan

BEING A PART OF THE UA FAMILY

Your student may spend only four years on our campus, but he or she will be a part of our University for life. And, as a parent, you will also be a valued part of the UA family.

PARENT PROGRAMS

parents.ua.edu

We believe that well-informed parents and families enhance the student experience and promote student success. A variety of UA Parent Programs welcome parents and families as members of the University community and provide services that parents see as important to students. Currently, our Parent Programs provide resources and host events such as the following:

- Crimson Connections Parent Newsletter
- UA Family Connection
- PENPALS (Parent Email Notification)
- Parent Hotline (800-392-2777)
- Family Weekend
- Parent Orientation

Formed in 1993, Parent Programs is a self-supporting organization that operates from parent donations.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP

leadership.ua.edu

The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership maximizes each UA student's learning experience by providing opportunities for co-curricular experience as well as service to the University and community.

There is no one right way to be a UA student. Students have the freedom to define and achieve excellence in their own way. UA students are from many distinctive backgrounds with differing interests and passions. The Office of Student Involvement and Leadership assists students in customizing and enhancing their educational experience with activities that fit their goals and interests, whether those interests are intellectual, social, recreational, cultural, multicultural or spiritual.

"As New Englanders, we were worried about our son attending school so far from home, but from the very beginning, UA has made us feel like a part of the Tuscaloosa community. The school has been extremely responsive to us whenever we have needed extra help. Our son loves it there, and we look forward to our high schooler applying to join the Crimson Tide as well."

— Kara Gregory, Connecticut



"We are extremely proud of our daughter who has accomplished so much throughout her years at UA. Her achievements are greater than our expectations. Our family members have been Alabama fans for years, so it was a joy when both she and her older brother chose the University as their number one choice. UA impressively prepared them for their career choices, and we are in awe that our children earned the honor of summa cum laude upon graduation. Roll Tide Roll!"

— Karen Blight, Alabama

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

The University of Alabama employs a competitive admission process that includes reviewing and evaluating each application on an individual basis for an applicant's abilities as a student and a scholar.

Decisions about the potential for your student's academic success at UA are based on his or her performance on the ACT and/or SAT, high-school grade point average and high-school course schedule. (For example, a student with a 21 ACT or 1000 SAT [critical reading and mathematical scores only] along with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 should be successful at UA.) The writing section of either the ACT or SAT is required. The writing score will be used as part of UA's holistic review of each applicant.

We are looking for students who show a commitment to academics and who welcome the robust exchange of ideas that occurs within a diverse and inclusive learning environment. Typically, the number of applications received exceeds the number of spaces available in the freshman class.



In terms of educational preparation, the college preparatory curriculum minimum unit requirements for regular admissions are:

- 4 units of English
- 4 units of social sciences, including world history or a comparable course
- 3 units of mathematics (must include algebra I, algebra II and one unit of either geometry, trigonometry or calculus)
- 3 units of natural sciences, including two courses with lab components
- 1 unit of foreign language
- 5 additional units of academic courses (We recommend courses in fine arts or computer literacy, with additional courses in mathematics, natural sciences or foreign language.)

Students who exceed the minimum number of units in math, natural sciences or foreign language will be given additional consideration.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING FRESHMEN

Your student can apply to The University of Alabama online at [APPLY.UA.EDU](https://apply.ua.edu). FEBRUARY 1 is the application deadline for priority admission consideration for fall semester.

For more information, visit [GOBAMA.UA.EDU](https://gobama.ua.edu) or call 205-348-5666 or toll free 800-933-BAMA (2262).

"When our son decided to attend The University of Alabama, we were very excited for him, but also a little anxious. We did all the homework. We visited campus, attended Bama Bound, planned a trip for Family Weekend, and made sure he had enough Bama Cash for laundry. Then, we hopped on a plane and flew 2,000 miles away, wondering how our California kid would adapt to a large university in the South. The answer is, 'GREAT!' We may have left our son in Tuscaloosa, but we didn't leave him alone. The University of Alabama made the transition easy, and there are so many activities, clubs and football games that our son never looked back. In fact, when he was at home in California over Winter Break, he said he was excited to go 'home' (back to campus). His comment surprised me, but it also made me smile because I knew my son had found the place where he belongs. Roll Tide!"

— Sheri Blackburn, California

QUICK FACTS ABOUT UA

SCHOOL SIZE AND LOCATION

- 34,852 students
- 1,000-acre historic campus founded in 1831
- Eight undergraduate-degree-granting schools and colleges
- Located in Tuscaloosa, a one-hour drive from Birmingham and a few hours from beaches or mountains (visittuscaloosa.com)

STUDENT BODY

- Male-female ratio 46:54
- African American 12 percent
- Hispanic American 3 percent
- Asian American 2 percent
- In-state 54 percent
- Out-of-state 42 percent
- International students 4 percent from 68 countries

STUDENT LIFE

- More than 450 political, social, religious, intramural sports and service groups (thesource.ua.edu)
- Creative Campus Initiative integrates arts with community life (creativecampus.ua.edu)
- University Recreation offers quality indoor and outdoor facilities at two locations on campus (urec.ua.edu)
- Oldest Greek system in the state (greekaffairs.ua.edu)



ACADEMICS

- Student-faculty ratio 19:1
- First-year retention rate of approximately 85 percent
- More than 200 majors and minors offered
- Honors College enrolls nearly one in four freshmen (honors.ua.edu)
- Blount Undergraduate Initiative provides liberal-arts emphasis in a community of scholars (as.ua.edu/blount)
- Freshman Seminars allow students to launch their college careers in exciting, small classes geared to the new student (provost.ua.edu/freshman-seminars/html)
- New College enables students to tailor an academic program to their interests (as.ua.edu/nc)

YEARLY COSTS 2014-15

cost.ua.edu

- Undergraduate in-state tuition: \$9,826
- Undergraduate out-of-state tuition: \$24,950
- Room and board: \$8,800

MAJORS

ua.edu/majors

Deciding on the right major can be a challenge for many students. At UA, we like to make this process as easy and informative as possible. Take a few moments to visit our undergraduate majors Web page at ua.edu/majors with your student, where he or she can review majors and career opportunities along with creating a semester-by-semester course plan to assist in reaching graduation in four years.

SPORTS

rolltide.com

- 21 NCAA Division I athletic teams
- 15 national football championships
- Six national women's gymnastics championships
- Two national men's golf championships
- One national women's golf championship
- One national women's softball championship
- One national men's wheelchair basketball championship

CAMPUS TRADITIONS

The Capstone has been UA's nickname since former President George H. Denny used the phrase in 1913 to describe our University as the crowning achievement in public education in Alabama.

“Crimson Tide” started as the nickname for our football team in 1907. Coined by a sports writer, the name today is synonymous with all our teams, athletic and academic.

Big Al has been our costumed elephant mascot since 1978, but pachyderms have symbolized the Tide since 1930, when the football players were all super-sized and referred to in sports writing as “red elephants.”

The Quadrangle, or Quad, is the heart of UA and home to Denny Chimes — the bell tower that rings the hours. The Quad becomes a sea of crimson and white on Saturdays in the fall when UA family and fans tailgate before football games.

The seal is UA's most solemn symbol. It features Minerva, the Roman goddess of wisdom who represents the light of learning.

“We never dreamed our daughter's first year of college would go so smoothly. She has had an amazing freshman year at The University of Alabama. We remember the night she called us from Tuscaloosa and said, ‘I love UA!’ Those are priceless words to hear when your child is away from home for the first time. She has been successful in her academics, and her instructors and advisers have been very helpful. She adjusted to dorm life very well and didn't want to move out in May. She met great friends who became her family away from home. Greek life was another great experience for her. She loves her sorority and all the functions associated with it. She plans to get even more involved next year. The University of Alabama welcomed her right into the UA family. The students and staff have been friendly and eager to help out anytime. We have been football fans forever, but now The University of Alabama itself means more to me than ever.”

— Deuce and Macie Taylor, Alabama



LOCATION

Pleasantly situated on the banks of the historic Black Warrior River, Tuscaloosa is a community of 93,357 people. A mixed economy of manufacturing, retail and service industries enables Tuscaloosa to thrive and provide services and amenities to its diverse population.

UA students can go off campus to enjoy restaurants, live theater and art galleries, as well as shopping malls and movies. Parks, the river and public lakes all offer plenty of outdoor recreation in the warm climate. Tuscaloosa enjoys beautiful spring and fall weather, mild winters and long summers.

Students can reach campus by car, by Amtrak, or by flying into the Birmingham-Shuttlesworth International Airport and taking a shuttle to campus. Birmingham is only a one-hour drive from the Capstone.

“I remember how overwhelming choosing a university can be for students and parents alike. We all want a world-class education, affordable college expenses, a supportive community and growth opportunities for our children. The University of Alabama delivered on all points! The academic rigor is preparing my son for his future goals. His research opportunities are helping him learn how he might help improve the lives of others. The mentorship he receives is encouraging him to develop his passion for accomplishing meaningful change through leadership and service. The generous academic scholarships have enabled my son to pursue his dreams. The University of Alabama is truly a game changer!”

— Deb Thoman, Missouri



“When our daughter made the decision to attend Alabama, we had many reservations. Mostly our concerns were about her going out of state and charting a new course by herself — leaving everything that was familiar to her behind, including friends. We were amazed at how quickly she adapted. She will tell you that the best thing she ever did was to participate in Alabama Action, as well as attending the events for first-year students. Many of her friendships were developed in her residence hall, where the suite-style setting truly allows for a better sense of community, not only with her own roommates, but also with her neighbors. As parents, we could not be happier. We would encourage parents to follow the University and its specific schools on social media. You will always be able to have up-to-date information on events, and you might also catch a glimpse of your student getting involved. Alabama was the absolute best decision our daughter could have made, and she would say that it is not just her school, but it is her second home. Roll Tide.”

— Michele and Mike Stewart, Mississippi

“Roll Tide! The University of Alabama is a perfect fit for our son ('16). When visiting colleges and universities, he found just what he was looking for in Tuscaloosa. UA is his home away from home — a University with an excellent academic record, a beautiful campus and a vibrant community, affording him opportunities for continued growth. Whether it is his research in a lab, his leadership of the club golf team or his involvement with his fraternity, he has made friends and colleagues for a lifetime. When he was considering Alabama, we were often asked, ‘How is a Northern boy from Ohio going to fit in in the South?’ We all agree — perfectly! As parents, we encourage our children to step outside of their comfort zone in hopes of fostering independence and maturity. The distance between Ohio and Alabama becomes shorter each time we visit or speak with him. His happiness and love of UA reinforces daily that he made the right decision. Roll Tide, Alabama football and sweet tea are now all favorites in our Ohio home!”

— Dave and Leslee House, Ohio

“The University of Alabama had everything my daughter wanted in a college and more. The faculty and staff were genuinely interested in making us feel welcome. They went out of their way in providing us the information we needed to make our decision. Overall, our experience with the admission process was smooth, simple and amazing. Now after one year behind us, I can say my daughter made a wise choice and is well on her way in achieving her goals. Roll Tide Roll!”

— Sandy Malladi, Alabama

“I want you to know what UA has meant to our daughter. This is the only college we toured that offered individualized degrees (through New College). UA will allow your student to develop a degree to fit his or her interests and has given our daughter a tremendous experience academically. If all goes according to plan, through the STEM program, she will graduate in four years with a degree in chemical engineering and complete an MBA degree her fifth year.”

— Elizabeth Wethern, Louisiana

UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGES & SCHOOLS

COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCES

as.ua.edu

The College of Arts and Sciences is the University's oldest and largest division with 8,800 undergraduates. Students have received prestigious national awards such as Goldwater, Truman, Hollings and Fulbright scholarships. The college also has more than 20 active national honor societies that recognize and nurture student achievement.

CULVERHOUSE COLLEGE OF COMMERCE

cba.ua.edu

The Culverhouse College of Commerce undergraduate business program is ranked among the top 25 public programs nationally by *U.S. News and World Report*, and its undergraduate accounting program is ranked 36th among public programs nationally by *Public Accounting Report*. Culverhouse has implemented the STEM Path to the MBA Program where students majoring in science, technology, engineering and math can earn an MBA in one additional year.

COLLEGE OF COMMUNICATION & INFORMATION SCIENCES

cis.ua.edu

The College of Communication and Information Sciences collaborates with University-owned TV station WVUA-7 staff to create news, sports and public affairs programming. The college's speech team, the Alabama Forensic Council, has won 19 national team championships, and the public relations program has been recognized by *PRWeek* magazine as one of the top five educational programs in the nation for the last six years.

COLLEGE OF EDUCATION

education.ua.edu

The College of Education is ranked among the top schools of education in the *U.S. News and World Report* rankings. The College is accredited by the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE).

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

eng.ua.edu

College of Engineering students are continually recognized nationally for their academic efforts. In recent years, students in the College have been recognized as *USA Today* All-USA College Academic Team members, Goldwater scholars, Hollings scholars, Portz scholars, Truman scholars and Mitchell scholars.

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

ches.ua.edu

The College of Human Environmental Sciences is a senior academic unit in the State of Alabama offering professional programs in the field of human environmental sciences. Throughout its history, the college has achieved a national reputation for excellence through the quality of its academic programs and faculty, as well as through the success of its graduates.

CAPSTONE COLLEGE OF NURSING

nursing.ua.edu

The College of Nursing provides a curriculum that is responsive to changes in the health care system. The pass rate on the Registered Nurse (RN) licensure exam for UA nursing students far exceeds both state and national averages. The Capstone is committed to providing excellent nursing education at both the undergraduate and graduate levels.

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

socialwork.ua.edu

The School of Social Work offers a diverse community of educators, researchers, learners and support persons with shared values and aspirations. The School focuses on solving bio-psychosocial problems, improving individual and social conditions, and promoting justice and human dignity.

VISITS & TOURS

With a UA student as your guide, touring our campus will provide you and your student the opportunity to see the campus firsthand, learn its history and discover the many opportunities UA has to offer. Visit gobama.ua.edu/visits to schedule a tour and book your reservation online. Do this well in advance of your trip, as certain dates fill up quickly.

You may also experience UA's beautiful campus for yourself without leaving home by visiting gobama.ua.edu/webtour. This video-based tour can be viewed in a Web browser or downloaded to a mobile device.

University Days offer prospective students information about admissions, majors and minors, academic support and programs, financial aid and scholarships, and campus life. Learn more at universitydays.ua.edu.

FINANCIAL AID

financialaid.ua.edu

Student Financial Aid provides assistance with the processing of federal funding, which includes Federal Pell Grant, Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant, Work Study and loans for students and parents. Students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov each year to receive any federal financial aid.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic scholarships are merit based, requiring that students earn certain grade point averages and/or scores on the PSAT, SAT or ACT. The scholarship application provided by the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships is also used by both the UA National Alumni Association and undergraduate colleges and schools to select scholarship recipients.

"From the moment we stepped on campus, UA has been the friendliest and most helpful of any school we visited. At Bama Bound orientation, our twins went to their group academic department meetings separately for advisement. Each was able to sit down, one on one, with her academic adviser to discuss course schedule, four-year graduation plan, professors, classes, etc. We were not expecting such individualized attention during such a busy time, especially on a campus of its size. But that is typical for UA. The staff puts the students first and is there to help anytime. Also, The University of Alabama has a student-to-teacher ratio of 19:1 which is much smaller than most colleges in the Southeast. I can assure you that your child will receive personalized attention by the faculty and staff at UA."

— Thomas and Vickie Green, Alabama

"At the Capstone, our daughter found all that she was looking for: an institution that expects excellence in all pursuits, a large school with a small school feel, a strong bond between the University and Tuscaloosa and a beautiful campus. From Move-In Day to Bid Day to her first class and football game, she found that Alabama challenged her to grow and mature into the wonderful young woman she is today. She chose well. She chose Bama."

— Jerry and Bev Coscia, Pennsylvania

An applicant's significant achievements, honors, and leadership and volunteer experiences are important factors considered by UA scholarship committees.

Students should apply online for admission at apply.ua.edu and for scholarships at mybama.ua.edu in the fall of their senior year in high school (entering freshmen) or during the fall term at their present institution (transfer students). For an entering freshman, **December 15** is the priority date to be admitted to the University and to have all required documents on file. For a transfer student, **March 1** is the priority date to have a completed application on file. Below is a brief sampling of the academic scholarships that UA has to offer — but remember, it is important for students to investigate as many options as possible.



Virtually every UA school and college offers academic scholarships to students who qualify. Upon submitting a completed application for admission and for scholarships, your student will be considered for all scholarships for which he or she is eligible, with the exception of those offered by Air Force ROTC, Army ROTC and the College of Continuing Studies — all of which have their own scholarship application processes. Guidance counselors can discuss what UA scholarships are available to your student and each scholarship's individual requirements.

Entering freshmen admitted as of December 15 will be given priority consideration for a wide range of scholarships. For more information,

visit scholarships.ua.edu or contact the Office of Undergraduate Admissions and Scholarships.

The Honors College offers scholarships, some of which are renewable, to their respective members. For more information, please visit honors.ua.edu.

By taking the PSAT (NMSQT) during the junior year of high school, your student can enter in the national competition through the National Merit Corporation to be named a Commended Scholar, a Semifinalist or a Finalist. If your student attains Semifinalist status and is admitted to UA by December 15 with a cumulative GPA of 3.5, he or she will be offered a Presidential Scholarship that pays the value of tuition for four years or eight semesters of undergraduate study. If your student attains National Merit Finalist status and has listed UA as the college of choice with the National Merit Corporation, or is named a National Achievement Finalist, your student will be offered a generous UA scholarship package. For details on this scholarship and others, go to scholarships.ua.edu.

For the most up-to-date listing of 2015-2016 scholarships and scholarship requirements, please visit SCHOLARSHIPS.UA.EDU.

"We call Bama the 'well-oiled' machine! From game-day transportation and parking to dealing with housing, dining services, student receivables, or any department on campus, everybody we speak to is pleasant, willing to help and answer questions, and gets back to us with the information on a timely basis. It's a pleasure being part of The University of Alabama family!"

— Pamela and Sinai Davis, New Jersey

"The University of Alabama does a great job of guiding parents through the admissions process. Everything is very organized in a way that made me feel at ease, while still providing me the professional and caring support needed to complete the entire process."

— John Seek, Washington

HIGH-SCHOOL CHECKLIST

JUNIOR YEAR

- Your student needs to take the ACT and/or SAT. Before taking the test, encourage your student to sign up for an ACT/SAT class through their high school or a local college.
- Make sure your student takes the PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test) in the fall. Large National Merit Corporation scholarship packages are awarded based on the results of this test.
- Prompt your student to meet with his or her high-school guidance counselor in order to plan courses for the senior year and to explore potential college choices.
- Discuss potential college choices with your student. Encourage your student to attend college fairs and high school visits in order to gather information.
- Emphasize the importance of good grades and class attendance.
- Urge your student to take full advantage of extracurricular activities.
- Encourage your student to create a resume of achievements.
- Help your student identify individuals who can write letters of recommendation for college applications.
- Recommend to your student that he or she take advantage of summer academic programs and jobs.
- Schedule visits to your student's top five college choices.



“Our son has just completed his freshman year and has had a fabulous experience at The University of Alabama. Initially, he was concerned about the size of the University, but those fears faded when we toured the campus and he saw how easy it was to get around. While our son was admitted to several very good universities in the Northeast, none of them gave him the same feeling he had when he stepped on campus at UA. He felt like it was the place he belonged. He has made excellent friendships, had wonderful experiences in the classroom and he’s never looked back! As parents, we have been extraordinarily impressed with The University of Alabama’s commitment to excellence and, more importantly, to its students. Everyone from the faculty and staff that we have encountered to the students we’ve met to the residents of Tuscaloosa, have all made our son and our family feel like we belong. We are proud to be part of The University of Alabama family!”

— Ajay and Starla Pathak, Massachusetts

“As an Alabama alumna living in Virginia, it never dawned on me that my children would end up at the University. In fact, because of the distance, they didn’t even visit until my oldest was a sophomore at another college. However, once he visited, he decided to transfer and set the stage for the other three to attend UA. We could not be happier. It’s been a different experience and a different course of study for each one. My youngest just finished his freshman year, and a lot has changed since we sent our first in 2006 – but it’s exciting to hear them all yell ‘Roll Tide!’”

— DeLane S. Califf, Virginia

“We are very proud our daughter chose The University of Alabama. From the time she arrived on campus, everyone associated with the University did everything possible to make her feel like a member of the UA family. We feel the school looks out for her safety in addition to providing her a valuable education.”

— Bobby and Melissa Brockman, Alabama

SENIOR YEAR

- Make sure your student has taken the ACT or SAT by the early fall.
- Continue to emphasize the importance of academic success.
- Make sure your student obtains college brochures, application forms, and information on financial aid and scholarships and reviews them thoroughly. Develop an updated list of important contacts at each college.
- Encourage your student to prepare applications, write essays and secure teacher recommendations at least one month before deadlines.
- Visit your student’s top three schools on preview days. Make sure your student meets the deadlines for financial aid and scholarships.
- Watch the mail for acceptance letters. Make sure your student returns all requested forms promptly.
- Help your student in making their final decision.
- Plan to attend orientation with your student.

“Our daughter will soon begin her senior year at The University of Alabama. UA has provided all of the best resources and avenues that she needed to flourish both academically and socially. We are so proud of all of her accomplishments while at UA. The guidance and outstanding academic instruction she received have led her to a major and two minors that are equally challenging and rewarding. There is not a doubt in our minds that when she graduates in May she will be fully prepared for her future. Thank you UA! Roll Tide!”

— Valerie and Charles Ducas, Kentucky



“After spending the day on a VIP tour at The University of Alabama, we knew our son had found his college home. The campus was beautiful, everyone we met was so friendly, and the dorms were nicer than my first apartment! We were especially impressed by the high academic statistics for entering freshmen and the fact that there are many out of state students. Most importantly, we really felt that this school really wanted our son.”

— Alice Tremonte, Texas

ADVICE FOR YOUR FRESHMAN

Many high-school students hear conflicting and inaccurate information about what to expect in college. Here is some advice to share with your student to help him or her succeed in college:

- Do not miss class.
- Get organized.
- Develop a daily routine.
- Get enough rest.
- Keep up with required readings.
- Do not let your interest in the course affect your grade in the course.
- Study for problem-solving classes (mathematics, some sciences, economics, engineering, etc.) every day.
- Get to know the instructors.
- Learn to limit social activities.
- Learn how to manage your money.
- Talk to your parents frequently.
- Seek out help if you need it.

Visit newstudents.ua.edu for more specific information on these talking points — along with additional helpful tips and advice — to discuss with your student.

“We truly felt the University cared as much for our daughter and her education as my husband and I did and was focused on her future, not the amount of money she would be paying to attend. Not only my daughter’s, but our family’s, entire experience with The University of Alabama has been wonderful, and we know that we made the right decision in sending our daughter to college there.”

— Lisa Vines, Alabama

“My daughter wanted to attend a large university, but being from Wisconsin, The University of Alabama was not one of the schools on her original top 10 list. It wasn’t even on her radar. By chance, we attended a UA information session in Milwaukee. We were so impressed with what we heard from alumni, students, faculty and parents, that my daughter submitted her application that night. After being accepted, she and I attended a Capstone session. Alabama soon moved to the top of her list, and she did not want to look any further. I have to admit, I was pretty excited for her based on what I saw. I am very proud to say that my daughter is a UA student, and I get many comments about my UA bumper sticker here in Wisconsin, but many of those comments are ‘Roll Tide!’ from former UA students or parents. We are a proud UA family.”

— Ed Horwath, Wisconsin



FINISH IN FOUR

Following the Finish in Four program can help keep students on course as they move toward graduation. Through an array of online tools and by working alongside their college adviser, your student can track and plan his or her progress while maintaining academic success and completing a degree in just eight semesters.

Here's what the Finish in Four program can mean to your student:

- They'll save money. Extra semesters add up. When your student makes the Finish in Four commitment, you can help plan the college budget more accurately.
- They'll have more choices sooner. Your student can enter the job market or enroll in graduate study. It all starts with a UA degree.
- They'll stay on course for graduation in four years. Finish in Four will assist your student in taking required courses when they are available.
- Your student can still plan to participate in summer or semester-long study-abroad, internship, and service learning experiences.

At finishinfour.ua.edu your student can:

- review majors and degree options
- explore career opportunities
- learn about jobs in his or her major
- develop an eight-semester academic plan
- receive a personal degree audit
- view videos with helpful information.

By planning studies with a college adviser, your student can:

- take required courses at the times they are available
- register for classes promptly
- monitor progress through a personal degree audit

Your student can use the Student Educational Planning online tools through DegreeWorks at degreeworks.ua.edu. With DegreeWorks, your student will know at all times how the courses he or she has taken satisfy graduation requirements and which courses are left to complete.

"As a family, we toured several schools with our daughter before she chose The University of Alabama. She wanted to attend an SEC school and felt at home upon visiting UA. As parents, we wanted her to be engaged and feel like she was not just another number. She was involved with many organizations on campus during her freshman year and made great friends as well. Her coursework has definitely challenged her, but it has better prepared her for what's to come. She enjoyed staying on campus as a freshman and had a very good experience with dorm life. Overall, our daughter has learned to adapt to college life, and UA is now her home away from home. She's looking forward to her sophomore year at UA and excited about what the future holds. Roll Tide!!!"

— Leslie Johnson, Tennessee

"Our daughter just completed her first year at The University of Alabama and has been accepted into the Athletic Training program. She absolutely loves life at UA! Being from Northern Maine, the most common question for her and us was, 'Why The University of Alabama?' Her answer during our time at Bama Bound was the best. When asked, 'Why Alabama?' her answer was, 'Why not?' We were very impressed with the friendliness of the campus during Bama Bound and appreciate how we have been kept informed, especially during the interesting weather of this past year at UA. We appreciate UA's commitment to a strong academic program, while also providing a seemingly unlimited number of opportunities for campus involvement. Although our daughter is a long way from home, we are glad she chose UA and would highly recommend The University of Alabama – Roll Tide!"

— Jim and Debbie Ackerson, Maine

CAMPUS LIFE

BAMA DINING

bamadining.ua.edu

In recognition of the value of the living-learning experience, The University of Alabama requires first-year students to participate in the First Year Experience Meal Plan. The University of Alabama is committed to providing its students with a comprehensive educational experience and believes that for most first-year students, on-campus dining has numerous educational, social and dietary benefits. Studies of college students across the nation consistently show that students who eat and live on campus are more involved, have higher grade point averages and are more likely to graduate than students living at home or off campus.

CAMPUS MINISTRIES

dos.ua.edu/campusministries.cfm

Our University provides not only a quality education but an enriching environment in which your student can grow as an individual. Campus religious groups can help your student stay grounded in the values learned in your home.

SAFETY ON CAMPUS safety.ua.edu

Each year, The University of Alabama publishes the UA Annual Campus Security Report. It contains crime statistics for the three most recent calendar years. It also details UA security policies and procedures. The Campus Security Report is



provided in accordance with the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act and is available online to view or print.

STUDENT HEALTH CENTER

cchs.ua.edu/shc

The Student Health Center serves as your student's medical home at UA and is qualified to meet all of his or her primary health-care needs. Walk-ins are encouraged for any non-emergency visits.

UA HOUSING housing.ua.edu

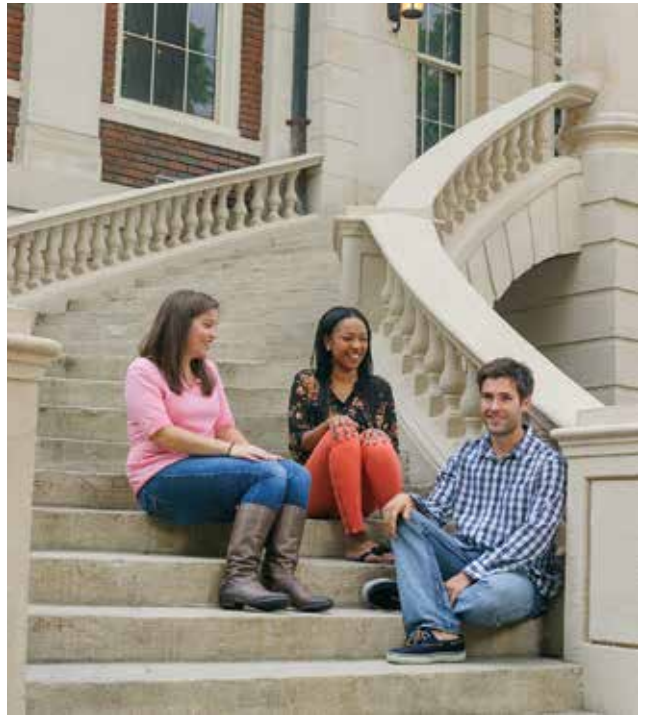
There are many social and academic benefits associated with living on campus, and all incoming freshmen are expected to live on campus (unless otherwise exempt from this requirement). UA offers a variety of residence halls with modern amenities and living-learning communities that help students quickly and naturally create a network of friends and classmates.

"When we started looking at colleges, Alabama was not our daughter's first choice. It took one tailgate weekend and a spur-of-the-moment lunch at a sorority house, and she was hooked. We haven't looked back since! Every event we have participated in — Honors College, Bama Bound, Panhellenic Preview Day — has been well organized and stress free. Even move-in day was pretty impressive. The friends our daughter has made will be friends for life. There is a special bond among them. Our daughter is excited about the future and all the new adventures to come her way. The University of Alabama has had such a positive impact on our family that our son will be attending next year as well. We look forward to the opportunities to come. Roll Tide!"

— Hank and Kim Robinson, Alabama

“When our son first mentioned UA, we had NO idea what this would mean to our entire family. Now, after his second successful year, his younger brother has decided to join him in the Honors Program at UA, and we have another in the wings waiting her turn. The UA experience continues to be fulfilling, enriching and challenging! We were skeptical about sending our son five and a half hours away, but we know with utmost confidence that he chose the right place to prepare for his future career. His enthusiasm for continued growth and perseverance are stronger than ever and reflect upon his siblings as they consider their options at UA! We look forward to saying ‘Roll Tide’ for a long time to come!”

— Susan and Brad McMillen,
South Carolina



“My daughter had many scholarship offers because of her GPA and SAT scores, but I asked her to narrow her selection of colleges/universities to her top five. I just knew she was going to attend a famous in-state institution with several of her high school classmates. The University of Alabama was our last stop on our college tours. When she stepped on the campus of UA, she immediately said, ‘Mom, this is where I want to be!’ Imagine my shock and surprise at her wanting to attend an out-of-state university where she did not know anyone. By far, this has been the best experience for her. She has made several friends and has become involved in a variety of academic and community activities. The faculty and staff at UA are extremely professional, and the education that she is receiving is exemplary. I have seen my daughter grow and mature in many ways. I know that this experience has taught her many life-long lessons. This entire college experience has been wonderful and all I can say is, ‘Roll Tide!’”

— Deborah Harris, Georgia

“UA has exceeded our expectations in every way — academically, socially and aesthetically. In addition to being a beautiful campus on the outside, it is also nurturing on the inside, and that meant a lot to us. When anyone asks our son about his experience at the university, his reply is that he cannot imagine himself being anywhere else. He is taking advantage of all that the University has to offer, and he is thriving.”

— Drs. Sandy and Tien Do, Colorado

“When it was time for our daughter to start thinking about college, we assumed she would attend our family’s traditional choice, another SEC school. However, as we looked around, she discovered Alabama had just what she wanted in a school — great academics, a stunningly beautiful campus and friendly faculty, staff and students. As she wrapped up her first year, she said it is the best decision she has ever made for herself. Roll Tide!”

— Beth and Tom Engel, Maryland

“Living in Indiana where there are several excellent universities, many people ask me why two of my five children have chosen The University of Alabama. Well, it’s a great fit! Two of my nieces and a nephew graduated from UA, receiving an excellent education and immediate job placement. They each represented to me what I hoped for my own children. In 2004, my oldest daughter also chose The University of Alabama, and during her years at UA she grew tremendously as a person. She was very involved in campus life, academic life and social life. She gained skills and experience that have led her to be a successful entrepreneur today. My son arrived home this past summer after his first year at The University of Alabama, an enriching and successful year for him. He managed to integrate himself into the Southern culture, make many new friends, play Lacrosse, join a fraternity of fine men, and most importantly, succeed in a challenging academic environment. I am proud of him! Although I missed him greatly, and Tuscaloosa is a distance from Indianapolis, I wouldn’t change a thing about his first year of college at The University of Alabama.”

— Lisa Kelley, Indiana

“Our son’s decision to attend The University of Alabama came as a bit of a surprise. Although he had spent many summers in Alabama visiting grandparents and cousins, he never really considered going there for college. But then he visited. The beautiful campus, friendly students and the large percentage of out-of-state students, all led him to choose Bama. As parents, we were especially impressed with our area admissions recruiter. He responded to every question, set up a private tour, located basketball tickets, and even helped with a housing issue. Our son has loved every moment: new friends from Alabama and far beyond, challenging classes, fraternity life, and of course football games. He has barely begun to scratch the surface of what UA has to offer, and we look forward to seeing how he continues to challenge himself in the coming years. Roll Tide!”

— Mary and Stuart McMillan, West Virginia



“As our son completed his second year at Alabama, we continued to be very pleased with every aspect of his experience to date. Both my wife and I attended small, private undergraduate schools, so there were natural concerns about him becoming ‘lost in the crowd.’ I can sincerely say that UA has struck a nearly perfect balance between the personalized attention of a small school and the vast resources only available from a much larger institution. Despite being from the Midwest, we have felt the hospitality afforded to us at every turn. The timeless traditions at UA create a very positive environment where achievement is a part of the culture. It is difficult to convey, but once experienced, it is immediately understood. Our son is very proud of his affiliation and involvement with UA, and he has made it quite clear he wishes to remain in the region after graduation. That is quite an endorsement from our perspective. Roll Tide!”

— Rob Royse, Illinois

Our fourth and youngest child has just completed his freshman year at the University. As I reflect on the past year, I ask myself, is he a better person now than when he left? The answer is an overwhelming, ‘Yes.’ In April, we received a letter from our son thanking us for helping launch him to Alabama. He put it best, ‘I have grown exponentially spiritually and have found Alabama to be an environment where I can excel.’”

—Lauren Welden, Alabama

“UA is a large and diverse campus that affords students numerous opportunities, both academically and socially. As a parent, I cannot be more proud of my daughter’s experiences at Bama, and I invite you to come experience the tradition!”

— Sabrina Sheffield, Alabama

IMPORTANT WEBSITES & CONTACTS

For answers to specific questions, visit these websites.

ADMISSIONS, UNDERGRADUATE

gobama.ua.edu

ANNUAL CAMPUS SECURITY REPORT

safety.ua.edu

CAMPUS ORGANIZATIONS

thesource.ua.edu

DISABILITY SERVICES

ods.ua.edu

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE

cost.ua.edu

FINANCIAL AID

financialaid.ua.edu

HOUSING

housing.ua.edu

SCHOLARSHIPS

scholarships.ua.edu

TAX SAVINGS

taxsavings.ua.edu

TOUR OF THE CAMPUS

tour.ua.edu

UNDERGRADUATE CATALOG

courseleaf.ua.edu

CONTACTS

Admissions, Undergraduate

205-348-5666 or 800-933-BAMA

Campus Tours

205-348-5666 or 800-933-BAMA

Honors College

205-348-5500

Housing & Residential Communities

205-348-6676

Scholarships, Undergraduate

205-348-8201 or 800-933-BAMA

Student Financial Aid

205-348-6756

COLLEGES AND SCHOOLS

College of Arts & Sciences

205-348-5970

Culverhouse College of Commerce

205-348-4537 or 800-828-2622

College of Communication &

Information Sciences

205-348-5520

College of Community Health Sciences

205-348-1288

College of Education

205-348-6050

College of Engineering

205-348-1596 or 800-369-ENGR

College of Human Environmental Sciences

205-348-6150

Capstone College of Nursing

205-348-6639

School of Social Work

205-348-7027

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