

Community Engagement: Successful Strategies for Mutual Benefit

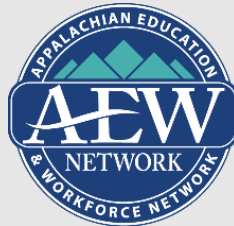
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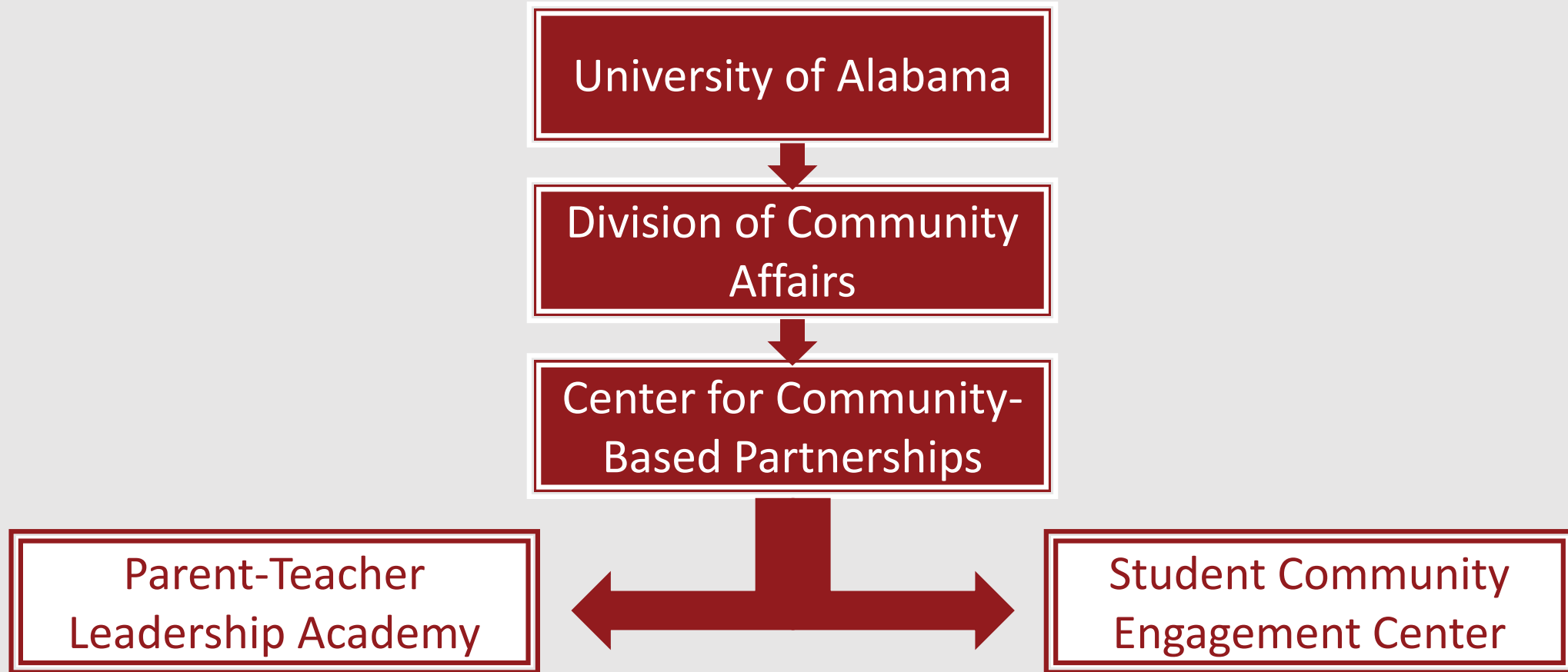
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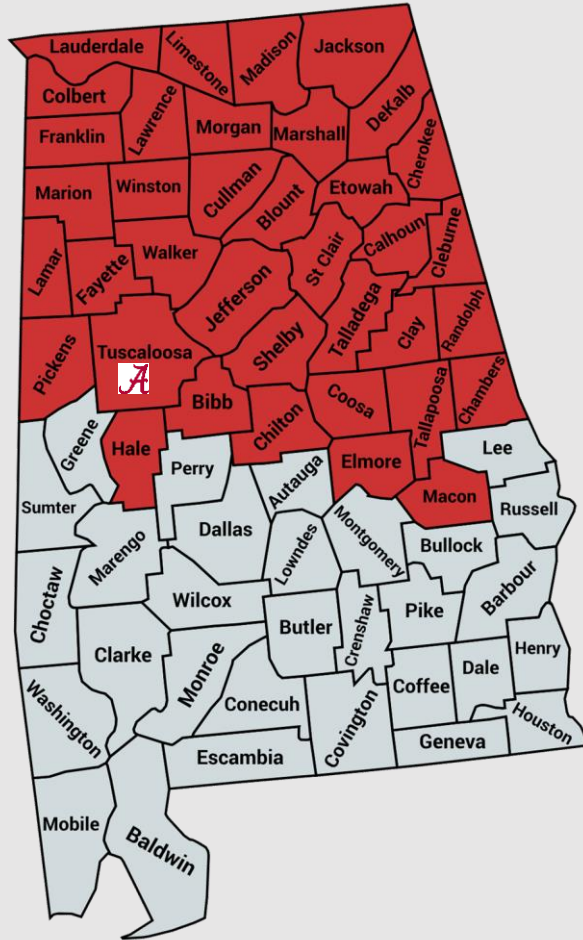
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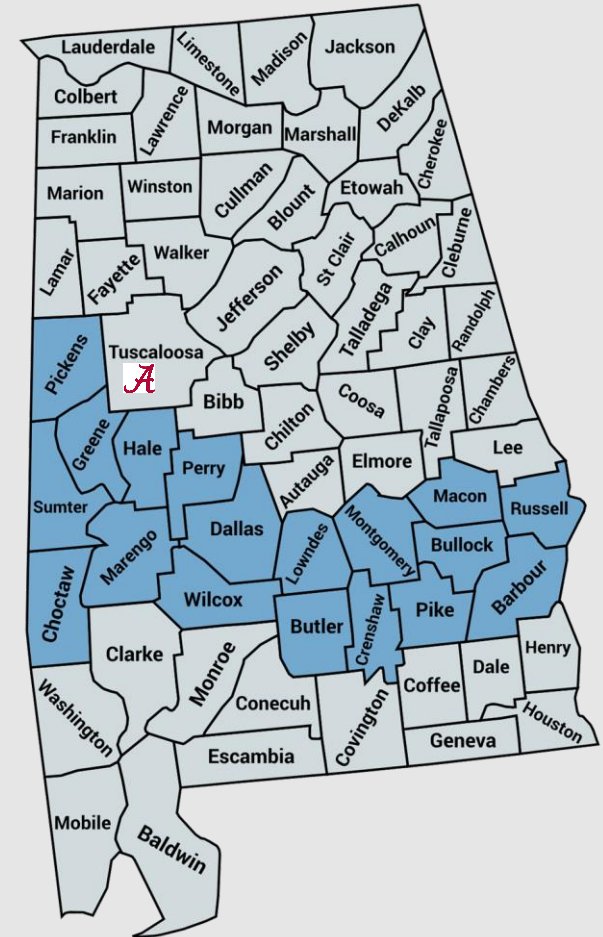
Today's Agenda



The State of Alabama



Appalachia in Alabama



Alabama Black Belt

The University of Alabama

The University of Alabama will 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.



Division of Community Affairs

The mission of Community Affairs is to form partnerships for **engagement scholarship** across teaching, research and service to generate, transmit, apply and preserve knowledge **in collaboration with community partners** for the **mutual benefit** of our partners and the University, and to provide intercultural leadership for the campus and community.



The vision of Community Affairs is to be a world leader in the **scholarship of engagement** and in the strengthening of intercultural relations through programs that transform lives.

Center for Community-Based Partnerships

The mission of the Center for Community-Based Partnerships...is to connect faculty, staff, students and community partners in **research-based projects** designed to **solve critical problems identified collaboratively** by community members and the University.

CCBP's vision is of a University whose resources and strengths are made available through **partnerships in communities** throughout the state, nation and world to help solve society's critical problems.

Engaging Communities and Changing Lives

Framing UA's Approach

An engaged institution is responsive to the needs of today's students and tomorrow's. It enriches the student experience by **bringing research into the curriculum** and offering **practical experience in the world they will enter**. It forms **partnerships** of faculty, students and communities to **put knowledge and skills to work** on today's most critical problems.

From *Returning to Our Roots: The Engaged Institution* (Kellogg Commission, 1999)

Relevance. Reciprocity. Resilience. Research.

Framing UA's Approach

Colleges and universities are one of the greatest hopes for **intellectual** and **civic** progress... I am convinced that for this hope to be fulfilled, the academy must become a more vigorous partner in the search for answers to our most pressing social, civic, economic and moral problems, and must reaffirm its historic commitment to what I call the **scholarship of engagement**.

Ernest Boyer, 1996



UA holds the Carnegie Foundation's Community Engagement Classification

Student Community Engagement Center

The mission of The University of Alabama's Student Community Engagement Center is to **engage students and community partners in mutually beneficial partnerships to identify and address critical community opportunities** by connecting engagement to the University's missions of teaching, research, and service.



Student Community Engagement Center



College of Communication
and Information Sciences



College of Community
Health Sciences



College of Education



College of Engineering



College of Human
Environmental Sciences



School of Social Work



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College of Human
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School of Social Work



Honors College



New College



Capstone College of
Nursing



MORE THAN JUST A SPACE





Dedicated Office and Storage
Space for Each Resident College





Collaborative Workspace with Movable Tables and Chairs





Conference Room for Meetings with Organizations and Community Partners





Plenty of Open Space for Interdisciplinary Collaboration

Student Community Engagement Center

Future Expansion

- Computer Lab, Digital Design Resources
- Maker Space
- Resource Library
- More Parking (especially for community partners)
- Space for Large Group Meetings, Conventions

“Global Café conversations and events are chances to meet, share cultures, learn from one another, and build friendships.”



Global Café offers its resources and those of our community to visiting international scholars and their families, assisting them with adjustment, language acquisition, and community engagement.



GLOBAL CAFÉ

Global Café connects students and faculty with community by sponsoring activities that enable people to:

- Share traditions and cultures
- Learn languages together
- Access local resources
- Make new friends

Parent-Teacher Leadership Academy

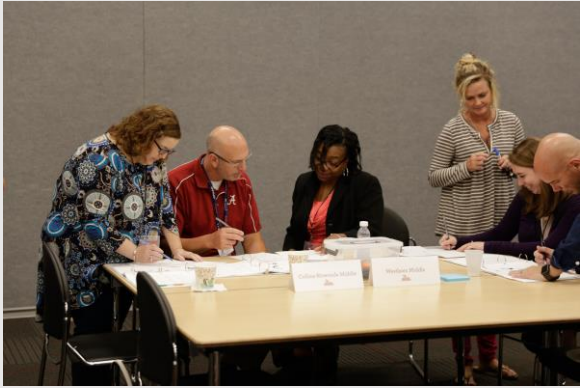
The Parent Teacher Leadership Academy utilizes research-based practices to provide professional development to parent and teacher leaders who use their knowledge to support students' achievement through strong family-school partnerships.

Building Community by Supporting Children and Families



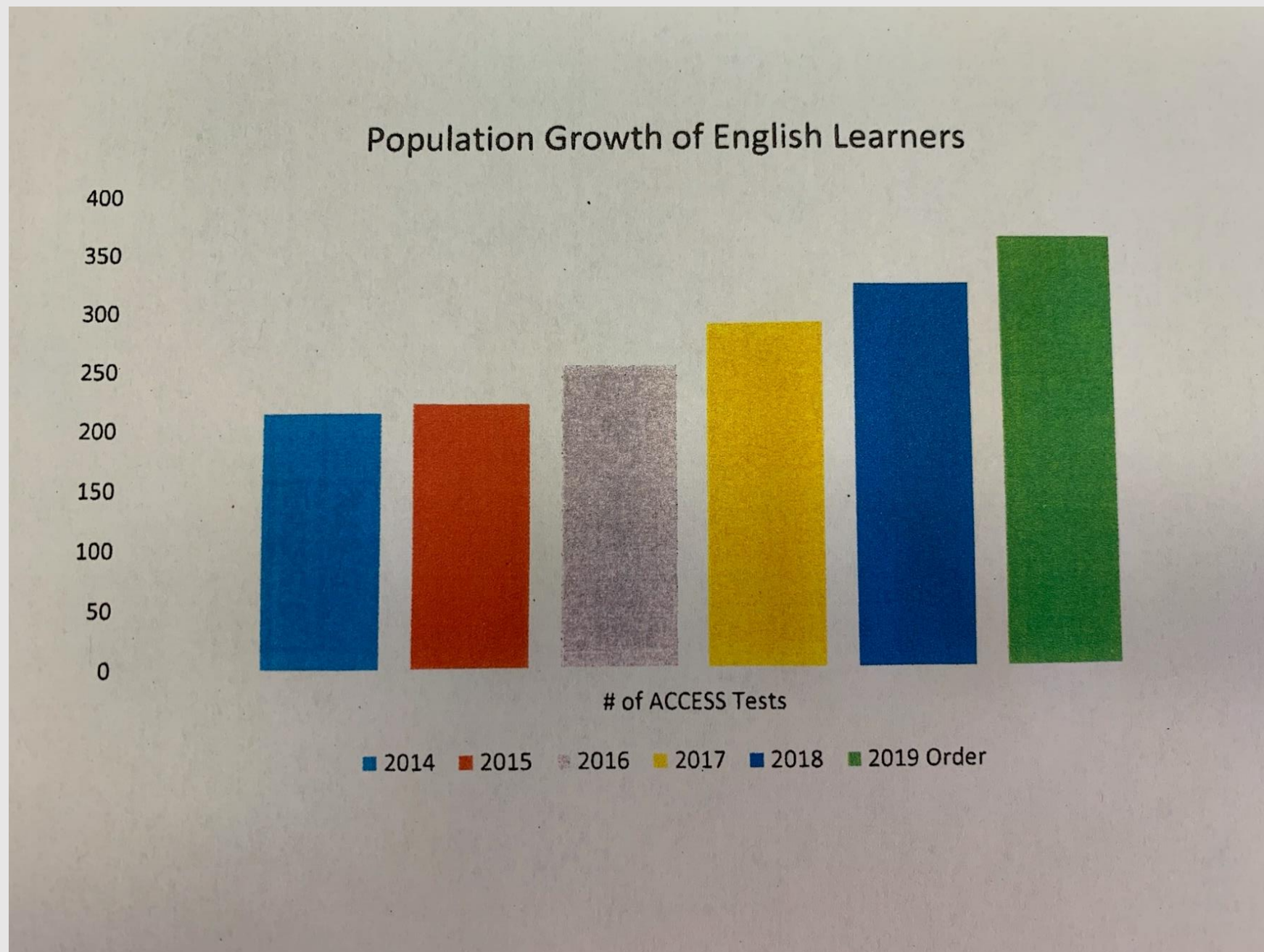


- The Tuscaloosa City Schools provides instruction to more than 10,000 Pre-Kindergarten through 12th grade students throughout metropolitan Tuscaloosa, Alabama.
- Twenty-one schools comprise the district, including 11 elementary schools, 4 middle schools, one K-8 school, 3 high schools and 2 program sites dedicated to specialty education: one for students receiving alternative education, and a career technical facility for grades 9 – 12.
- More than 1,300 dedicated employees serve the community by challenging students to a curriculum to exceed the expectations of every student in our 20 campuses from the first day of school to their graduation day.
- Tuscaloosa City Schools: Always Teaching. Always Learning.



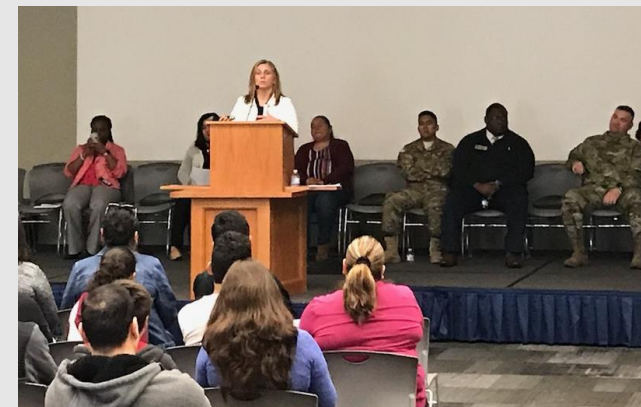


- The **mission** of the Tuscaloosa City Board of Education is to create and support a culture of high expectations for each and every student to achieve personal, academic, and career excellence.
- The **vision** of the Tuscaloosa City Schools is to be a premier, innovative school system that prepares all children for college and career opportunities





- Family Literacy Program
- Bilingual Meetings for High School Parents and Students
- TCTA
- Summer Jobs Program – Hope Initiative Jobs Program



Thank you!

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- [Tuscaloosa hosts job fair for students on break](#)
- [WESTSIDE COMMUNITY ACTION COUNCIL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR SUMMER TRAINING AND JOBS PROGRAM](#)