Community Engagement:
Successful Strategies for Mutual Benefit

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Today’s Agenda

University of Alabama

Division of Community Affairs

Center for Community-Based Partnerships

Parent-Teacher Leadership Academy

Student Community Engagement Center
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)

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
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 Human Environmental Sciences

School of Social Work

MORE THAN JUST A SPACE

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA®
Student Community Engagement Center

College of Communication and Information Sciences
College of Community Health Sciences
College of Engineering
College of Human Environmental Sciences
College of Education
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 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 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
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 Schoolks is to be a premier, innovative schooll 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