Hello Friends of The University of Alabama's Executive Ed.D. Cohort Program!

Please enjoy this issue of The Executive. You will notice that our faculty, students, and alumni have been very busy this year and we are proud to share their accomplishments with you.

As we welcome Cohort IX this month, I ask you to think back on your experiences here at The University of Alabama and consider recommending talented individuals to our tremendous program.

Students often credit a colleague or two for encouraging them to pursue a doctorate and/or advance their career opportunities. Cohort VIII has six members that were referred to the program by our Executive Ed.D. alumni! Thank you and please keep us in mind as you identify and mentor current or future higher education leaders on your campuses.

As always, I welcome your ideas regarding our efforts and to discuss the Executive Ed.D. Cohort Program in Higher Education Administration with any interested prospective students. You can reach me at 205-348-1169 or apbreaux@bamaed.ua.edu.

I hope you have had a great summer!

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Welcome Cohort 9

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Mississippi State University

Christopher Shropshire  
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Central Michigan University

Brian Talton  
Residence Hall Director  
University of Illinois Urbana Champaign
Cohort 3 reunites!
(L) Jeffrey Burgin, Andrea Word, Anne Edmunds, Stephanie DuPaul, (R) Michael Harris, Michele Campagna, Rhett Brown, and Kathy Ebel

Cohort 2 Reunites at Lake Martin!

Front row:
Kimberly Sessions, Paula Gill, Elva Bradley, Amy Brabham, Cherron Hoppes, and Karri Holley

Back row:
Steve Marlowe, Don Kelly, David Brooking, and Michael Harris

David Pugh, Cathy Rumble, and Lauren Lunk (Cohort 5) pictured with Karri Holley at the 2013 winter commencement.

Griena Knight (Cohort 1) pictured with Karri Holley at the 2013 winter commencement.
Under the direction of Dr. Arleene Breaux, Cohort 8 traveled to Belgium and the Netherlands as part of a comparative international higher education class. The group began in Amsterdam June 8th. The students visited Utrecht University, University of Kent, Ghent University, and Leiden University. Students above are pictured outside of Utrecht University.

Administrators from Ghent University present on their admissions and student support.

Students visit with administrators and students from Leiden University.
Dr. Janet Moore & Dr. Shonda Jones
Cohort 6

Dr. David Hefner & Dr. Jeremy Baham
Cohort 3

Drs. Hefner & Baham (Cohort 3)
with Dr. Nathaniel Bray
Jasmine Buxton (Cohort 8) has been named Assistant Dean for Campus Activities at Bowling Green State University.

Amanda Lammers (Cohort 8) has been named Vice President for Student Services and interim Vice President for Enrollment Management at Brenau University.

Matt Kerch (Cohort 8) has been named the Interim Executive Director of Housing at The University of Alabama.

David B. Spight (Cohort 8) at University of Texas-Austin has been elected as Vice President of the National Academic Advising Association (NACADA).

Ben Lion (Cohort 7) presented Engaging Active Global Citizenship through Micro-lending: Belmont University’s Freshmen Kiva Initiative at the NASPA annual conference.

Rebecca Coats (Cohort 6) is now Coordinator, Student Success Center at Trenholm State Technical College.

Dr. Ivan Pulinkala (Cohort 5) recently had his article, Partnering for Change in Dance Higher Education: Recommendations in Support of the Long-Term Viability of the Community Dance Partnerships at Kennesaw State University, accepted by Research in Dance Education.

Gid Rowell (Cohort 5) was named Director of Communications at United States Sports Academy in Daphne, Alabama.

Dr. Amanda Hackler (Cohort 4) is now is now with the Civic Scientist Outreach Program at James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy – Rice University.

Dr. David Hefner (Cohort 3) will assume the position of Chief of Staff and Vice President of Strategic Planning at Morehouse School of Medicine.

Dr. David Brooking (Cohort 2) has been named to lead Mississippi University for Women’s Student Success Center.

Dr. Jon Lineberger (Cohort 2) recently published Tips for Academic Success in College.

Dr. Kenley Obas (Cohort 2) recently published Going Online: A Guide to Bringing Your Small Business Online. Obas is associate vice president at Alabama State University, where he is also assistant professor of technology.

Dr. Melinda Byrd-Murphy (Cohort 1) was named 2013 Outstanding Academic Faculty Member for the Alabama Community College System.

Dr. Margaret King, Dr. Chris Holland (Cohort 1) and Ben Lion (Cohort 7) along with others, presented Leading Student Affairs in a Marketplace Culture at the 2014 NASPA annual meeting.

Dr. Ilene Kleinman (Cohort 1) was named Associate Dean of Curriculum at Bergen Community College.

“Fifty State Systems of Community Colleges: Mission, Governance, Funding, & Accountability” summarizes the key factors driving community colleges. The book serves as a quick-reference guide for policymakers and educational administrators as well as college trustees and higher education scholars.

Rebecca Coats, Nathan Copeland, Ken England, Alvin Johnson, Shonda Jones, Janet Moore, Philip Moss, and Christina White (Cohort 6) authored several chapters under the direction of Dr. Arleene Breaux and Dr. Steve Katsinas.
Congratulations, Dr. Margaret King to a happy retirement! Dr. King joined the Higher Education program in 2007. In that role, Dr. King advised master’s students and taught courses in leadership and student affairs and higher education administration. She worked diligently with the masters students in an advisory and counseling role to ensure their success inside and outside the classroom. One of Dr. King’s most significant roles is the relationships she builds with students. This sentiment is evidenced in the acknowledgements she received from a former master’s student,

“Dr. King possesses an unsurpassed moral force of character and serves as a leader-scholar to the betterment of The University of Alabama community and beyond. Although I graduated more than two years ago, Dr. King continues to serve as a mentor to me. As we recently caught up over lunch and talked about my first year in my new job, one she helped me secure, I was reminded how important she was to my professional and personal development.”

Dr. King’s service to the University reached far outside of her role in the higher education program. She established and implemented UA’s Leadership University and directed its predecessor, The Leadership Academy. Additionally, Dr. King’s service to the University and its students was formally recognized when she received the College of Education’s Excellence in Teaching award (2012). Thank you, Dr. King for your service and for your dedication to the students, to your colleagues, and to the University of Alabama.
Where it all begins...

We need your help identifying talented individuals as we continue to build a strong and reputable program. Cohort 8 has six members that were referred by our alumni! Please help us with our recruiting efforts and refer those you think will benefit from an Ed.D. in Higher Education Administration.

Please share your experience with those who are ready to take the next professional step and earn a doctorate in Higher Education. You are our best recruiters. The fall 2015 admissions deadline is **February 15th, 2015.**

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