Greetings Alumni and Friends!

Now that summer is in full swing, I have had some time to reflect on the many events and accomplishments of the spring semester. Not surprisingly, New College continues to be a place for students and faculty to achieve great things.

As a program, we launched our 50th Anniversary, celebrated our students’ accomplishments at Honors Day and graduation, and hosted a conference on leadership and innovation.

Our students were recognized for major University and national awards, including a Marshall Scholarship, Fulbright Awards, and a University Premier Award. Similarly, we celebrated faculty who continued to excel in scholarship and teaching, winning awards and recognitions for their work while maintaining New College’s high quality education during the pandemic.

I hope you enjoy reading about all these accomplishments and more. And, please stay tuned for more opportunities to engage with us in the coming months as we continue our celebration of 50 years of innovative education in New College.

Best,
Julia Cherry, Director
The 50th Anniversary of New College is well underway! Here are some ways we’re celebrating.

Festivities marking New College’s 50th kicked-off in April with comments from esteemed alumnus, Jeff Levitetz, at the conclusion of the Leadership & Innovation Conference named in his honor.

All year long, you can visit our special Anniversary Website to view commemorative works from New College students, faculty, and alumni.

Show your New College pride with a custom 50th Anniversary t-shirt featuring Charmichael and Lloyd Halls on the back. Contact us to get yours.

Thank you for your continued support. Here’s to a half century of innovation, creativity, and excellence!
CREATIVITY, INNOVATION, LEADERSHIP

Over the week of April 12-16, 2021, New College and the Levitetz Leadership Program, along with The Edge Incubator and Accelerator, invited industry leaders and local entrepreneurs to share their stories of success with students, alumni and friends of New College. Hosted speakers featured in the “How I Made It Here” series, included elected leaders, filmmakers, philanthropists, and entrepreneurs who have made their own paths in the world. The week culminated with the Levitetz Leadership and Innovation Conference, where business leaders and socially conscious creators shared their stories, and students competed for seed grant funds or gave Lightbulb Award presentations on innovative and complex research projects.

“HOW I MADE IT HERE” VIRTUAL GUEST SPEAKERS

Jeff Levitetz
Founder, Purity Wholesale Grocers

Charles Andrews
Mayor, Monroeville, AL

Randall Woodfin
Mayor, Birmingham, AL

Kelli Masters
NFL Agent

Loren Bendele
Co-Founder, Savings.com

Jeff Augustin
Screenwriter and Playwright

Greg Whiteley
Director and Producer

LLP CONFERENCE WORKSHOP PRESENTERS

Andy Grace and Chip Brantley
“White Lies” Podcast

Bo Hicks
Druid City Brewing

Dr. Pamela Young
Community Engagement and Economic Development

Anthony Lipscomb
Sony Playstation

SEED GRANT & LIGHTBULB AWARD WINNERS OF NEW COLLEGE

Abrielle Brown  Bentasia Parker  Kalyn Credi  McKinley Julian  Jackson Kerchis  Sydney Rogers  Ariel Jones  Caroline Yuk

Learn more about these events, awards, winners and their projects at llt.ua.edu
New College professor Marysia Galbraith, along with Polish professors Grzegorz Keczmerski and Janusz Marciniak, published a collection of works from various interdisciplinary scholars and artists titled *Astonishment*. Co-authors of this work include New College professors Holland Hopson, John Miller, and Amy Pirkle.

Initially, through this project they aimed to “surprise and amaze each other with iconographic ideas, sense of humor and tragedy, imagination, and artistic and literary form” and “draw attention to the current problems of individuals and societies.” The finished work very pleasantly exceeded this goal and is a fitting tribute to the late Swiss philosopher Jeanne Hersch (*Philosophical Astonishment: a history of philosophy*).

Learn more and download this publication at https://uap.edu.pl/2021/06/ii-katedra-malarstwa-i-i-katedra-rysunku-wmir-zdziwienie-astonishment/.

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**DR. NATALIE ADAMS: DISTINGUISHED TEACHER**

Congratulations to Dr. Natalie Adams on winning the 2021 Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award from the National Alumni Association, as well as being selected as an Arts and Sciences Distinguished Teaching Fellow.

Natalie has been teaching for decades at multiple age levels from middle school to college. Her teaching and research specialities include social and cultural studies in education; girls studies; and social problems and social change.


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**DR. ANDREW RAFFO DEWAR: FULBRIGHT Awardee**

The U.S. Department of State and the Fulbright Foreign Scholarship Board are pleased to announce that Dr. Andrew Raffo Dewar of The University of Alabama has received a Fulbright Specialist Program award for experimental music research and collaborations.

Andrew will complete a project at Universidad Antonio Nariño in Bogotá, Colombia that aims to exchange knowledge and establish partnerships benefiting participants, institutions, and communities both in the U.S. and overseas through a variety of educational and training activities within Education.
On April 9th, we went live via Zoom to recognize 91 deserving recipients of various awards and scholarships from New College, New College LifeTrack, Arts & Sciences, and the University of Alabama. In spite of the difficulties they’ve faced this past year, these determined students still rose to the challenges and excelled in true New College fashion. They’ve amazed us again, and we couldn’t be more proud. View the Video at www.facebook.com/UANewCollege/videos/834429724120762

NEW COLLEGE LIFETRACK Awardees
CONGRATULATIONS
Sandy R. Inman
Outstanding Senior Project

CONGRATULATIONS
Monica Keuter
Alice Parker Award for Outstanding Work in Literature, Art & Society

CONGRATULATIONS
Wanda J. Lewis
Mary Avis Todd Award for Outstanding Work in Community Studies

CONGRATULATIONS
Reid Lovell
The Jeffrey Levitetz Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Benjamin S. McCoy
The Jeffrey Levitetz Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Benjamin S. McCoy
Dean Bernie Sloan Spirit of New College Award

CONGRATULATIONS
Lora Lee McCullough
Alice Parker Award for Outstanding Work in Literature, Art & Society

CONGRATULATIONS
Doreena Mink
Outstanding Work in Leadership Studies

CONGRATULATIONS
Jerry W. Parker
Colgan Bryan Award for Outstanding Work in Science, Tech & Culture

CONGRATULATIONS
Joseph Sherrell
The Jeffrey Levitetz Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Aaron Pratt
Alice Parker Award for Outstanding Work in Literature, Art & Society

CONGRATULATIONS
Kelley Sartain
The Jeffrey Levitetz Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
James R. Thomas
Mary Avis Todd Award for Outstanding Work in Community Studies

CONGRATULATIONS
Joseph Sherrell
Colgan Bryan Award for Outstanding Work in Science, Tech & Culture

CONGRATULATIONS
Burke Strickland
Outstanding Work in Leadership Studies

CONGRATULATIONS
Dana Vickrey
The Jeffrey Levitetz Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Sunny Tsaparos
Alice Parker Award for Outstanding Work in Literature, Art & Society

CONGRATULATIONS
Christina Vickers
Outstanding Senior Project

CONGRATULATIONS
Destry Webster
Colgan Bryan Award for Outstanding Work in Science, Tech & Culture

CONGRATULATIONS
Tina Whatley
Alice Parker Award for Outstanding Work in Literature, Art & Society

CONGRATULATIONS
Josh C. Williams
Outstanding Work in Leadership Studies
NEW COLLEGE Awardees

CONGRATULATIONS
Ian Akins
2021 Editor
New College Review

CONGRATULATIONS
Caroline Barnes
Outstanding Student
in a New College Seminar
Spring 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Lizzy Bigelow
The Jeffrey Levitetz
Endowed Scholarship
Spring 2021

CONGRATULATIONS
Annamaria Bleyer
Hugh Holloway
Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Lindsay Callender
Outstanding Student
in a New College Seminar
Spring 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Reagan Christian
Outstanding Student
in a New College Seminar
Fall 2020

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Ian Akins
Outstanding Student
in a New College Seminar
Fall 2020

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Caroline Barnes
Outstanding Student
in a New College Seminar
Spring 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Sarah Beverly
The Jeffrey Levitetz
Endowed Scholarship
Fall 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Avery Bigham
The Jeffrey Levitetz
Endowed Scholarship
Spring 2021

CONGRATULATIONS
Desiree Brown
Outstanding Student
in a New College Seminar
Fall 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Lindsay Callender
College of Arts & Sciences
Campbell-Portera Award

CONGRATULATIONS
Lindsay Callender
Dr. Jerome Rosenberg
Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Allie Cemalovic
Outstanding Student
in a New College Seminar
Fall 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Reagan Christian
Suzanne Younger
Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Julie Clark
The Jeffrey Levitetz
Endowed Scholarship
Fall 2020
CONGRATULATIONS
Candice Keogh
Harry Lyon "Bing" Blewitt
New College Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Jackson Kerchis
The Dean Neal Bertie Endowed Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Emily Kim
Outstanding Student in a New College Seminar Spring 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Noah Kren
Outstanding Student in a New College Seminar Fall 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Ashlyn Lambert
The Jeffrey Levitetz Endowed Scholarship Spring 2021

CONGRATULATIONS
Gracie Lee
Outstanding Student in a New College Seminar Fall 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Ryan McKelligon
The Jeffrey Levitetz Endowed Scholarship Fall 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Hunter Melahn
Outstanding Student in a New College Seminar Fall 2020

CONGRATULATIONS
Annabeth Mellon
Outstanding Senior Project

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John Pace
2021 Walker County Internship

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Outstanding Student in a New College Seminar Spring 2020

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Bentasia Parker
Samuel Thomas Barnes IV Endowed Academic Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Alyce Petit
Outstanding Student in a New College Seminar Spring 2020

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Alyce Petit
Outstanding Senior Project

CONGRATULATIONS
Aloise Kate Pitts
Byron Franklin and Ophelia Burks Watson Memorial Scholarship

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CONGRATULATIONS
Allison Polinski
Byron Franklin and Ophelia Burks Watson Memorial Scholarship

CONGRATULATIONS
Reif Richardson
The Jeffrey Levitetz Endowed Scholarship Spring 2021

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On April 30th, we conducted what was hopefully our last virtual graduation commencement!

This Spring, 41 students from New College and New College LifeTrack successfully completed their undergraduate educations. These graduates will surely go on to make the kind of impact on the world that only New College students can.

We wish them all the very best in every endeavor.

View the Video at www.facebook.com/UANewCollege/posts/4372303456121454
Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
ARIEL JONES
Non-Profit Studies
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
MCKINLEY JULIAN
ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
JACKSON KERCHIS
ECONOMICS HAPPINESS
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
CAITLIN KYLE
LEADERSHIP STUDIES
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
OLIVIA LATHEM
ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY & SUSTAINABILITY
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
ROBERT REID LOVELL
LEADERSHIP STUDIES
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
MOLLY MABRY
MEDICAL HUMANITIES
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
ANN MC COMMAS
PREMEDICAL SCIENCES
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
ALEXIS NICHOLS
LEGAL ISSUES IN SPORTS
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
KATE PITTS
CONSERVATION ECOLOGY
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
ALLISON POLINSKI
CONSERVATION ECOLOGY
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
MORGAN RICHARDSON
COMMUNITY STUDIES
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
ROMAN ROBINSON
MUSIC INDUSTRY STUDIES
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
SYDNEY ROGERS
NEUROPSYCHOLOGY & SOCIAL EPIDEMIOLOGY
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
ISHJAH SMART
SOCIAL ISSUES & ETHICS WITHIN THE JUSTICE SYSTEM
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
CLAIRE NOEL STEWART
LITERATURE, ART & SOCIETY
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
JASON SWANN
LEADERSHIP STUDIES
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
KNOX TAYLOR
SPORTS MARKETING & MANAGEMENT
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
DREW THRELKELD
SPORTS MARKETING
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
KATIE TINDOL
SOCIAL POLICY & GOVERNMENT
New College

Congratulations to Spring 2021 Graduate
SYDNEY VIE
GLOBAL HEALTH
New College
Dr. Catherine Roach was awarded The Muriel Gold Senior Visiting Professorship at the Institute for Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies at Quebec’s McGill University, for Fall 2021. Catherine was also awarded The Visiting Research Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh, while in residence in Edinburgh, Scotland for Spring-Summer 2022, where she will be on sabbatical.

Read More at https://www.iash.ed.ac.uk/profile/professor-catherine-roach

Dr. Vincent Willis’s forthcoming book, titled Audacious Agitation: The Uncompromising Commitment of Black Youth to Equal Education after Brown, is set for release on August 1, 2021. Vincent describes it:

“This book explores struggles to attain educational equality after the Brown decision, as well as the resilience and activism of younger Black students who sought to enforce equality even when the government could not.”

Preview and Preorder this book online at https://www.amazon.com/dp/0820359696


New College transitioned the Walker County Internship Program and the Druid City Girls Media Camp (pictured above) to virtual formats.

New College faculty published 16 articles, book chapters or books, produced 11 musical recordings or compositions, showcased art at 16 exhibits or performances, and submitted 15 extramural grant proposals with 4 grants in force.
ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Lane Busby McLelland

Lane Busby McLelland is the director of the Crossroads Civic Engagement Center in the Division of Community Affairs at The University of Alabama (UA). She brings to her work over thirty years of experience in community dynamics and intercultural education. Before joining Crossroads in 2013, McLelland served as the assistant director in UA’s New College, where she taught courses in ethics and principles of deliberative democracy. As its assistant director, McLelland also coordinated New College’s Civic Engagement and Leadership Minor and developed its community-based research internship program in Walker County, Alabama.

Lane received her BA in International Studies and Conflict Management from New College in 1982. Additionally, she holds an MA in Ethics and a Master of Divinity degree from Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, California, and a PhD in Social and Cultural Studies from UA. Her classes and research currently focus on moral development in higher education and civic engagement models for sustainable social change.

More about her work in civic learning and democratic engagement can be found at www.crossroads.ua.edu

Caroline James

Caroline James is a 2012 New College graduate who has since carved a path that exemplifies the kinds of achievements that are possible for our students. Of her life and work after New College, Caroline says:

“Honestly, in my short career, I have had many opportunities to celebrate and to be celebrated. In 2014, I won a national teaching award for the social justice framework I used in my New Orleans classroom. In total, I have easily coached/managed over 70 teachers. I have even had the pleasure to be named one of 60 Bill Gates Cambridge Scholars in the world in 2017. Yet, what I am most excited about right now is a departure from the work I have done in formal education systems. I am now designing a multi-pronged business that brings social justice conversations, strategies, and tools to the layperson. In true New College form, my work is intentionally highly interdisciplinary; it spans indigenous spiritual practices, political policy, community-based education, food justice and so much more. I am taking all I learned across my career and education and connecting it into a cohesive tapestry to improve the quality of people’s lives. I want to illustrate that social justice is everyday living. So, my deepest hope when you read this is that you will ask yourself how you can make your life even a fraction more aligned with your deepest passions. I wish for you ease and deep satisfaction around accomplishment. We all deserve to see our fullest selves manifested and celebrated in our work. After all, a passionate and service-oriented approach to living and working deeply disrupts systems of oppression in us and in our world. May you be well.”

We look forward to hearing and learning more about Caroline's new business and future successes.

Caroline James

Caroline James - Class of 2012

Lane Busby McLelland

Lane Busby McLelland - Class of 1982
MORE NEW COLLEGE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Drs. Natalie Adams and Vincent Willis were exceptional panelists at the teach-in on race, slavery and civil rights that was hosted by the Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in February. View Video of their event at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GL8qaOiPdX8

- New College alumna, Logan Fenhouse, will teach in the Canary Islands of Spain as Fulbright English Teaching Assistant. Logan’s teaching assignment was previously delayed due to COVID restrictions, but she is now free to go and we wish her all the best!

- Congratulations to Dr. Ellen Griffith Spears, who has been promoted to Full Professor, effective August 2021. Well deserved, Ellen.

- Congratulations to Prof. John Miller, who was featured on a recent episode of The Daily Crime podcast about the Scottsboro defendants and their posthumous pardons.

- Dr. Catherine Roach was selected for the SEC Faculty Achievement Award for the University of Alabama. Congratulations, Catherine!

- NC Office Associate Jamilah Cooper-Bowden presented her Art of Motherhood virtual art exhibit this Mother's Day. It showcases her digital artworks inspired by poems about real mothers who were volunteered as muses by their family. View the exhibit at www.artofmotherhood.online

- New College students trounced Blount in the annual trivia contest this year. We have bragging rights for 2021, and the golden pony is at home in the NC Student Lounge, where it belongs!

Email our office associate Jamilah Bowden (jbowden2@ua.edu) or complete the Alumni Update Form online (newcollege.ua.edu/alumni-news) if you have changes to your Contact Information or if you have any information or achievements you’d like us to know about!