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Greetings Alumni and Friends!

As I look back on the last six months, one thing stands out to me: New College is community. Through the highest of highs and the lowest of lows, we have supported each other as fellow scholars and as friends. I am honored to be a part of this community of leaders, innovators, and life-long learners who are united by their commitment to helping others.

The Fall 2021 semester marked a (mostly) full return to in-person seminars and on-campus events in New College. While the pandemic still presented challenges, it was refreshing to see more students in the halls of Lloyd, to gather for welcome-back pizza on the quad, to celebrate our 50th Anniversary during Homecoming, to showcase our program during a hybrid conference, and to hold our first in-person graduation ceremony in two years!

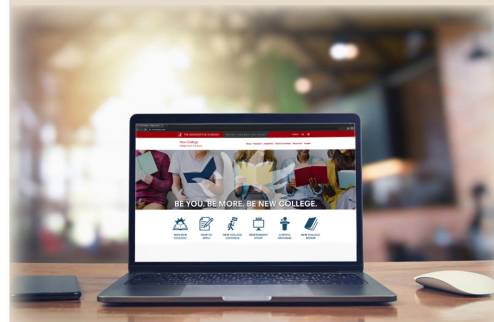
I look forward to more opportunities to gather as a community in 2022 and to celebrate the many accomplishments of our students, faculty, staff, and alumni.

Sincerely,
Julia Cherry, Director

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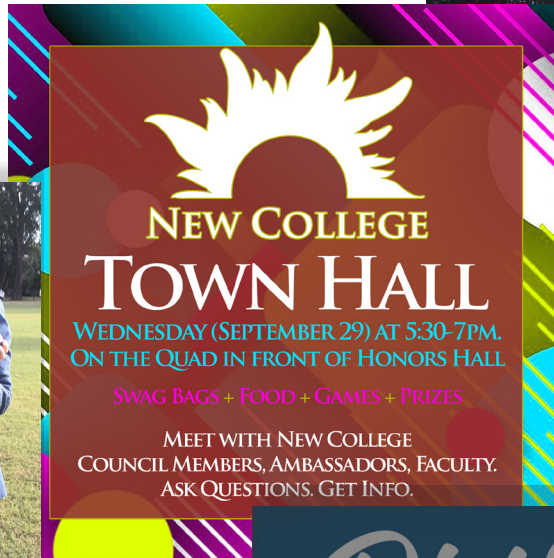
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You can still visit our
50th Anniversary Website to be a part of
the commemoration.
<https://newcollegeday50.as.ua.edu>

NEW COLLEGE EVENTS

A look at some of our biggest events from the Fall Semester:



Distinguished Alumni DINNER

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2021
WOODS QUAD - 6:00 P.M.

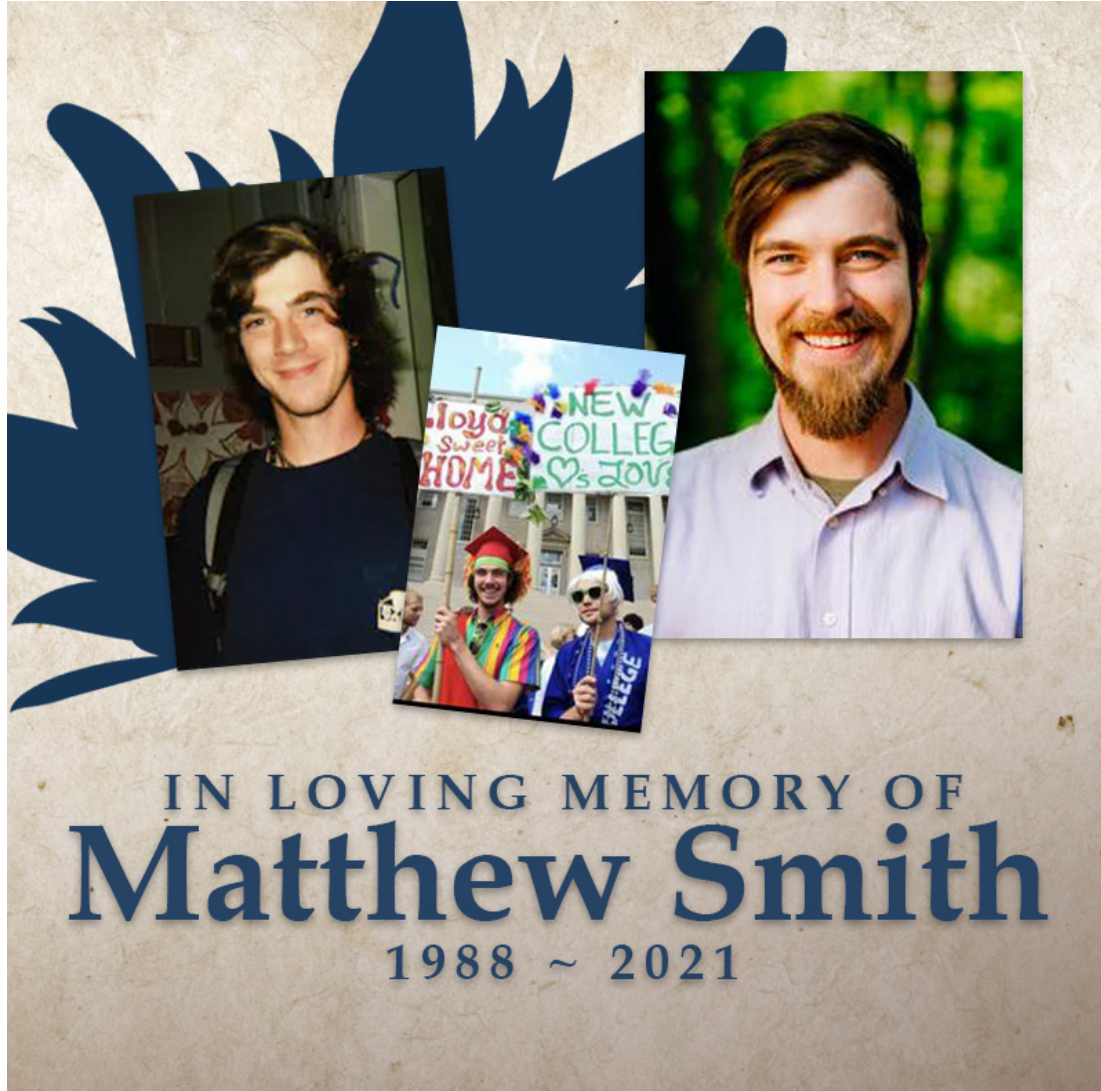
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HOMECOMING TAILGATE WITH **NEW COLLEGE**

**WOODS QUAD | OCTOBER 23, 2021
BEGINNING AT 3:00 PM**



New College Remembers Matt Smith



In December of 2021, we mourned the loss and celebrated the life of Matthew Smith, former student and NC Council President. His endless kindness and commitment to make the world a better and more loving place will be truly missed.

Matt's services were held on December 16 in Clanton, Alabama

If you would like to give in his memory, please send donations to his nonprofit, Alaquest Collaborative for Education (ACE) at <https://www.acealabama.org>

Read more about Matt's life and legacy in this article at www.al.com/news/2021/12/birminghams-matthew-smith-remembered-for-passion-to-help-alabama-seeing-the-beauty-in-everyone.html

New College Outreach in Walker County



Since 2011, New College's Civic Engagement Internship in Walker County has provided New College and University of Alabama students the opportunity to learn first-hand about Community Development, Leadership, and Nonprofit Management. Students engage issues facing rural America and principles of Community Development during the Spring before moving to Jasper, Alabama, for the Summer. Each intern works for eight weeks with a local nonprofit to which they are assigned based on their skills and community needs.

This year's interns include New College's Anika Ames and Armandeep Singh, as well as students from: Education, Public Health, Addiction & Recovery Studies, and Biology.

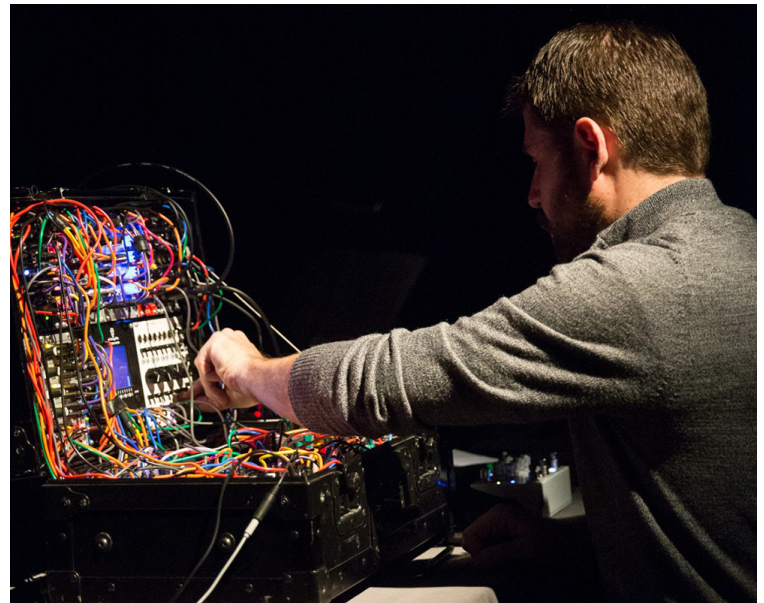
New College is grateful to its community partners, The David Mathews Center for Civic Life and the Walker Area Community Foundation, for making this experience possible for students.

Dr. Andrew Raffo Dewar: Two-time Fulbright Recipient

Dr. Andrew Raffo Dewar of New College and the School of Music was recently selected for two prestigious grants from the Fulbright Program to teach and research abroad. Dewar received a Fulbright Specialist Award to work in Colombia and was named the Fulbright Canada Research Chair at York University in Toronto.

"I'm very thankful to have been awarded these two Fulbrights and for the support they signify for my current research," said Dewar. "Receiving both awards within a one-week period was incredibly surprising and overwhelming, in the best way." Congratulations, Andrew!

Read the full article at news.ua.edu/2021/08/ua-professor-wins-fulbright-awards



Dr. Andrew Raffo Dewar in action



Mariah Ellis at the College Bowl

The revival of the popular College Bowl competition presented by Capital One brought together teams of scholars from all over the country to compete in a battle of the minds. New College alumna, Mariah Ellis, was one of three Alabama team members. She helped her team make it all the way to the semi-finals as one of the top four teams in America.

We congratulate Mariah and her teammates on an outstanding performance, and we look forward to even more great things in her future.

Watch at www.nbc.com/capital-one-college-bowl

FALL 2021 GRADUATES

Congratulations to the New College and New College LifeTrack graduating class of Fall 2021!

- NEW COLLEGE -



Hunter Carrell - Pisgah, AL
Geosciences w/ Intro to Paleontology



Bentasia Parker - Evergreen, AL
Approaches to Public Health



Andrew Rutledge - Beaufort, NC
Nonprofit Management



Madelyn Verbrugge - Kentwood, MI
Intersectionality Studies



Ariana White - Tuscaloosa, AL
Forensic Anthropology



Dylon Wilson - Birmingham, AL
Music Production

- NEW COLLEGE LIFE TRACK -



Lenette Adams-Wallace - Winfield, IL
Leadership Studies



Mary Ash - Flowery Branch, GA
Leadership Studies



Karen Dalton - Atlanta, GA
Leadership Studies



Mandie Dillard - Hartford, AL
Literature, Art and Society



Latrece Gamble - New Orleans, LA
Literature, Art, and Society



Lawrence Lavender - Aliceville, AL
Leadership Studies



Michael Ken Morris - Sylacauga, AL
Leadership Studies



Ronald Nesbitt - Cullman, AL
Community Studies



Kelley Sartain - Cottondale, AL
Leadership Studies



Bob Thomas - Saginaw, TX
Community Studies



Richard Wangler - Centerville, AL
Literature, Art and Society

Graduates Not Pictured

Maureen Baum - Marshall, NC
Leadership Studies

J. Christy Coker - Mobile, AL
Community Studies

Mary Collett - Montgomery, AL
Leadership Studies

Cameron Frazier - Fulshear, TX
Community Studies

Ray Harvie - Simpsonville, SC Literature,
Art and Society

LeeAnna Jackson - New York, NY
Literature, Arts and Society

Thomas Jenkins - Fort Mill, SC
Leadership Studies

Timothy Lynch - Virginia Beach, VA
Leadership Studies

Bruce Morton - Steamboat Springs, CO
Leadership Studies

Erin O'Brien-Ehrhard - Virginia Beach, VA, Community Studies

Aleshia Passantino - Fernandina, FL
Literature, Art and Society

Paul Patterson - Fredricksburg, TX
Leadership Studies

Nekarios Pickens - Denver, CO
Leadership Studies

Sarabeth Robinson - Pasadena, CA
Leadership Studies

Rebecca Rogers- Northport, AL
Leadership Studies

Erik Smallwood - Northport, AL
Leadership Studies

Burke Strickland - Trophy Club, TX
Leadership Studies

Timothy Wagers - Katy, TX
Leadership Studies

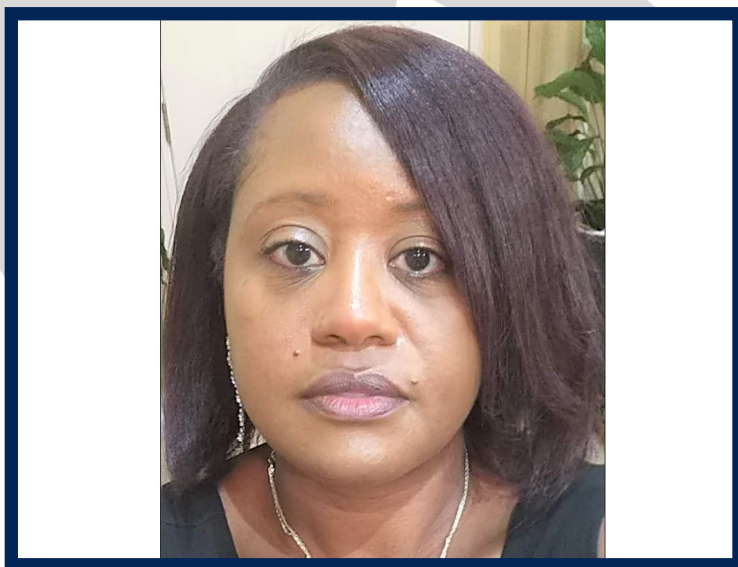


**CONGRATULATIONS,
GRADUATES**

WHO'S NEW



Jennifer Kunz
A&S Office Associate, New College



Ashley Wilder-Morrison
Administrative Secretary, Levitetz Leadership Program



Dr. Emily Elliott
Assistant Professor of Water Sciences, New College
Starting in August 2022

We would like to officially welcome two new staff members who joined us in Fall 2021. We are also excited to have one new faculty member joining us in August 2022.

We are delighted that they have chosen New College as their professional homes and appreciate the friendly, positive, and upbeat energies that they bring to their positions.

Welcome to the New College family and thanks for all that you will add to the New College experience!



New College Hosts CIEL at UA

CIEL 2021 FALL CONFERENCE

Consortium for Innovative Environments in Learning

OCTOBER 15 - 16

New College hosted the fall meeting of the Consortium for Innovative Environments in Learning (CIEL), a working group of schools and programs committed to innovative, student-centered education.

The meeting's theme was "Innovation and Inclusive Education for the Next 50 Years" and was linked to New College's 50th Anniversary celebration.

The program featured a public arts tour by Jennifer Caputo and presentations by New College faculty, students, and community partners. Presentations included talks on innovative teaching and learning opportunities and on confronting social issues and inequities through community outreach and partnerships.

Ted Trost in Edinburgh, Scotland



Dr. Ted Trost was awarded a Nominated Fellowship at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland.

While on sabbatical in Spring 2022, Dr. Trost will be researching the use of religious rhetoric in popular music.

Congratulations, Ted!

Holland Hopson: "Our Air"



Prof. Holland Hopson received a \$7000 award for a collaborative arts project called "Our Air."

He will be working with Allison Grant of the UA Art Department and local artist Karen Brummund on this grant provided by the Verdant Fund, a regional program of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.

Congratulations, Holland!

Margaret Purcell: Community Service



Dr. Margaret Purcell's Katie Farms, which provides eggs, produce and more to Tuscaloosa County, was featured in *The Furrow Magazine* in 2021.

She's also served as a nonprofit consultant for the Model Forest Policy Program.

Thanks for all you do, Margaret!

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



India Williams, class of 2008

India Williams

India D. Williams is an attorney at an international law firm, a self-care maven, and a wellness advocate who founded Rooted Woman: a cosmetic company that curates non-toxic, ethical nail polishes and treatments to promote radical self-care for women.

Rooted Woman was created in 2015 after an unexpected turn in her health caused India to pause from her busy life and take time to focus more on her values, such as self-care, self-love, and self-work. With her products, she aims to offer thousands of women a safer alternative to traditional nail polish while consistently reminding them that they too deserve to slow down and relax.

Learn more about India at RootedWoman.com.

Jeremy Guin

Former New Collegian, Jeremy Guin, recently stopped by for a visit to our main office in hopes of finding some artwork he created when he was a student. We were happy to reunite him with one of his two creations that were once on display in our former home, Carmichael Hall.

Jeremy is now a US Military Veteran living in Hawaii, where he works as the Community Outreach Director for the biomedical research company CD-SEAS.

We can look forward to more art from Jeremy, who has expressed an interest in getting back to his creative passions and possibly donating some pieces for us to hang in Lloyd Hall.

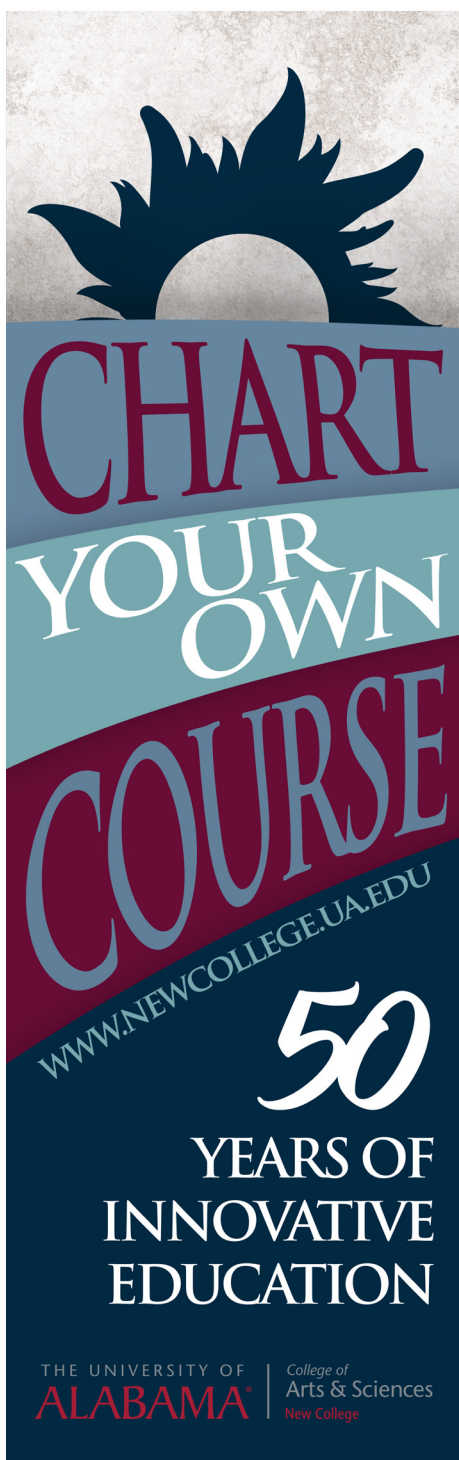
It was great visiting with him and we encourage all of our alumni to drop in whenever they are in town!



Jeremy Guin

MORE NEW COLLEGE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Julia Cherry and Amanda Ingram were recognized as Campus Career Influencers by the UA Career Center.
- Marysia Galbraith exhibited her pottery for the second consecutive year at the Kentucky Festival of the Arts.
- Scott Jones and his New College LifeTrack class on spiders, snakes, and dirt are featured in UA News today: <https://news.ua.edu/2021/08/spiders-snakes-and-dirt-phobia-class-turns-fear-into-fascination>.
- Margaret Purcell was named secretary of the Delta Zeta Foundation.
- Catherine Roach began her sabbatical as the Visiting Research Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh.
- Ellen Spears was invited to be a Visiting Fellow at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies at Leiden University in The Netherlands beginning in Fall 2022.
- The crew at New College LifeTrack snagged the honor of Best Decorated Door in 2021 for their festive decor, complete with a live Santa and Elves!



Email our office associate, Jennifer Kunz (jrkunz@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!