



NEW COLLEGE ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

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SPRING/SUMMER 2022 EDITION



Greetings, Alumni and Friends.

At the end of every Spring Semester, things start to slow down as students and faculty take time away from campus. This quiet time of year provides an opportunity for reflection. As in summers past, I find myself in awe at all the amazing things the people of New College have accomplished and am happy we can share some highlights with you in our summer newsletter.

With the return to in-person courses, the halls of Lloyd began to spring back to life this past year, and it was a treat to see the faculty, staff, and students learning and working together on campus again. We were happy to have a new cohort of students join our community and celebrated the graduation of our seniors, who are the newest members of our extensive alumni network. We welcomed a new staff member and conducted searches for new faculty members. And, as usual, our students and faculty continued to engage in innovative and creative work that garnered numerous awards and recognition. It really is a privilege to be a part of such an enriching and vibrant community!

Sincerely,
Julia Cherry, Director



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edition of our NCR Magazine
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new-college-review/](https://newcollege.ua.edu/new-college-review/)

NEW COLLEGE EVENTS

At a glance: some awesome things we've been up to since our last publication.

LEVITETZ LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP PRESENTS
"WRITING A BUSINESS PROPOSAL"
WITH KATHERINE ZOBRE, BUSINESS ADVISOR




JANUARY 27 @5PM
LLOYD HALL - 233
ZOOM: 85620953613
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The Levitetz Leadership Program presented two workshops in early 2022. The first was "How to Write a Business Proposal", led by Katherine Zobre, and the second was "How to Secure Grant Funding", led by Dr. Pamela Young. These workshops provided insights on preparing business proposals and reviewed the fundamentals of constructing a business plan, including outlining business needs, developing a mission statement, and identifying for funding sources.

Levitetz Leadership Workshop Presents
HOW TO USE SOCIAL MEDIA TO YOUR ADVANTAGE



Amy Pirkle
Assistant Professor of Contemporary Book Arts and Interdisciplinary Studies and Creator of Perkolator Press Flipbooks
Wednesday, April 6, 2022

In April, **The Levitetz Leadership Program** workshop was on "How to Use Social Media to Your Advantage" with Prof. Amy Pirkle. This workshop provided students with insight on various social media platforms and how to use social media to pitch and promote their business using the proper platform for their projects.



NEW COLLEGE & NEW COLLEGE LIFETRACK
HONORS DAY

On April 8th, we held our first in-person, post-pandemic **Honors Day ceremony**. We were proud to recognize 66 deserving recipients of various awards and scholarships from New College, New College LifeTrack, the College of Arts & Sciences, and The University of Alabama. View the 2022 Honorees beginning on Page 4.



LEVITETZ
LEADERSHIP AND
INNOVATION DAY

On April 15th, we hosted the **Levitetz Leadership and Innovation Day** featuring Guest Speaker, Jeff Levitetz. The program included presentations from this year's student recipients of the Light Bulb Research Awards and Seed Grants. See photos and read more about this event on Page 8.



NEW COLLEGE & LIFETRACK
GRADUATION
SPRING 2022

On May 6th, we held our **Spring 2022 Graduation Commencement**. Forty students from New College and New College LifeTrack successfully completed their undergraduate educations, earning their Bachelors Degrees in Interdisciplinary Studies from New College. View the graduates beginning on Page 6.

Walker County Internship

New College's Walker County Internship Program is 12 years old! A long-term partnerships with the Walker Area Community Foundation and the David Mathews Center for Civic Life, it places UA students with nonprofits for 8-weeks each summer, following a semester of civic engagement training). The internship program is led by Prof. John Miller.

This summer (pictured left to right), Kyle Boden (Biology), Deep Singh (New College), Kate Dansereau (Pub. Health), Anika Ames (New College), Lorin O'Rear (Education), and Supervising Intern Katy Hurd (Pub. Health) helped Jasper, AL nonprofits with projects involving: at-risk youth, economic development, community arts, public health, and outdoor recreation.



2022 Walker County Interns

Wayne Ford & The Trees of Alabama

New College instructor, Wayne Ford, completed a research project this year through New College and The University of Alabama in partnership with the Alabama Department of Transportation (ALDOT). Wayne, who teaches Everyday Forestry, is passionate about all things nature and embarked on a labor of love to identify trees at the Welcome Centers and Rest Areas in Alabama.

The goal of this project was to complete an inventory of, and install signs for, the different tree species in 23 different sites throughout the state by the end of July 2022. He accomplished this goal, and ultimately labeled 369 individual trees representing 65 different species.

Now people all across the nation can visit these rest areas and learn more about trees in Alabama.



Wayne Ford and Park Ranger at Tree Tagging Site

“I really believe this project will greatly enhance the education, recreation, and enjoyment for thousands of constituents.”

- Wayne Ford -



HONORS DAY 2022

- NEW COLLEGE HONOREES -

Samuel Thomas Barnes IV Memorial Scholarship



Kalyn Credi



Brian Szczotka



Annamaria Bleyer



Kathleen Kelley



Emily Kim

Dean Neal Berte Endowed Scholarship

Harry Lyon "Bing" Blewitt Scholarship



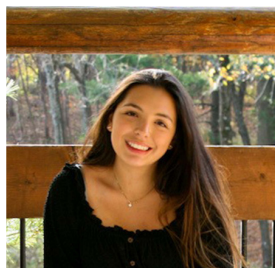
Geoffrey Alintoff

Fran Geddes Outstanding Service to New College Award



Shane Scadden

Hugh Holloway Endowed Scholarship



Brianna Berres



Demi Groh

Dr. Jerome Rosenberg Scholarship



Sean Atchison

Samuel J. Senter Memorial Scholarship



Josie Fuller



Ashton Smith



Trevor Paige

Dean Bernie Sloan Spirit of New College Award



Jacob Dorris

Byron Franklin & Ophelia Burke Watson Scholarship



Grace Henshall

Bernard C. & Alma B. Weber Scholarship



Lindsay Callender



Mateo Cheney-Martinez

Suzanne Younger Endowed Scholarship



Annabeth Johnson

Outstanding Students in New College Seminars

- SPRING 2021 -
- Peyton Ahnell
 - Annamaria Bleyer
 - Haley Buttram
 - Nikki Brown
 - Jacob Dorris
 - Emily Kim
 - Larel Lane
 - Quade Mainzer
 - Madelyn Mendoza
 - Clayton McKenzie
 - Daniel Ogden
 - Katie Poetz
 - Brian Quinn
 - Sydney Rogers
 - Zeke Stockton
 - Madelyn Verbrugge

- FALL 2021 -
- Ivy Borden
 - Emily Chestnut
 - Jacob Dorris
 - Harley Ennis
 - Catherine Glawe
 - David Gleason
 - Olivia Goble
 - Molly Hart
 - Katherine Hartley
 - Ian Jobst
 - Michael Moses
 - Camryn Nelson
 - Diane Snoddy
 - Savanna Woolridge

HONORS DAY 2022

- NEW COLLEGE LIFE TRACK HONOREES -

Outstanding Work in Leadership Studies



Sherry L. Barrow



Herbert Gilliland



Jennifer A. Gagliano



Shannon H. Harper

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



Elaine D. Smith

RECIPIENTS
NOT PICTURED
Karen M. Dalton
Darryl L. McGuire
Micah B. Owings

Colgan Bryan Award for Outstanding Work in Science, Technology & Culture



Shannon L. Roulaine

RECIPIENTS
NOT PICTURED
Tamara N. Brown
Ray W. Harvie
Patsy Swafford
Michael Tindal

Outstanding Senior Project



Richard C. Wangler

RECIPIENTS
NOT PICTURED
LeAnna F. Jackson
Robert Lovell
Joshua S. Williams

Dean Bernie Sloan Spirit of New College Award



Samantha L. Lynch

Mary Avis Todd Award for Outstanding Work in Community Studies



Jerry W. Parker



Christina L. Wright

RECIPIENTS
NOT PICTURED
TaMeisha Buchanan
Ronald A. Johnson

HONORS DAY 2022

- LEVITETZ SCHOLARS -

The Levitz Scholarships are made possible through the generous donation of New College alumnus, Jeff Levitz. An entrepreneur while attending UA in the late 70s and early 80s, Mr. Levitz created these scholarships to recognize New College students who demonstrate entrepreneurship and creativity.

NEW COLLEGE

FALL 2021

Mateo Chaney-Martinez
Reagan Christian
Victoria Crane
Ian Jobst
Christopher Jones
Candice Keogh
Delaney Lynn
Adrianna Scott
Sydney Simmons
Armandeep Singh
Dyelon Wilson
Warren Wright



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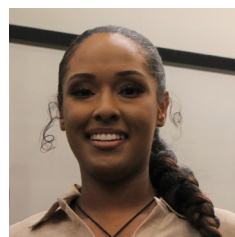
Ta'Kyla Bates
Elizabeth Bigelow
Victoria Crane
David Gleason
DeAndra Gauntt
Ian Jobst Jasmine
Lewis Devon
Siford Armandeep
Singh Jenna
Stockwell Harley
Tandy



NEW COLLEGE LIFETRACK

FALL 2021

Maureen L. Baum
Danielle K. Drinkard
Latrechia A. Gamble
Richard C. Wangler



SPRING 2022

Tina C. Adams
Tim C. Bickley
Robert A. Stolz



SPRING GRADUATION

- NEW COLLEGE & LIFE TRACK GRADUATES -



Anika Ames - Greensboro, NC
Neuroscience, Psychology



Drew Bailey - Germantown, TN
Game Design & Leadership



Alex Baker - Tuscaloosa, AL
Advocacy



Lindsay Callender - Overland Park, KS
Social Justice Advocacy w/
Community Service Track



Mathew Cieřla - Joplin, MO
Psycholinguistics



Jennifer Gagliano - Vestavia Hills, AL
Leadership Studies



Grace Henshall - Arlington, VA
Environmental Policy &
Political Communications



Rebecca Isphording - Mobile, AL
Feminist Theory & Social Justice,
English



Ronald Johnson - Hollywood, AL
Leadership Studies



Candice Keogh - Tuscaloosa, AL
Integrative Biomedical Neuroscience



Emily Kim - Incheon, South Korea
Neuroscience, Biology



Delaney Lynn - Wahiawa, HI
Pre-PA Studies



Brian Quinn - Johns Creek, GA
Urban Planning



Shane Scadden - Roswell, GA
Governance



Graduates Not Pictured

Justin Brant - Tuscaloosa, AL
Leadership Studies
Colton Davis - New Orleans, LA
Sports Management
Miki English - Gurley, AL
Community Studies

Bryn Freeman - Orange Beach, AL
Behavioral Neuroscience

Jennifer Frith - Tuscaloosa, AL
Leadership Studies

Herb Gilliland - Irving, TX
Leadership Studies

Annie Hardin - Huntsville, AL
Graphic Design & Social Change

Shannon Harper - Ball Ground, GA
Leadership Studies

Ron Harris - Aurora, GA
Leadership Studies

Kyle Jacob - Lake Sherwood, CA
Literature, Art & Society

John Jeffreys - Marietta, GA
Leadership Studies

Liz Keddell - Omaha, NE
Community Studies

Katie Ladd - Mobile, AL
Environmental Studies

Tara Marksberry - Moss Point, MS
Community Studies

Ryan McKelligon - Portland, OR
Music Business & Songwriting

Rachel Nix - Northport, AL
Leadership Studies

Micah Owings - Dahlonga, GA
Leadership Studies

Sam Patrick - Bessemer, AL
Science, Technology & Culture

Jerry Parker - Wetumpka, AL
Science, Technology & Culture

Ethan Pelissier - Washington, DC
Leadership Studies

Grayson Stewart - Ooltewah, TN
Legal & Business Perspectives on Sports

Robert Stolz - Oklahoma City, OK
Science, Technology & Culture

Elizabeth Tyner - Tuscaloosa, AL
Community Studies



Trey Vardaman - Troy, AL
Biomedical Sciences



JP Woolley - Birmingham, AL
Sports Management



Christina Wright - Harvest, AL
Leadership Studies



Warren Wright - Tuscaloosa, AL
Visual Storytelling





Levitetz Leadership and Innovation Day brought us presentations from bright and entrepreneurial students who received the Light Bulb Research Awards and Innovation Seed Grants. Read more about each of them and their innovative projects at <https://llp.ua.edu>.

LIGHT BULB AWARD WINNERS



Annie Hardin
Writing a Children's Book about Food Insecurity



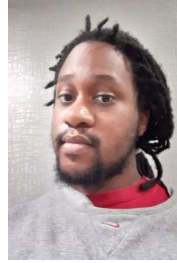
Delaney Lynn
AAT's Future in Medicine: A Prescription for a Furry Friend



Michael Rowe
Obesity in America: Who's to Blame and Where Do We Go from Here?



Sydney Simmons
Generating A Pathway to Universal Trauma Informed Education



Warren Wright
"Promise" A Native American Superhero Story



Jeff Levitetz and Awardees



SEED GRANT WINNERS

For-Profit Category

- Mateo Chaney-Martinez** "Smart State University"
- Andy Hannah** "Kybridge"
- Trina Locklear** "The Pelt Company"
- Dalton Morris** "Droneseeding to Restore Ecosystems at Scale"
- Jacob Noordhoek** "Pole Pouch"
- Lauren Pan** "Low Cost 3-D Printed Electric Spinning Wheel"
- Anastasia Ramig** "FlashNote"
- Lloyd Van Wees** "Luis Orfano: A fashion brand for the modern gentleman"
- Corban Walsh, Ashleigh Woods, Kaitlyn Shelver** "Sano"
- Payton O. Wortsmith** "Float Mate"

Creative Category

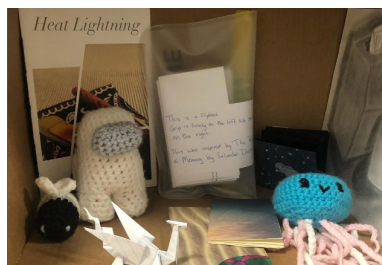
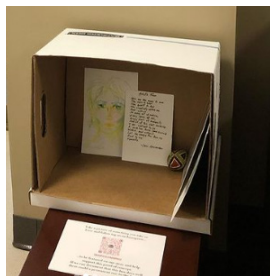
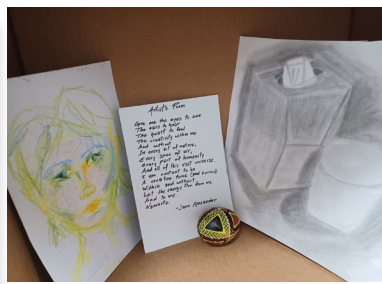
- Analese Chambers** "Exploration of Fiber: Reevaluating the Fiber Arts"
- Kris Culbertson** "When the Red Dust Settles"
- Britt Guynes** "The Alabama Memory Archive"

Social Entrepreneurs Category

- Mona Anchan** "DRAMATHIC"
- Audrey Bayne** "Establishing a Disabled Student Advocacy Organization and bringing Alpha Delta Pi to Campus"
- Hannah Berry** "The Food Farmacy at the Good Samaritan Clinic"
- Kearria Freed** "Relax Me Basket"
- Kaylea Hudson** "Dance 4 Everyone"
- Abiodun Ijeluola** "Learning Game Lab Project"
- Riley Schelp & Brandy Martinez** "Emergency English: Women's Self Defense for Non-English Speakers"
- Melissa Webb Walton** "Tinker Town"



Take A Piece, Leave A Piece



In April, New College student, Lizzy Bigelow, implemented the "Take a Piece, Leave a Piece" art-sharing initiative. With this free project, both known and anonymous artists from around the campus were invited to bring a small piece of their own artwork to leave in the display box, as well as to take any one piece of art from the box that called to them.

The "Take a Piece, Leave a Piece" display box, which was posted outside of our main office for two months, served as a mini, ever-changing art gallery that visitors to Lloyd Hall could view and enjoy. During this time, it was home to an array of miniature drawings, paintings, sculptures, written works, and handmade crafts.

Due to the success of the gallery, Lizzy plans to reinstall the display for the Fall Semester. We are looking forward to seeing what new creations and contributions turn up this time.

You can stay updated on the progress of this initiative by following the @takapieceleaveapiece page and #takeapieceleaveapieceua hashtag on Instagram.

Mat Cieřla - Randall Research Award

Congratulations to New College senior, Mat Ciesla. He was the recipient of the 2022 Randall Outstanding Undergraduate Research Award in recognition for outstanding scholarship among University of Alabama undergraduate students.

Dr. Marysia Galbraith of New College and Dr. Spyridoula Cheimariou co-nominated him for his research entitled "Cross-Language Associative Priming in Late, Low-Level Bilinguals; and other psycholinguistic and neuroscience projects".

He was recognized at a University ceremony in April.



Mat Cieřla



Leona Yeager

New College Students - Fulbright Awards

Two students pursuing self-designed majors in New College were among the 15 University of Alabama students receiving Fulbright Awards this year.

Congratulations to Mat Ciesla, a senior pursuing a depth study in psycholinguistics. He received a Fulbright Research Award in cognitive science to study "Early Neural Correlates of Adult Second Language Learning" at the University of Warsaw in Poland.

Congratulations to Leona Yeager, a recent graduate with a depth study in interdisciplinary health sciences. She received an English Teaching Assistantship Award to teach in Mongolia.

Two students pursuing minors through New College were also selected for awards.

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

Ford Buttram



Ford Buttram

Meet New College LifeTrack alumnus, Ford Buttram. You may know him as the head coach of UA's championship-winning Men's Wheelchair Basketball team. What you may not know is that since earning his BA degree with a depth study in Leadership & Motivation in 2014, Coach Buttram has been an inspiration to many as a humble and tenacious leader, initiating adaptive programs in sports like tennis and golf and, of course, leading Men's Wheelchair Basketball to multiple victories.

As a LifeTrack student, Ford most appreciated how the program afforded him the opportunity to excel and the freedom to shape his studies. He still finds the lessons he learned as a LifeTrack student useful to this day in his career. He attributes much of his academic success to the faculty who took the time to get to know him rather than treating him as a number. He specifically acknowledges his advisor and former LifeTrack Program Manager, Anna Schuber, who was welcoming, supportive, and enthusiastic about helping him to chart his own course. Prof. John Miller and Dr. Jim Hall also lent valuable insight, mentorship, and friendship that continues still.

Though he is appreciative of the recognition his success has garnered, Coach Buttram would much rather the spotlight be placed on his players and all of the students who participate in UA Adaptive Athletics. If you haven't attended any of their games, he invites you to the Stran-Hardin Arena at the UA Rec Center to experience what he jokingly describes as "rugby meets football meets hockey".

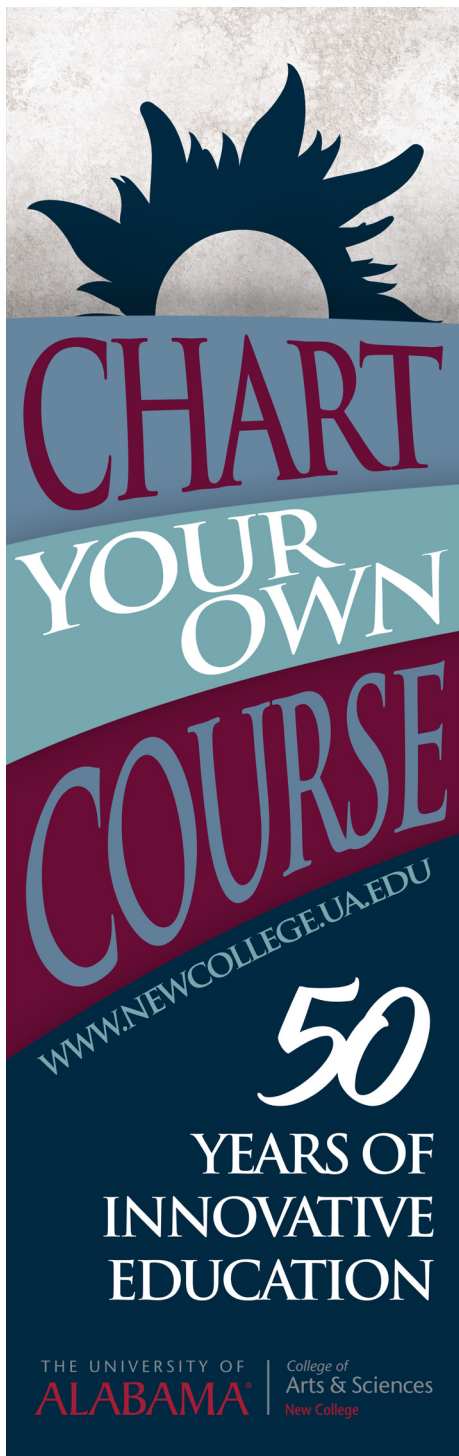
A fierce advocate for his players, Ford is always proud to showcase his players' hard work and spread the word about their achievements, wherever they may occur. This year, that means accompanying his athletes to Thailand, where they will compete for the World Championship in September. To him, these elite athletes are the future of Alabama sports. And with a phrase he coined himself, he has full confidence that they will indeed "Alabama-lize the Future"!

Learn more and get connected at bamaadapted.com.



MORE NEW COLLEGE NOTABLE ACHIEVEMENTS

- Dr. Julia Cherry received a new grant from the Alabama Water Resources Research Institute to study the interactive effects of nutrient enrichment and wave activity on tidal marsh resilience.
- Dr. Andrew Dewar completed his term as Fulbright Canada Research Chair at York University this spring. For his upcoming sabbatical, he will complete a residency at Elektronmusikstudion EMS in Stockholm, Sweden.
- Dr. Marysia Galbraith was awarded the Pat Flynn Kyser Best of Show Award for her pottery at the Panoply Art Festival in April.
- Prof. Holland Hopson received a grant from the Verdant Fund, a regional program of the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts, to complete a collaborative arts project called "Our Air" with Allison Grant (Department of Art and Art History) and Karen Brummund (local artist).
- New College professors, Drs. Catherine Roach and Ted Trost, are spending the first half of 2022 on sabbatical in Scotland, where they are Visiting Fellows at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Humanities at the University of Edinburgh.
- Dr. Ellen Spears has been invited to serve as a Visiting Fellow at the Roosevelt Institute for American Studies at Leiden University in The Netherlands in the Fall of 2022.
- Dr. Michael Steinberg returned to Belize this summer to offer two consecutive sessions of his conservation field studies course.
- The rivalry continues: New College was bested this year by the Blount Scholars Program in our annual trivia competition. However, the Golden Rocking Horse trophy was not retrieved by the winners and therefore remains in the custody and care of New College . . . where it belongs.



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