The University of North Alabama

Student Government Association

Resolution

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Sponsored by Senator Brianna Fleming

Resolution 26-03

September 24, 2026

Whereas; The Student Government Association at the University of North Alabama would like to commend the UNA Office of First Year and Retention Initiatives for a successful and innovative season of welcoming new students to UNA; and,

Whereas; Summer 2026 marked the first ROAR orientation sessions and the introduction of ROAR Days; and,

Whereas; 849 students attended ROAR sessions and 17 unique programs were hosted during the four-day period between move in and the first day of classes as part of ROAR Days; and,

Whereas; ROAR initiatives provided students with important resources and information that has allowed them to become actively involved in the Student Government Association, Fraternity & Sorority Life, Presidential Mentor's Academy, Registered Student Organizations, and other campus and community organizations which add to the student experience and promote student retention; and,

Whereas; The first class of incoming freshmen welcomed by the Office of First Year and Retention Initiatives is UNA's Bicentennial Class, in which students following the traditional four-year degree path will graduate during the year of the University's bicentennial in 2030;

Therefore; Let it be resolved that the Student Government Association recognizes the Office of First Year and Retention Initiatives, especially Dr. Jocelyn Wright, Director; Ms. Becca Bush, Associate Director; Mr. Chase Wise, Assistant Director; Ms. Candice Buford, Senior Administrative Assistant; and Addie Johnston, Graduate Assistant for their exemplary work in preparing and engaging the incoming students on campus; and,

Therefore; Let it be resolved that the Student Government Association calls upon all campus and community partners to continue supporting the best interest of the Bicentennial Class and all UNA students current and future in the way modeled by the Office of First Year and Retention Initiatives; and,

Therefore; Let it be further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to Dr. Kenneth Kitts, President; Dr. Brien Smith, Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs; Dr. Minette Ellis, Interim Vice President of Student Affairs and Executive Director of University Priorities; Dr. Tammy Jacques, Associate Vice President of Student Affairs; Ms. Anna Leigh Rossi, Director of Fraternity & Sorority Life; Mr. Matthew Jones, Director of Student Activities & Leadership Development; Olivia Oliphant, Assistant Director of Student Activities & Leadership Development; Dr. Jocelyn Wright, Director of First Year & Retention Initiatives; Ms. Becca Bush, Associate Director of First Year and Retention Initiatives; Mr. Chase Wise, Assistant Director of First Year and Retention Initiatives; Ms. Candice Buford, Senior Administrative Assistant; and Addie Johnston, Graduate Assistant for First Year and Retention Initiatives.

Passed and Approved by the Student Government Association on the 24th day of September, 2026.