The UA story is about you.
Over the past few years, The University of Alabama has grown significantly in both quality and numbers. Led by a planned, steady growth in student enrollment, which has allowed us to surpass our 28,000 student goal, we have also seen significant expansion in our academic programs, research, and service.

Accompanying our student growth has been a marked increase in both scholarship opportunities and facilities. Since 2003, we have opened more than 40 new facilities, and despite the challenging economic climate, we opened our new Capstone College of Nursing building in 2010.

This viewbook highlights the core elements of our success and the ways in which The University of Alabama provides students with the best opportunities for educational and personal growth.
The camaraderie among students is part of what makes UA special.
The UA story is about making a positive difference.

The University of Alabama has seen unprecedented growth in size and quality in the last few years. Each year we’ve welcomed a larger, more academically talented freshman class than the year before. The UA faculty and staff are among the best in the nation and are committed to a successful college experience for all students. We enjoy unwavering support from the countless alumni, friends, and supporters who are the foundation for the future we are building. And, our campus has never looked more beautiful or felt more welcoming.

Our continued growth has garnered an abundance of impressive accolades and rankings, and we are certainly proud of this recognition. However, we are proudest of the positive impact we have on our students and the positive impact they have on the world. The facts presented here represent thousands of people who work hard every day to improve the lives of those around them. That is the UA story — a student-centered university that is focused on planned and steady growth and purposeful change that leads to even greater and more positive impact.
The UA story is about lifelong connections.

The University of Alabama provides a creative, nurturing campus environment where our students can become the best individuals possible, receive instruction from the best and brightest faculty, and have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the community, the state, and the world. The journey they begin here starts a lifelong process. After all, our students may attend for only a few years, but they are members of the UA family for life.

A visit to the campus on a fall Saturday is proof that our alumni and friends are forever connected to the Capstone. Some return to see old friends; others linger in a favorite location that evokes smiles and special memories. Some show their children where they found their purpose in life. But they all return because The University of Alabama has had an immeasurable impact on their lives.
UA fosters a climate of excellence where a student can reach personal and academic potential.
Serving others is an integral part of the UA experience.
The UA story is about service to others.

The University of Alabama has a long history of serving the people of Alabama. By combining the expertise of our faculty and the energy of our students with the resources of the University and the communities we serve, we are making a difference every day.

The University’s research and academic programs are the basis for extensive service activities and successful partnerships with businesses, nonprofit organizations, and governments at the state, regional, national, and international levels.

The University of Alabama understands that we have a critical role to play in preparing students to be effective, engaged, and ethical citizens of the world. Through volunteer opportunities, outreach projects, student organizations, campus ministries, and faculty-led service-learning initiatives, we work hard to strengthen relationships between students and their communities.
The UA story is about research that matters.

At The University of Alabama, we’re working to make sure our research efforts continue to make a hands-on difference in the lives of the people we serve. Our world-class faculty, staff, and students are exploring new technologies, developing the mind power to advance scientific discovery, and finding ways to harness the power of creative thought to fuel the economy of the future.

As a result, we are transforming our state’s oldest and largest university into one of the nation’s premier student-centered research institutions. It is our distinct privilege to mentor, motivate, and educate the next generation of scientists and scholars who will lead the way in knowledge creation and discovery.

Welcome to tomorrow. We look forward to participating in the great discoveries of the 21st century while remaining firm in our commitment to a student-centered campus serving the world’s best and brightest.
Our students enjoy hands-on research opportunities even as undergraduates.
Our students are proud to be part of a winning tradition on and off the field.
The UA story is about spirit and dedication.

“Yea Alabama, Crimson Tide!” Whether you are watching or participating in championship sports or reveling in a unique game-day atmosphere, you will feel right at home at The University of Alabama.

From football to gymnastics, basketball, baseball, rowing, cross-country, golf, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and volleyball, The University of Alabama can boast 17 team NCAA championships and countless more conference championships and individual achievements.

Intramural sports, club sports, sports for students with disabilities, and a Student Recreation Center ranked among the best in the nation give every student an opportunity to participate in the pride and tradition that define Alabama athletics.

Campus spirit isn’t limited to athletics, though. UA students are involved — in national and campus elections — in efforts to build playgrounds in the neighborhood across the street and in a country a continent away — in food drives that feed the hungry and in research that will result in more drinking water — and in student-led fundraising efforts that provide scholarships and emergency loans to fellow students.

It’s all about giving the best part of yourself to the things that matter the most.
Our Points of Pride

- The College of Arts and Sciences is Alabama’s largest and most recognized public liberal-arts college and has received national recognition for academic excellence. The College is the University’s largest division, with more than 8,000 undergraduate students and 1,000 graduate students.

- The College of Communication and Information Sciences offers studies in advertising and public relations, communication studies, journalism, and telecommunication and film. The department of advertising and public relations was recognized for having the top undergraduate public relations program in the country by PRWeek Magazine. The College’s forensics and debate squad has won 17 national championships.

- The undergraduate business program in the Culverhouse College of Commerce and Business Administration is ranked No. 35 among public undergraduate business schools. The accounting program is ranked 18th among public universities.

- The College of Education is ranked 81st in the most recent U.S. News and World Report rankings of education programs. This places the College in the top three percent of institutions that prepare teachers nationwide.
The University of Alabama exists to serve current and future generations.
Our campus offers many outdoor areas where students can work, study, and relax.
Our Points of Pride (cont.)

• In 1837, The Capstone became one of the first five universities in the nation to offer engineering classes. Today, UA’s fully accredited College of Engineering has more than 2,700 undergraduate students and more than 100 faculty.

• The College of Human Environmental Sciences is the sixth-largest human sciences unit in the nation and the largest among Southeastern Conference schools. CHES has more than 60 faculty members dedicated to helping students succeed in careers that serve individuals, families, and society.

• The School of Law has a student-faculty ratio of less than 10:1. Both trial advocacy and moot court competition teams are nationally recognized.

• With more than 1,600 students and 36 full-time faculty members, the Capstone College of Nursing provides a curriculum that is responsive to changes in the health care system. The pass rate on the Registered Nurse (RN) licensure exam for UA nursing students far exceeds both state and national averages.

• The School of Social Work’s graduate program is ranked 28th among social work programs at public universities and 42nd when both public and private institutions are included. The BSW program allows undergraduates to work and study with MSW and PhD students.
Fall 2010 enrollment at UA’s Graduate School totaled 5,348 students, up from 5,105 the year before. Last year, the Graduate School awarded a record 210 doctoral degrees and more than 1,600 total graduate degrees. Research and travel support for graduate students was at $350,000 — almost five-fold what it was four years ago. Graduate students received $32 million last year in stipends, tuition, and benefits. And, in terms of minority applications in graduate school, matriculations and graduations, UA ranked second nationally among the 50 flagship public institutions.

UA’s College of Continuing Studies currently has 2,291 distance learners enrolled in the more than 50 distance degree programs offered. High school students can now take college classes online and on-campus through the new UA Early College program.

The College of Community Health Sciences has graduated and placed nearly 400 family medicine physicians into practice and trained 700 medical students since opening its doors more than 30 years ago. The College is located in a state-of-the-art, 95,000-square-foot facility that houses University Medical Center, the Student Health Center, the Institute for Rural Health Research, and telemedicine and educational facilities.
Denny Chimes stands in the heart of the campus; its bells ring out the hours each day.
Modern residence halls add to the enjoyment of the college experience.
Our Points of Pride (cont.)

• **The University of Alabama** is ranked in the top 6 percent of the 1,400 colleges and universities in the nation surveyed by *U.S. News and World Report*.

• **Enrollment** at The University of Alabama reached a record high of 30,232 for fall 2010. The entering freshman class, at 5,563 students, was the largest in UA history and included more than 1,395 freshmen who had a 4.0 or higher high school grade point average.

• **UA** is ranked among the top 100 public universities in *Kiplinger’s* annual list of colleges and universities that combine “great academics and affordable tuition.”

• For more than a decade, **UA** has been one of the top public flagship universities in the Southeast in enrollment of African-American students. For the 2010-11 academic year, African-Americans represented 12.4 percent of the student body.

• **The University of Alabama** ranks 10th in the nation among public universities in the enrollment of **National Merit Scholars**.
Ten University of Alabama students were named to the 2010 USA Today All-USA College Academic Team, the most of any school. This year’s team brings UA’s total for the last eight years to 46, a figure that tops all other colleges and universities.

One in four freshmen enrolled in UA’s Honors College for fall 2010.

The University of Alabama has produced a total of 15 Rhodes Scholars. And, in the past two decades, we’ve produced 30 Goldwater Scholars, 19 Hollings Scholars, seven Truman Scholars, two Javits Fellows, one Udall Scholar, and one Portz Scholar.

Scholarship support over a six-year period has moved from a little more than $10 million to more than $50 million in 2010. In addition, last year 2,000 University of Alabama students received a total of more than $2.6 million in scholarships provided by the National Alumni Association.

The University of Alabama has a dramatic impact on the economy of Alabama, contributing $1.8 BILLION to the state’s economy each year.
The University of Alabama 2010 USA Today All-USA College Academic Team
Students can engage their peers and get involved in their community.
Our Points of Pride (cont.)

• A University of Alabama research team was awarded a $100,000 Grand Challenges Exploration grant that will allow the group to develop an improved method for detecting and tracking water contamination.

• The corporation for National and Community Service named UA to the President’s Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll for exemplary service efforts and service to disadvantaged youth.

• Participation in original research and creative activities is becoming a hallmark of the undergraduate experience at The University of Alabama. More than 250 undergraduates showcased their research and creative activity projects at UA’s inaugural Undergraduate Research and Creative Activity Conference in 2010.

• A recent study prepared by UA’s Center for Business and Economic Research, in collaboration with UA’s College of Human Environmental Sciences and the Children’s Trust Fund of Alabama, detailed the financial impact that child abuse and neglect have on the state.
Our Points of Pride (cont.)

- The Howard Hughes Medical Institute is awarding $1.5 million to UA to launch four distinct initiatives designed to teach and inspire the nation’s next generation of scientists. The four initiatives are The Hughes Undergraduate Researcher Program, Future Faculty Program, a redesign of the Freshman Honors Chemistry Laboratory, and development of experimental science kits for high school students.

- The Center for Ethics & Social Responsibility and Impact Alabama sponsored a statewide initiative in which more than 150 UA students traveled statewide during the 2010 tax season to prepare more than 2,900 returns for working families. UA students played a critical role in helping secure $6 million in tax refunds and saving the working families about $800,000 in commercial tax preparation fees.

- UA’s Bio-Robotics Lab is working under Dr. Xiangrong Shen’s leadership to design a prototype prosthetic that will provide similar responses as a human muscle, allowing an amputee greater freedom and mobility. Shen’s team is working on a novel technology called chemo-fluidic artificial muscle. By someday creating a prosthetic that offers greater power and energy, the UA researchers will help improve the quality of life for millions of amputees.
For 179 years, The University of Alabama has been the state’s flagship institution of learning. Our tradition of excellence is continuing in the 21st century, as we invite the best and brightest students to join us in our mission of teaching, research, and service.

Whether students, faculty, staff, or alumni, all those who invest themselves in The University of Alabama become part of the UA family, a family with a proud legacy and a bright future.

The UA story is ongoing.

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