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UA Announces Completion of Successful Capital Campaign

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - The University of Alabama has announced that it raised $612,672,016 in the "Our Students, Our Future," capital campaign that ended on June 30. The original goal of $500 million established at the start of the campaign in 2002 was met in May 2008.

"The campaign focused on raising scholarship support for our students and providing facilities that will enhance our ability to provide our students with a high-quality education," said UA President Dr. Robert E. Witt. "The overwhelming support of our alumni, fans and friends has been evident throughout the capital campaign, and we sincerely appreciate their investment in the future of The University of Alabama."

In addition to being the largest and most successful capital campaign in UA's history, the "Our Students, Our Future." campaign achieved several other milestones:

- The campaign received 130 gifts of $1 million or more,
- More than 100,000 individuals made a gift to the campaign,
- UA faculty and staff contributed more than $111.6 million,
- Students contributed $289,093, which includes the student-run SPIRIT campaign.

"The reality was that a core of Alabama alumni and friends answered the bell and supported the University," said C. Kemmons Wilson, Jr., co-chair of the National Steering Committee (NSC). "Their love of the University and their depth of loyalty are just incredible."

The NSC included UA supporters from around the nation. In addition to Wilson, who is from Memphis, chairpersons included Carl and Ann Jones of Birmingham, and the late James P. Hayes Jr. of Birmingham, who passed away during the campaign.

"Right from the start, we had three positive aspects for this campaign," said Carl Jones. "First, the University set the stage by giving us a great story to tell. The second involved the volunteers on the National Steering Committee. Their enthusiasm and support were vital to our success. And the final one is that the faculty, staff and student body made early and significant contributions to get us started off very positively."

"We are pleased to continue to have the support of alumni and friends as we provide a solid foundation for our students," said Dr. Pam Parker, vice president of advancement. "We value and appreciate their generosity, and their commitment to The University of Alabama."
The Campaign

The "Our Students, Our Future." campaign has surpassed its $500 million goal which includes $250 million for student scholarships. The remaining funds are allocated to faculty support, facilities and priority needs. The campaign, which concludes June 30, has raised more than $595 million since 2002.

About UA

The University of Alabama, a student-centered research university, is in the midst of a planned, steady enrollment growth with a goal of reaching 28,000 students by 2010. This growth, which is positively impacting the campus and the state's economy, is in keeping with UA's vision to be the university of choice for the best and brightest students. UA, the state's flagship university, is an academic community united in its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all Alabamians.

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