



State Representative Report

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Submitted By: Debbie Sutton, outgoing Alabama State Representative to SEAHO

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Goals of the State Organization:

- Support Resident Assistants and Graduate Assistants with professional development opportunities
- Promote/provide advisors for ART Institute
- Develop NRHH at each institution
- More programs from Alabama at SEAHO
- More nominations for SEAHO awards from Alabama
- More Alabama graduate students at SEAHO
- More Alabama graduate students competing in case studies at SEAHO
- Alabama send at least one delegate to SAACURH per school
- Sessions on professional development at state conference for every level
- Identify Resident Assistant's interest in the Housing/Student Affairs profession
- Educate Resident Assistants about graduate assistantships and career opportunities
- ALAHO website link with SEAHO
- More support for ALURH
- "toot our horns" more often to each other – thanks and congratulations
- Increase programs at state meeting

State Conference News

- The 2004 annual drive-in conference was held October 7, 2004 at the University of North Alabama in Florence, Alabama. There were 59 attendees from 12 schools attending the conference. For the first time, meals and snacks at the conference were provided by a vendor sponsor, Appalachian University Systems. Other sponsors were present for the first time as well. The 2005 state drive-in conference will be held at the University of South Alabama in the fall of 2005.

The treasurer reported a very healthy checkbook balance of \$1,175.39 which will allow us to provide support for many worthy projects during the next year since institutional dues for the upcoming year are due November 26.

The State RA Conference was held at the University of Alabama-Birmingham on February 12, 2005. The University of South Alabama will host the next State RA Conference in the fall of 2005 when we will begin having our RA conferences in the fall of each year rather than the spring.

New/Changing Staff during the past year:

- **Auburn University Montgomery at Montgomery** – Debbie Sutton was promoted to Associate Director, Daryl Morris was promoted to Building Services Manager, and Jeremy Bidy was hired as the new Residence Life Program Manager.
- **Jacksonville State University at Jacksonville**- Kevin Hault is the new Director of Housing and Residential Life, and four new Residence Life Coordinators have been added: Robert Hayes, Rosalind Moore, Brooke Bell, and Andrea Pruitt.
- **Spring Hill College at Mobile** - Susan Prisco has moved from the University of South Alabama to become the Director of Housing.
- **Troy University at Troy** – Herbert Reeves (in addition to being the Director of Housing) is also the Dean of Students.
- **University of Alabama** - welcome to Jackie Levesque as Colonial Area Coordinator, Aimee Hourigan as Hackberry Area Coordinator, and Jeremy Henderson as Ridgecrest Area Coordinator. And finally, UA has a new Director of Residential Communities. Dr. David Jones came from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and they are very excited to have him at UA!
- **University of Alabama at Birmingham** – John Denson is now the Assistant Director of Residential Life, Kathy Jo Baker is now the Assistant Director for Facilities, Rachel Smith is now the Business Officer, and Ovuké Emonina is the new Residence Life Coordinator.
- **University of North Alabama in Florence** – B.J. Mann has resigned as Director of Housing.
- **University of South Alabama at Mobile** - welcome to Angel Gray, Program Assistant for ESSENCE Freshmen Experience Program; Aldridge Harris, Area Coordinator; and Kara Whitney, Area Coordinator

SEAHO Involvement:

- Tom Hardy from the **University of Alabama** serves as co-chair of the SEAHO Educational Programs Committee and serves as a member of the Strategic Planning Committee.
- John Maxon, Assistant Vice President of University Housing and Campus Business Operations at the **University of Alabama in Huntsville**, serves on the SEAHO Program Committee as the Chair-Elect.
- Jacquie Levesque from the **University of Alabama** will be presenting two programs at SEAHO: a pre-conference workshop entitled *Scoring the Perfect Job* and a workshop entitled *Lights, Camera, Action: Movies and Student Development*.

Awards:

- Tom Hardy at the **University of Alabama** received that university's McKinley Award, and Wendy Grayam and Charlotte Hewitt received the Crimson Spirit award.
- Grace Shelby, **University of Alabama** Resident Assistant, won the Morris L. Mayer Award for service, leadership and her many contributions to student life at UA.
- John David Conolley, **University of Alabama** Resident Assistant, won the John F. Ramsey Award for leadership, academic achievement and serving as a positive role model to those around him.
- The **University of South Alabama** was named 2003-2004 ALURH Residence Hall Association of the Year and received the 2003-2004 ALURH-NRHH Building Block Award.

Around the State:

- **Auburn University Montgomery** made major renovations to their West Courtyards housing area during the summer of 2004 including re-roofing, replacement/renovation of cabinets in kitchens, and outdoor landscaping.
- The **University of Alabama** has begun a new program called STAR (Students Taking Active Roles) through Community Service Living-Learning Community. Students participate in a semester-long community service project, one-time events and reflection exercises. The **University of Alabama** is also building a new Riverside Complex, set to open Fall 2005 which will house 976 students. This complex will be primarily for Freshmen Honors students, other freshmen and upper-class Honors students.
- **University of Alabama at Huntsville** - UAH is currently constructing, and will occupy fall 2005, a new 299-bed residence hall. It is a suite design with the primary design of 4 private bedrooms with 2 full baths, a living room, and micro-kitchenette. This facility will also have 34 studio apartments.
- The **University of South Alabama** has co-sponsored a new campus program entitled V.I.P.E.R. (Violence, Intervention, Prevention, Education, and Response). They have also made interior renovations and updates to six buildings during the summer of 2004 totaling \$993,000.

Respectfully submitted:

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