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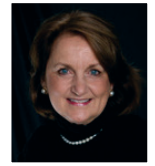
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<b>September 6, 2014</b>	USA vs. Kent State - Kent, Ohio
<b>September 6, 2014</b>	National Game Watch Party USA vs. Kent State Visit: <a href="http://southalabama.edu/departments/alumni/nationalgamewatch.html">southalabama.edu/departments/alumni/nationalgamewatch.html</a> for more details
<b>September 11, 2014</b>	NAA Annual Meeting USA Student Center Ballroom
<b>September 12, 2014</b>	NAA Board of Directors Meeting USA Student Center
<b>September 12, 2014</b>	USA Presidential Inauguration USA Mitchell Center
<b>September 12, 2014</b>	USA vs. Mississippi State Pep Rally Cathedral Square, Downtown Mobile
<b>September 13, 2014</b>	USA vs. Mississippi State - Ladd-Peebles Stadium
<b>September 27, 2014</b>	USA vs. Idaho - Moscow, Idaho
<b>October 4, 2014</b>	USA vs. Appalachian State - Boone, N.C.
<b>October 17, 2014</b>	Homecoming Reunion Party & Parade Alumni Hall Front Lawn
<b>October 18, 2014</b>	USA vs. Georgia State (Homecoming) - Ladd-Peebles Stadium
<b>October 24, 2014</b>	USA vs. Troy - Ladd-Peebles Stadium
<b>November 1, 2014</b>	USA vs. Louisiana-Lafayette - Lafayette, La.
<b>November 8, 2014</b>	USA vs. Arkansas - Jonesboro, Ark.
<b>November 14, 2014</b>	NAA Board of Directors Meeting USA Student Center
<b>November 15, 2014</b>	USA vs. Texas State - Ladd-Peebles Stadium
<b>November 22, 2014</b>	USA vs. South Carolina - Columbia, S.C.
<b>November 28, 2014</b>	USA vs. Navy - Ladd-Peebles Stadium

*For more information on any of these events,  
contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 251.460.7084.*

*On the cover:*

Birmingham, Ala., alumni participated in the JaguarsCare National Day of Service by cleaning and clearing trails at Red Mountain Park.



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# New Faces on Campus:



President Tony G. Waldrop and his wife, Dr. Julee Waldrop

*This fall, as more than 2,000 freshmen start their first year at the University of South Alabama, there's another new face on campus as well. Dr. Tony G. Waldrop arrived in April as the University's third president.*

*Most recently, Dr. Waldrop served as provost and executive vice president at the University of Central Florida. Other stops in his career included vice chancellor for research and economic development at the University of North Carolina (UNC) and vice chancellor for research at the University of Illinois.*

*Dr. Waldrop earned a bachelor's degree in political science, a master's degree in physical education and a Ph.D. in physiology, all from UNC. As an undergraduate, he was a John Motley Morehead Scholar. As an athlete, he won two NCAA championships in the mile and in 1974, he set a world record for the indoor mile at 3:55.*

*His wife, Dr. Julee Waldrop, holds a doctor of nursing practice degree from Duke University. She has been a professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, the University of North Carolina and the University of Central Florida.*

Dear USA Alumni,

As you read our newest edition of *Looking South* magazine, I will have just completed my fourth month as your new president. Even though I have been very busy, it has been a rewarding and exciting time as I learn more about the University and the community. In addition to the day-to-day operation of this University, I have met students, faculty, staff and alumni as well as community and business leaders. Julee and I have been very impressed by the commitment of everyone to make USA an even better university. It is clear that our alumni are passionate about their experiences as students and are currently very engaged and excited about the future of our University.

In April, Julee and I participated in the inaugural JaguarsCare National Day of Service sponsored by the National Alumni Association. We were inspired by the number of alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends who came out to participate in the many projects locally, across the nation and around the world. Julee and I had the opportunity to walk alongside a large contingent of Jaguars at the March of Dimes "March for Babies" event in the Geri Moulton Children's Park at USA Children's & Women's Hospital, and then we spent time sorting and packaging food at the Bay Area Food Bank. It was an honor to experience first-hand true leadership in service, which is quickly becoming a hallmark of Jag Nation. On behalf of the University of South Alabama, thank you for representing us so well!

My inauguration is scheduled for Friday, Sept. 12, at 2 p.m. at the USA Mitchell Center. I plan to set out our shared vision and goals for the future of South Alabama. The inauguration will precede the Jaguars versus Mississippi State Bulldogs football game, our first ever SEC home matchup. I invite you to join us during this special weekend and I hope to have the opportunity to meet as many of you as possible. As alumni you are truly the lifeblood of this University - you represent our past and your support and guidance will help shape our future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony G. Waldrop".

Tony G. Waldrop, Ph.D.  
President



*Dr. Steven P. Furr, '76, MD '81, Chair Pro Tempore, USA Board of Trustees; Lisa Furr; Jean Botti, Chief Technical Innovation Officer, Airbus Group; Dr. Julee Waldrop; and Dr. Tony Waldrop, President, University of South Alabama at the spring commencement ceremony. Mr. Botti was the keynote speaker.*



# Meet the Waldrops

## Looking South: What do you like most about the University of South Alabama?

**Dr. Tony Waldrop:** How welcoming the University community and the community as a whole is. On the trip home from the interview, Julee said, "That's the place for us." But it's not just University folks. The area wants to see South Alabama grow into an even better University.

## LS: What is the most common question you hear from alumni?

**Dr. Tony Waldrop:** "When are we getting a football stadium?" and "Where are we going from here?" They're all asking it in a way that's saying, "We want to get better, let's find a way to continue to improve."

## LS: What role do you see alumni playing in the University?

**Dr. Tony Waldrop:** They're our public relations folks, our ambassadors, telling people about the University of South Alabama. They're also helping us recruit. They're a group I can go to for advice. The more input you can get, the better off you are when leading a University. What better group to ask than one that has had the experience of being a student?

## LS: What do you do in your spare time?

**Dr. Tony Waldrop:** I love to kayak. If there's time, that's what I want to do. Since I live by a calendar most of the time, I like to have time to kayak without worrying about my next meeting. I like walking on the beach. I like seeing the birds and other wildlife. We especially enjoy Dauphin Island.

## LS: You had a shot at the Olympics and passed it up to focus on your education. Can you explain that decision?

**Dr. Tony Waldrop:** I had a chance to *try* to go to the Olympics, to *try* to qualify. Athletics is a great thing for many, many young men and women. It gives them the opportunity to go to college, it teaches them many life skills. I've realized there's not anything I do where I don't use the skills I learned as an athlete. I ended my competitive running career when I had done what I wanted to do, and I wanted to move on with the rest of my life. I really didn't know then that education would be such a big part of my life. It was an easy decision to make, but it was not an easy decision for other people to accept. I had maybe one moment of second thoughts. When the Olympic 1500 meter race was run, I was studying for a freshman chemistry class I had to take to get into graduate school. I watched the race, and realized the way the race was run would be perfect for my running style, went back upstairs, opened my book and went back to studying.

## LS: You have three degrees, and your wife has four degrees. Is education a priority for your family?

**Dr. Tony Waldrop:** I came from a blue-collar family and my brother and I always knew we were going to college because my parents knew the value of education. It's important for a family to have that perspective, and it's important for them to do everything they can to help the student be successful. We're big believers in a liberal arts education. It's about the whole person, not just a single discipline. Our oldest son has a bachelor's degree in philosophy and recently finished his master's at UAB in mathematics. Our youngest son has a degree in English. He moved to Austin, Texas, and had several part-time jobs while looking for a job. We encouraged him to go back

*The Waldrops explore their new community with regular early morning walks, accompanied by Krista, the family dog.*

to get a computer certification at the local community college. He did that and now he has a job he really enjoys.

## LS: Dr. Julee Waldrop, what are your plans?

**Dr. Julee Waldrop:** I started in June part-time at the Mobile County Health Department as a pediatric nurse practitioner, primarily seeing adolescents. The Health Department is committed to providing teenagers with information, support, resources and referrals to help them make better choices about their health, including those related to risky behaviors with potential long term consequences like pregnancy, drug use and sexually transmitted infections.

## LS: How do you see your role unfolding at USA?

**Dr. Julee Waldrop:** I'm a huge advocate for everything that has to do with the University. I'm doing lots of work to learn about the University and the community. As I get out and do that, I can find where my skill set might be most useful.

**Dr. Tony Waldrop:** It's the two of us together, it's not me. My last two positions, I only looked at them because she knew I was not completely happy. She's my biggest supporter and my harshest critic.

## LS: You're known for walking every morning. Is this a fitness regimen?

**Dr. Tony Waldrop:** Those early morning walks are about the only quality time we have. There are no distractions. I'm just getting out and clearing my mind. I'm not being rushed by the next thing I have to do. Julee doesn't consider that exercise; she works out after our walks.

**Dr. Julee Waldrop:** These are our daily dates. At the end of the day, we're tired, we don't think well, there are more people around. We've got Spring Hill down pretty good, and we're exploring Midtown. We try to walk for at least 45 minutes a day, and he walks really fast. I have to jog every once in a while to catch up.

## LS: What are your priorities?

**Dr. Julee Waldrop:** I see myself as a supporter of Tony. And I want to be a role model for health and wellness and personal commitment to things that satisfy you professionally. I hope young women can see how to be a supportive spouse and not have to give up your own dreams, even if you have to change them or find a different way to reach them.

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*Dr. Julee Waldrop received the Fellow Award from the American Association of Nurse Practitioners (AANP). The Fellow Award impacts national and global health by engaging recognized nurse practitioner leaders who make outstanding contributions to clinical practice, research, education, or policy to enhance the AANP mission.*







*Members of the Port City Chapter, including Dr. Tony Waldrop and his wife Julie, took part in the March of Dimes March for Babies.*

# J♥GUARSCARE

## spans the globe

Total number of projects	31
Chapters participating	21
Individual projects	9
International projects	3
Participants	174
Hours of service	782



*Members of the Port City Chapter assisted the Bay Area Food Bank with its community garden.*







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Jaguars from across the country and around the world came together for the first JaguarsCare National Day of Service to meet a single goal: make a difference in their communities. Held on April 26, 2014, alumni from Mobile to Mongolia, Houston to Haiti, and Los Angeles to Washington, D.C., took on a variety of projects, some big and some small, all under the name of the University of South Alabama.

Projects ranged from Earth Day Paint Recycling at Atlanta's Dunwoody Nature Center to a cleanup project at the USA Baldwin County Campus to clearing trails at Red Mountain Park in Birmingham. In Mobile, the Port City chapter took on a number of projects, including sorting food at the Bay Area Food Bank, installing new fencing at the Mobile Zoo and the March of Dimes March for Babies.

An overwhelming success, JaguarsCare will return in 2015. Interested? Check with your local alumni chapter or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 251.460.7084.



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1. The Washington, D.C., Chapter's project was part of Christmas in April, cleaning up and repairing a local home.
2. Members of the Athletic Department assisted the Port City Chapter in the Don't Drop it on Alabama Campus Clean-Up.
3. The School of Engineering students and alumni participated in a Habitat for Humanity project.
4. Students Today Alumni Tomorrow members helped box up food and supplies at the Bay Area Food Bank.
5. Peter Savill purchased groceries, made ten care packages and distributed them to the homeless in Glasgow, Scotland.



## J♥GUARSCARE Continued

6. Dr. Julee Waldrop assisted the Port City Chapter in a record-breaking morning at the Bay Area Food bank, processing 6,000 pounds of food.
7. Baldwin County Alumni Chapter members participated in a campus cleanup at the USA Baldwin County Campus.
8. The School of Computing prepared food for residents of Mobile's Ronald McDonald House.
9. Members of the Port City Chapter assisted the Bay Area Food Bank with its community garden.
10. Jalbuu Naimanjin collected second-hand clothing and canned foods, then delivered them to low-income households in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.
11. Alumni cleaned up the grounds of Government Street United Methodist Church in Mobile.
12. Jags helped paint the barn--not the peacocks--at the Mobile Zoo.
13. In Haiti, Savannah Swindle, RN, who graduated from South and works at USA Medical Center, helped patients at an impoverished area clinic.





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*Grant Enfinger celebrating his first of three in a row wins at the Daytona International Speedway in February 2014. Photo credit: AP.*

# Life in the **FAST LANE**

**F**airhope native and University of South Alabama alumnus Grant Enfinger '07 started racing at age 11. Fast forward 18 years and he has become the second driver in the Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) series' 62-year history to win the first three races of the year. The last driver to accomplish the same feat did so in 1970. Pulling off a win at this level isn't easy, much less three in a row to start the season, and Enfinger and his team are excited for their future.

His first big league win came last year right here in Mobile at the ARCA Mobile 200, and he was able to repeat the performance again this year at his home track. In addition to taking the checkered flag

again at Mobile in 2014, Enfinger was awarded the key to the City of Fairhope in the company of friends and family. This honor came on the heels of his season opening win at Daytona, the highlight of his career to date, and since then, all eyes have been on him. Not only has he become a hometown hero, but he is also garnering a great deal of attention throughout the racing world. In addition to winning three races back-to-back, Enfinger has had top ten finishes in nine of the ten ARCA races this year. With half the racing season still to go, he is off to a great start, to say the least.

Aside from making history on the race track, graduating from USA's Mitchell College of Business in 2007 is a significant achievement for Enfinger. He is especially proud of his Marketing degree from USA and has put it to

great use during his career. "So much of racing is marketing," he said. Whether he's in meetings or out trying to land corporate sponsors, Enfinger said his education and business knowledge give him an advantage. "Being in a field where not a lot of other drivers can say they have a four-year degree definitely sets me apart," he added.

"I started racing when I was 11," said Enfinger. "It's been something I've always done, in some form or fashion." Racing was a constant during his time here at USA as well. For Enfinger, undergraduate life was a balancing act between work, racing, and academics...even having to miss class occasionally



*Grant Enfinger grabs his second straight ARCA Mobile 200 win at his hometown track in March 2014.*

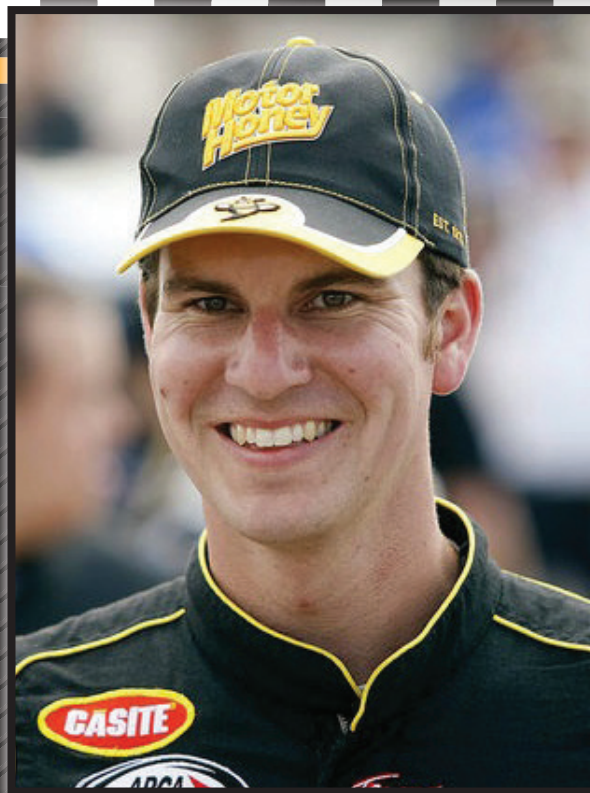




for a race. When asked what classes or professors made an impression on him during his academic career, he said that while he enjoyed most all his business classes, Business Law with Judge Don Banks was his favorite. He credits some of that interest to the fact that he comes from a family of attorneys. "Both my father and sister are lawyers," he said. Outside the classroom, Enfinger has fond memories from his time spent at South. When prompted to share some funny stories during an interview, he jokes he has plenty, but "probably not many you can print."

Enfinger tries to make it back to Fairhope six to eight times a year to visit family and friends, but with races nearly every weekend throughout the 2014 season, this may prove to be a little more difficult this year. After an overall successful 2013 season that ended with a disappointing last race, Enfinger and his team are hoping for more wins and a chance to compete for a championship in 2014. With four history-making wins already under their belt so far, they're on the right track.

*Written by Marie Fox, membership specialist in the Office of Alumni Relations.*



*Grant Enfinger '07 grew up in Fairhope, Ala., and has been racing since he was 11 years old.*

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# EYE

**“Before I got involved, I thought you gave the money and that was the end of it. That’s not how I look at it now. It’s an investment in people, an investment in your community that comes back to you.”**

**- Linda Marx**

After returning from Iraq in 2010, Angie Tripp made the bold decision to leave the Army to pursue a new career. After nine years serving as a criminal investigator and three tours of duty in Iraq, she applied her GI Bill benefits toward a degree in history and philosophy at the University of South Alabama. But the GI Bill didn’t quite cover everything. Some of the classes she needed to pursue her desired degree program weren’t courses covered by the federal program.

Thanks to the Julius and Jean Marx Scholarship in Philosophy set up 14 years ago by Linda and Julien Marx, Tripp has been able to pursue her dream without financial hardship, with plans to one day teach at the university level.

Linda Marx met Tripp recently, in the Marx Group Study Room on the third floor of the Marx Library at the University of South Alabama.

“It’s nice to meet the people and find out what they’re doing with it, how it’s helped them, and to encourage other people to set up scholarships in what they’re interested in,” said Marx.

The Marx family has a long association with the University. In addition to the

philosophy scholarship, it is also responsible for the Marx Endowed Scholarship in Philosophy-Pinebrook Scholars and the Robert Snell Endowed Scholarship in Art.

Last year, the University’s Board of Trustees voted to name the University library in honor of the Marx family in recognition of a \$3 million pledge from the Julien E. Marx Foundation Trust. It will support the facility, as well as renovate the third floor to house the Doy Leale McCall Rare Book and Manuscript Library. The Marx family donated a number of significant archival materials, including the Julius E. Marx Photographic Collection, also supported through an endowment. In total, the Marx family’s gifts to the University total nearly \$4 million.

But for Tripp, the most important factor of the Marx family’s generosity is that it allows her flexibility to take the classes she needs. “People assume the G.I. Bill covers everything, you’re set,” she said. Actually, it covers a defined set of courses, with little deviation allowed. The Marx Philosophy Scholarship allowed Tripp to take an

important class in her field of study, Survey of Mythology, which she would otherwise have had to pay for out of her own pocket. Tripp, who describes herself as “picky about her education,” wants to take specific classes to enhance and broaden her knowledge.

Initially, Tripp was drawn to USA for its history and anthropology programs, but then met Dr. Rebecca Williams who teaches a course on Islamic cultures, and found her niche. She recently took part in an Arabic immersion program in California. “I can now read Arabic, which will be helpful, because when I graduate, I want to apply to grad school,” said Tripp.

For Tripp, knowing people support the liberal arts and dreams like hers is important. “Any type of academic merit will stand out on your CV,” Tripp explained, noting a curriculum vitae is a requirement for graduate school, detailing the applicant’s academic career and achievements. Being able to include a scholarship of this type on her CV will make Tripp more competitive in the graduate school application process. “And I appreciate it very much,” she said.

Marx described her background as working class, and said growing up, donations were limited to church. For her, philanthropy is a relatively recent undertaking. “My husband’s family introduced me to philanthropy,” she explained. “Before I got involved, I thought you gave the money and that was the end



*At the meeting, Marx thanked Tripp for her military service, and related stories of her father sheltering in foxholes in World War II.*





Linda Marx said her late husband, Julien, who enjoyed a successful real estate career, had a passion for photography. “He knew he couldn’t make a living at it, but he encouraged other people to pursue their dreams of writing or art or philosophy,” Marx said.

of it. That’s not how I look at it now. It’s an investment in people, an investment in your community that comes back to you.”

The Marxes set up one of the scholarships to honor a former employee. “It’s a nice way to remember people that have passed on and something other people can benefit from,” she said. “That stems from the Jewish religion. They emphasize education. Knowledge is power.”

Tripp isn’t the only person benefitting from the Marx Scholarship—Marx is as well. “You do feel good,” said Marx. “That’s why people do things for other people. But it’s the type of giving: that it’s not per se charity as it is investing. In the long run, they give back a lot more than you give them, and it encourages them to do the same thing: allow people to follow their dreams.”

Investment is a much more realistic description, agrees Tripp. “For people that receive it, it means a lot because nobody

wants to be seen as a charity case,” she said. “It means more than that. They believed in us and what we want to do, (enough) to go out of their way to help us pursue what we want to do.”

Marx applauded the University’s Development Office for its work with donors to achieve their philanthropic goals and make an impact in the lives of USA’s students. “You don’t have to be a millionaire to set up a scholarship,” she said. “Be thankful for what you have and do something with it.”

In that light, Tripp sees the situation coming full circle with her plan to work in higher education. “We’re all connected,” she said. “I hope I will be a successful enough professor that I can give something back. It would be nice to be able to start something up like that in the future if I am able. It is very important.”

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### Benefits Undergrad Scholarships

Thanks to a generous gift from Abraham Mitchell, scholarship money is on the rise at the University of South Alabama. At the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration, Mitchell announced a gift of \$50 million to the school. Of that gift, half will benefit the Mitchell College of Business. The remaining \$25 million is a matching gift challenge for undergraduate scholarships. Known as the Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative, the campaign has the potential to touch the lives of thousands of students.

Gifts to the Marx Scholarship and more than 200 others are eligible to receive matching funds from the Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative. For a complete list or more information on starting your own scholarship, please visit <http://www.southalabama.edu/development/mmsi.htm>.





# Where Jag Alumni Hang Out!

Join us at Jaguar Junction for food, fun, spirit, live music and camaraderie as we cheer for our Jags at all six home games this season, beginning with the first game on Sept. 13: our very first home SEC matchup against the Mississippi State Bulldogs. Jaguar Junction is open to all dues-paying members of the National Alumni Association and their guests. We're located in Ladd-Peebles Stadium's south parking lot and you can't miss us – we're the largest tent out there! We hope you will meet us at the Junction this football season!

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**Time: 7:00 PM**

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**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

Friday	Saturday
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SATURDAY

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KENT STATE



SATURDAY

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SATURDAY

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## Weather Updates ... Jag Style

When students return to campus this fall, they will find a new way to get their daily weather updates. The USA AtmosCenter is a student-run weather broadcast system sponsored by the USA Coastal Weather Research Center. The AtmosCenter provides weather broadcasts to students, faculty and staff with an emphasis on the possibility of severe weather affecting campus events. These aspiring meteorologists deliver weather forecasts Monday through Friday to USA students and the USA community via Jag-TV and the USA web site. The broadcasts allow students the opportunity to sharpen their television skills so they are better prepared for employment upon graduation. "This is a great opportunity for our meteorology students to gain camera experience, and at the same time provide a service to the USA community," said Dr. Bill Williams, director of the Coastal Weather Research Center.

The program had a test run in April 2014 and will resume in August with the new academic year. Students participating are either Meteorology majors or Communications majors with a minor in Meteorology. Participants must be juniors or seniors and have completed several meteorology courses.

Single telecasts are prepared Monday through Friday during the fall and spring semesters and will average three minutes in length.

AtmosCenter broadcasts have been made possible due in large part to the state-of-the-art broadcast equipment provided by Baron Services, an Alabama-based radar and television

graphics company. Baron chose the University of South Alabama Coastal Weather Research Center as the first in the nation to utilize its high tech broadcast products, thus allowing for the creation of the first USA Student Broadcast Team. The program also received funding from the University of South Alabama National Alumni Association, the Department of Communications and the Department of Earth Sciences.

The mission of Coastal Weather Research Center is to protect Gulf Coast residents and the business community from loss of life, injuries and financial disaster due to adverse weather.

The Weather Center's information service is self-supporting and a unique operation for a university. Utilizing the latest in radar and satellite data, the Weather Center provides forecasts, warnings and special weather information to businesses, industries and municipal governments in nine states.

Participants pay an annual fee based on the type of service provided. The Weather Center's computer network operates 24 hours a day providing an array of forecasts, warnings, special statements and climatological data.



Thomas Battle '14, Katlin Crooks '14, Jesse Kelley, Robyn King '14 and Patrick Bigbie make up the first USA Weather Broadcast team.

### USA Meteorology graduates currently employed in TV weather include:

Chris Franklin '04, WVUE, New Orleans, La.  
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 Rachael Penton '11, WVLA, Baton Rouge, La.  
 Robert Gauthreaux '11, WBRZ, Baton Rouge, La.  
 Ryan Mahan '08, WXXV, Gulfport, Miss.  
 Wesley Williams '10, KTVE, Monroe, La.  
 Clinton Bourgeois '11, WGXA, Macon, Ga.  
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STRENGTH IN NUMBERS







## Jags Named Champions!



The Jaguar soccer team, with a 1-0 upset of top-seeded Western Kentucky, earned the school's first Sun Belt Conference tournament championship and NCAA Tournament berth.



## Jags finish in top 25 in national polls

For the third straight season, the University of South Alabama softball team broke the 40-win mark and earned the right to play in the NCAA Tournament. The team finished second in the Sun Belt Conference regular season after compiling a 15-6 league record, then earned an at-large bid to the 2014 NCAA Tuscaloosa Regional.

The program finished the year 21<sup>st</sup> in the national polls, never falling out of the top 25. The team recorded six wins over top-25 opponents this year, while ten of its 14 losses came to teams that competed in the NCAA Tournament. South Alabama was 16-2 this year at the recently renovated Jaguar Field.

Five Jaguars earned all-SBC honors, including first-teamers Hannah Campbell, Farish Beard, Chloe Rathburn, Stephanie Pilkington and second-team honoree Blair Johnson. Campbell and Beard were also named All-South Region by the National Fastpitch Coaches Association, with Campbell later earning All-American honors for the second time in her career. She is now with the Akron Racers of National Pro Fastpitch.

## USA earns second place in Bubas Cup standings

The Jaguars claimed a second place finish in the final Vic Bubas Cup standings, its best result since claiming the Sun Belt Conference's all-sports trophy in 1999-2000. USA has claimed the Bubas Cup on a league-record ten occasions, including four consecutive years from 1990-1991 to 1993-1994.

The league sponsors 17 sports annually, and last year USA finished in the top half of 12. The men's and women's cross country, indoor and outdoor track and field programs accounted for half. The men's and women's tennis teams, as well as the men's golf squad all placed second at their conference championships, with the women's golf squad coming in at third. The volleyball team set a school record with nine conference victories.



In addition to recording its highest finish in the Bubas Cup competition in more than ten years, the program's 66 student-athletes earning all-league honors were the most since 68 players picked up all-SBC recognition in 2005-2006. Michael Garretson and Daniel Leitner were named the league's Player of the Year in golf and tennis, while Lauren Allison (soccer), Mechell Daniel (volleyball), Nichole Durham (cross country) and Michael Pienaar (men's outdoor track) were chosen Freshman of the Year in each of their sports.





# Jags Take the Field

A challenging schedule awaits USA this fall, with the Sun Belt Conference schedule featuring back-to-back trips with league co-champions Louisiana-Lafayette and Arkansas State to open November. The season opens at Kent State on Sept. 6. The Jaguars take on a pair of Southeastern Conference opponents for the first time, playing host to Mississippi State on Sept. 13 in a national-broadcast game on ESPN News, as well as a trip to South Carolina, which finished in the top five in the final polls. The Jags host Georgia State for Homecoming Weekend and take on Troy on Oct. 24 at a home game broadcast nationally on ESPNU. The year ends with a match-up against Navy on Nov. 28.

Last season's 6-6 record tied the Jags for third in the final Sun Belt Conference standings, and earned Head Coach Joey Jones Coach of the Year accolades. The Jaguars return 45 letterwinners from last year's squad, including 15 starters highlighted by a quintet of all-conference honorees on the offensive side of the ball: Tight End Wes Saxton, Wide Receiver Shavarez Smith and Linemen Chris May and Ucambre Williams. Jay Jones was an honorable choice mention.

Back offensively for the Jags are Wide Receivers Jeremé Jones, Danny Woodson II and T. J. Glover, Tight End Rush Hendricks, Running Backs Kendall Houston and Terrance Timmons and Linemen Drew Dearman, Daniel Aust, Steven Foster, Clay Machen and Joseph Scelfo.

Brandon Bridge is slated to quarterback the team. The receiving corps adds Alabama transfers Marvin Shinn and Josh Magee and junior college All-American Tight End Braedon Bowman.

USA ranked second in the league and total defense last year, limiting the opposition to just 277 yards and 13 points per outing during the season-ending three game winning streak.



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# A Kickoff Year

## From Service to Football to International Chapters



NAA Executive Director Karen Edwards, right, and NAA Associate Director Nick Lawkis greeted alumni at Alumni Hall for the 2013 homecoming weekend festivities.

### Greetings!

I would like to begin by thanking all of you who participated in our inaugural **J♥GUARSCARE** National Day of Service on April 26<sup>th</sup>. As part of the Association's strategic plan, the Board of Directors sought to develop a way for Jaguars to give back, no matter where they are, together on the same day – all on behalf of the University of South Alabama. As a result of their vision, **J♥GUARSCARE** was born. On this special day, we had approximately 30 service projects, both nationally and internationally, 200 volunteers and just under 800 service hours performed. The support for this first-ever program was just phenomenal and we couldn't be more proud! Please mark your calendars for next year's Day of Service on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

In just a few weeks our Jaguar football team will take the field kicking off the 2014 season. Join us in **Jaguar Junction**, our pre-game alumni hospitality tent, on Saturday, Sept. 13, for the first home football game of the season – our long-awaited home Sun Belt/SEC matchup against the Mississippi State Bulldogs. It's finally here! And for those of you who like to follow the Jags on the road, our

**Runnin' with the Jags** travel program kicks off on Saturday, September 6, as the Jags take on the Kent State Golden Flashes at Dix Stadium in Kent, Ohio. For more information visit our web site at [www.southalabama.edu/alumni](http://www.southalabama.edu/alumni).

Also in this edition you will read about our very first international alumni chapters. We are pleased to welcome our new chapters in Dhaka, Bangladesh, and Hyderabad, India, to the Jaguar family. Jag Nation is officially global!

I would like to thank the outgoing president of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors, Ann Sirmon '87. Ann has attended countless events, participated on numerous boards and committees, and worked tirelessly on your behalf as the voice of our more than 69,000 alumni. We are very fortunate to have had a leader with her vision, commitment and professionalism, along with a dedicated and passionate Board of Directors, at the helm this past year!

In closing, I invite you to get involved – be a part of your University! Attend a chapter event in your city, help recruit new students from your area, establish a scholarship as part of the Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative, be a part of your college's alumni society and JOIN THE NATIONAL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION!

Go Jags!

Karen Webster Edwards '80  
Executive Director, National Alumni Association



Members of the National Alumni Association Board of Directors (left to right), Ray Kennedy, Ann Sirmon, Holle Briskman, Christi Mossburg, Karen Edwards, Jeb Shell, Doug Whitmore, Tony Kennon, Monica Garsed, Patrick Dungan, Larry Foster, Mike Diehl, Ron Jenkins, Hugh Keating, Bobby Percy, Hank Wells and Mark Hoffman gather in front of the Mitchell Center following their March meeting.





# CHAPTER NOTES



*Dhaka, Bangladesh, is the University's first international alumni chapter.*



*Alumni gather in St. Louis.*



*Birmingham alumni meet for an after-hours reception.*



*Executive Director of Governmental Relations Happy Fulford visiting with alumni in Washington, D.C.*



*The Port City Chapter Takeover Tuesday at Montego's.*



*Baldwin County alumni enjoyed Meet the Coaches at Tacky Jacks.*

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# Legislative Update

with Happy Fulford '73, MEd '91, USA's Executive Director of Governmental Relations

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES AMENDED

In an effort to broaden the geographic representation on USA's Board of Trustees, Board leaders recently sought and received legislative approval to amend the University's section in the Code of Alabama dealing with Board membership. During the 2014 Regular Session of the Alabama Legislature that ended in April, House Speaker Pro Tempore Victor Gaston MA '70 and Senator Rusty Glover '89, MA '97, MEd '99 introduced companion bills in each Chamber to address the geographic realignment. The legislation passed quickly and the amended Code section became effective June 1, 2014. The legislation also changed the length of Board member terms from 12 years to six years, although trustees may be reappointed for additional terms.

The expanded geographic area from which the Governor can appoint members to the Board of Trustees will be phased in over the next six years. Ultimately, the 16 member board will be selected from the following areas: three members from Mobile County, five members from the state at large, two members from the United States at large, and one member from each of the following state senatorial districts, or combinations thereof, as those districts existed in 1963: (1) 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> districts, comprising Monroe

and Wilcox counties, and Butler, Conecuh, and Covington counties, respectively; (2) 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> districts, comprising Choctaw, Clarke, and Washington counties, and Marengo and Sumter counties, respectively; (3) 21<sup>st</sup> district, comprising Baldwin and Escambia counties; (4) 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> districts, comprising Dale and Geneva counties, Coffee and Crenshaw counties, and Dallas and Lowndes counties, respectively; and the (5) 35<sup>th</sup> district, comprising Henry and Houston counties. The Governor serves as an ex officio member.

The geographic realignment did not create additional positions on the Board but it did reduce the number of county-specific districts, allowing for the creation of two United States at-large positions and two more districts from the state at-large. Previously, potential Trustees had to live in districts south of Montgomery except for three state at-large positions.



Attending the bill-signing ceremony with Governor Bentley from left to right: USA Board Chair Pro Tempore Dr. Steve Furr; Alabama House of Representatives Speaker Pro Tempore Victor Gaston; John Smith, Acting University President at the time of the bill signing and current Vice President for Student Affairs and Special Assistant to the President; Senator Rusty Glover; and Happy Fulford, USA Executive Director for Governmental Relations.

## INTRODUCING USA'S NEW TRUSTEES



Chandra Brown Stewart



Robert D. "Ron" Jenkins III



William S. "Sandy" Stimpson



Michael Paul Windom

Gov. Robert Bentley has appointed four new members to the University of South Alabama Board of Trustees:

- Chandra Brown Stewart of Mobile, executive director of Lifelines Counseling Services
- Robert "Ron" D. Jenkins III of Tucson, Ariz., director, business development, Raytheon Missile Systems
- William S. "Sandy" Stimpson of Mobile, mayor of the city of Mobile
- Michael P. Windom of Mobile, owner of Windom Law, LLC, a civil trial practice firm.

*\*Reappointed to the Board by Gov. Bentley were Bryant Mixon of Geneva, Ala., retired sheriff of Dale County, Ala., and Kenneth O. Simon of Birmingham, attorney and partner with Christian & Small, LLP.*



# Make USA a Part of Your Success



*"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has" - Margaret Mead*

The word **service**... what does it mean to you? The dictionary's definition of service is the action of helping or doing work for someone. **Service** synonyms: favor, kindness, good turn, helping hand.

The act of **service** is something that I try to incorporate into some part of my life on a daily basis. In March, the USA National Alumni Association held its Distinguished Alumni and Service Awards event. One of our Distinguished Service Award winners, Dr. Charles Rodning, gave what I believe to be the best description to date of the act of **service**. It was truly inspirational. He describes service as something that all of mankind should do and is the debt we owe the universe. It is a part of our being.

He shared that there are two types of **service**:

1. Active – is doing and willfully helping others
2. Contemplation – reflection and preparation of helping others

Additionally, he went on to share that in order to bring life to the word **service**, there must be a true balance between the two types **service**, active and contemplation, in order to serve others. I totally agree with Dr. Rodning. We must reflect, prepare and lend a helping hand in service to others. It does make a difference!

So, I invite each of you to think and then act on ways to be of **service** to and through the USA National Alumni Association:

- Be a member of the USA National Alumni Association (USA NAA)
- Attend USA NAA Events and athletic events
- Start/Pursue a leadership role within your local chapter
- Financially support the Mitchell–Moulton Scholarship Fund
- Volunteer during JaguarsCare Day



Get involved! Action + Reflection = Being of **Service**! It will do your heart good and at the same time help make the University of South Alabama and the National Alumni Association better than the way you found it.

All my best,  
Ann Forbes Sirmon '87  
President, USA National Alumni Association





# Jaguar Journeys 2015 Tours

The University of South Alabama National Alumni Association is proud to offer its newest alumni benefit – Jaguar Journeys alumni travel! Exclusive to our alumni and friends, these unique travel programs offer exciting opportunities to explore the globe in ways that connect you as a traveler to the people, places and cultures of your destination. From exotic locales in distant lands to in-depth journeys in more familiar destinations, you will find an expansive variety of programs and educational opportunities, along with first-class accommodations featuring exceptional service and cuisine, all at affordable prices. We invite you to explore your world as a Jaguar Journeys traveler.

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## COASTAL ALASKA – OCEANIA CRUISES

### *Seattle to Seattle (7 nights)*

Date: July 7–14, 2015, aboard Oceania Cruises *Regatta*

Price: From \$2,299 per person, double occupancy (Airfare included from select cities)

Travel to a place of stunning landscapes and unspoiled wilderness, a place where nature reigns supreme—amazing Alaska. Let the rugged beauty of America's last frontier captivate you as you cruise along its shores aboard Oceania Cruises *Regatta*, a state-of-the-art haven of elegance. Depart from Seattle and sail through the Inside Passage along Canada's scenic coast to the small wilderness outpost of Ketchikan, once known as the "Salmon Capital of the World," and the ancestral home of the Tlingit people. Continue cruising through Tracy Arm, a breathtaking fjord whose pristine waters reflect its ice-blue tidewater glaciers and soaring granite cliffs. Stop in one of Alaska's oldest towns, Wrangell, where hints of past settlers—Tlingit, Russian and British—are reflected in its structures. Cruise south through the open blue waters of the Pacific to Canada and the spectacular port city of Prince Rupert, where ancient native culture and pioneer heritage spring to life, before returning to Seattle. Savor the majestic beauty of ancient glaciers, soaring mountains and pristine coasts on this remarkable Alaskan voyage.



## EUROPEAN HIDEAWAYS – OCEANIA CRUISES

### *Barcelona to Rome (7 nights)*

Date: October 22-30, 2015, aboard Oceania Cruises *Riviera*

Price: From \$2,299 per person, double occupancy (Airfare included from select cities)

From quaint villages fringed by sparkling blue seas to cosmopolitan cities graced with enchanting architecture, experience classic European destinations as you cruise aboard the graceful Oceania Cruises *Riviera* to Spain, France, Monaco and Italy. Depart Barcelona for the glorious island of Mallorca and the lovely city of Palma. Marvel at its massive Gothic cathedral and circular castle overlooking the harbor, relax amid the windmill-dotted countryside or stroll the cobbled streets of Old Palma. Next, take in the colorful French city of Marseille or explore the rich Provençal countryside dotted with quaint villages and medieval towns. Then stop in glamorous Monte Carlo, a small, affluent enclave famous for its casino and its stunning locale on the Riviera's winding Grand Corniche. Sail to Italy and visit the fishing village turned resort town, Portofino, a modern playground of villas and yachts, and see the charming cliffside villages of Italy's renowned Cinque Terre. Explore the magnificent Renaissance museums and architecture of legendary Florence, stand before Pisa's famous Leaning Tower or admire the picturesque rolling hills of Tuscany, before disembarking in Civitavecchia, the port of Rome.



For more information on Jaguar Journeys, please visit our web site at [www.southalabama.edu/alumni](http://www.southalabama.edu/alumni) or contact the Office of Alumni Relations at 251.460.7084.



# Making Money Out of Mud

The Southerner's 2014 Oozeball Tournament was a tremendous success. The students raised \$4,000 through event sponsorships, and plan to fund the Carol and Steve Kittrell Scholarship for Southerners. Through the Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative match, the Southerners' \$4,000 contribution will have double the impact. The student group plans to make a \$20,000 pledge to the scholarships fund to be paid over the next five years.



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# The University of South Alabama National Alumni Association

## 2014 Distinguished Alumni and Service Award Recipients



*This year's Distinguished Alumni and Service Award recipients shown in the photo above were Robert "Bobby" and Gerry Marks, '71 and '73, '88, Jet Services, Inc. of Mobile; Dr. Charles Rodning, Professor of Surgery, USA College of Medicine, and Mary Elizabeth Rodning, Internationally Recognized Artist of Sumi-e, Origami and Calligraphy; Dr. Steven P. Furr, '76, MD '81, Family Physician and Chair Pro Tempore, USA Board of Trustees; and Julian MacQueen, '73, Entrepreneur and CEO, Innisfree, Inc.*

### DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD

Laura Cayouette MA '88, Author and Actress

Dr. Steven P. Furr, '76, MD '81, Family Physician and  
Chair Pro Tempore, USA Board of Trustees

Julian MacQueen, '73, Entrepreneur and CEO, Innisfree, Inc.

Dr. Marshall Porterfield, '93, Division Director, NASA

### DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

Robert "Bobby" Marks, '71 and Gerry Marks, '73, '88,  
Jet Services, Inc. of Mobile

Dr. Charles Rodning, Professor of Surgery, USA College  
of Medicine, and Mary Elizabeth Rodning, Internationally  
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# Take the Money and RUN!

USA Student group creates \$20,000 endowment from a 5K run through the Mitchell Moulton Initiative!

Students Today Alumni Tomorrow (STAT) is the official Student Alumni Association for the University of South Alabama and is designed to bridge the gap between students and alumni. Thanks to six years of its annual fundraiser, JAG RUN, this year STAT was able to create the first STAT Scholarship Endowment. The officers of STAT (Pictured above from left to right: Philip Berryhill, Treasurer; Rachel Granger, Vice President; Kerri Malicoat, Membership; Sam Otzenberger, President) met this spring and officially signed the STAT Scholarship Endowment. STAT raised a total of \$10,000, and with the match from the Mitchell-Moulton Scholarship Initiative, the organization will have a fully endowed \$20,000 scholarship. The organization will award its first \$1,000 tuition waiver scholarship beginning in 2015!



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**1969**

 In January 2014, Ric Hunter published the historical fiction novel *Firehammer* about the last year of the Vietnam war and the employment of the F-4 Phantom jet fighter in the last battle of the war.


**1974**

 Ron Jenkins, director of Business Development for Raytheon Missile Systems' Naval and Area Defense product line, was presented with the Special Recognition Award during this year's Surface Navy Association Annual Symposium. The Special Recognition Award is the association's highest honor. Jenkins is a member of the University's Board of Trustees and the National Alumni Association Board of Directors.



Ron Jenkins

**1975**

 Dr. Leona Onderdonk Rowan has been promoted to the rank of full professor at Spring Hill College in Mobile, Ala.

**1976**

 The Honorable Ken Simon was featured in the January/February edition of *Profiles in Diversity Journal's* Legacy of Leadership series. Simon is a partner with Christian and Small, LLP, in Birmingham and Vice Chair of the University's Board of Trustees.



Ken Simon


**1983**

 Suzanne Smithweck Inzina was recently appointed by Florida Governor Rick Scott to the Florida Board of Veterinary Medicine. She will serve as one of the consumer members for a three-year term. The board oversees licensing and regulation of veterinarians in Florida.


**1988**

Sharon Cole has been promoted to the rank of colonel in the United States Army and is currently stationed at Shaw Air Force Base.


**1989**

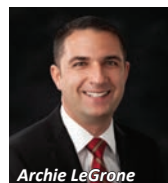
 Les Pendleton has been named CFO of Starnes Davis Florie, LLP. Les and his wife, Eva, are both former Southerners and reside in Birmingham, Ala.

**1993**

 Christie Miree was recently promoted to vice president and regional chief information officer of Georgia Power, a Southern Company.

**1999**

 Archie LeGrone has earned the Distinguished Certified Financial Planner (CFP) designation.




Archie LeGrone


**2007**

Jeremy Necaie of Kiln, Miss., received an award from the Mississippi College School of Law during its annual Law Day ceremony. Necaie was the recipient of the Marie Upton Scholarship Award.

**2008**

 Marc Ambrose (MBA '10) was promoted in September 2013 to front office manager at the Ponte Vedra Inn & Club, a AAA 5 Diamond Resort in Ponte Vedra Beach, Fla.

**2009**

 Eric Haynes CPA, CGMA, a staff accountant with Wilkins Miller Hieronymus, has been awarded the Chartered Global Management Accountant (CGMA) designation from the American Institute of CPA's (AICPA) and the Chartered Institute of Management Accountants (CIMA).



Travis Stephen Roth, MD, will join an orthopaedic surgery residency with Orlando Health System, Orlando, Fla.

**2010**


Rex Monroe Holliday, MD, a member of Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society, accepted a residency in diagnostic radiology at the Mayo School of Graduate Medical Education in Jacksonville, Fla.

Shruti Puri, MD, will start an internal medicine residency at UPMC Presbyterian Shadyside Hospital, Pittsburgh, Penn.

Dustin W. Marmalich, MD, accepted a psychiatry residency with the University of South Alabama Hospital System in Mobile, Ala.

Osman Irfan Hashmi, MD, accepted a general surgery residency with the University of South Alabama Hospital System in Mobile, Ala.

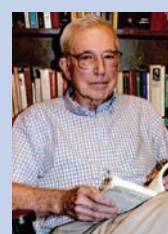
**2011**

 Kimberly N. Proctor-Lawkis (MPA '13) has joined the Bay Area Food Bank in Mobile, Ala., as Manager of Child Nutrition Programs.

NM Zehnder Communications has hired James Brennan (MS) as research and analytics strategist.

## In Memoriam

James Haschal Hendrick, 1968  
Emma T. Hughes, 1969  
Elaine Marie Duke, 1970  
Beverly Finklea, 1971  
Col. William Edward Callender, Sr., 1972  
Virginia Dart, 1972  
Lily Sun Keyser, 1972  
Robert L. "Bobby" Nelson, 1972, MEd 1979  
Cleo Andrews, 1973  
Johnnie May Jemison Parker, 1973  
David Jackson Webb, 1973  
Marie Virginia Johnson, 1975  
Sylvia Warrick Spann, 1975  
Dora Nelle Pitts Wood, 1975  
Edward A. Collier, Jr., 1976  
Woodie Steven Knight, 1976  
Margaret Nixon, 1976  
Kenneth David Cantwell, 1978  
Jarvis "Butch" E. Umbarger, Jr., 1978  
Dr. John "Mac" Allgood, 1982  
Ruby Jean Thomas Carrington, 1982  
Darlene Miller Hudson, 1982  
Audrey Elizabeth Vines Wilhelm Buttell, 1983  
Shirley Quinn, 1983  
William Joseph Firth III, PhD 1984, MD 1987  
Merdis Wright, 1985  
Cheryl M. Courtney, 1988  
Denise Michelle Hughes Carlton, 1989  
Hattie Rocker, 1992  
Dr. Clifford N. Lowe, 1995  
Curtis Fleming Cole, Jr., 1997  
David Edward Sweatt, 2001, MSCIS 2006  
John Michael Gwin, 2004  
Brittany Marie Huber, 2011  
Brian A. Wynn, 2012  
Julia Marietta Bolton, 2013



The University of South Alabama is saddened to report the death of Dr. Seaborn Lowrey "Larry" Varnado III, professor emeritus in English from 1967 to 1990. Dr. Varnado is survived by his wife of

55 years, Mary, and six children, all of whom attended the University of South Alabama.

## Baby Jags

Grace Denise Stacy was born on May 15, 2013, to Irven B. Stacy '97.

Grace Denise Stacy



Carly Dean Butterfield was born on May 21, 2013, to Venetia Allison Butterfield '07.

Carly Dean Butterfield



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# WHERE IN THE WORLD IS SOUTHPAW?



SouthPaw visited the Tian Tan Buddah in Hong Kong with Phillip Boyer '99, who currently serves in the U.S. Navy as the USS George Washington's Ship's Nurse.



Tom '79 and Cynthia '79 Howie spent two weeks in February in Nyahururu, Kenya, delivering supplies and visiting with 19 orphan girls at the Little Drops Foundation. The Howies spent the six months before their visit raising money, with help from Warrington United Methodist Church in Pensacola, Fla., to build a chapel, add bathrooms, and buy clothes and other necessities for the compound. Griff Howie, a South Guide at USA, and other South Guide students and staff contributed more than \$500 to purchase a cow to supply milk for the orphanage.



Ellen Royal, Kevin Royal and Tim Murray, all College of Medicine '94, hung out with SouthPaw at the 20 year medical school reunion in Orange Beach in June 2014.



SouthPaw joined Trent Wilkerson '13 on a recent mission trip to Belize!



SouthPaw hopped the pond to visit the Eiffel Tower along with Patsy Kennedy '96, Carol Denny, and Mark Hoffman '75.



SouthPaw is making his rounds and checking USA's servers along with Daniel Day '93, Associate Manager of USA's Student Information Systems.



Nick Lawkis '09, MPA '11, Associate Director of Alumni Relations, hands off SouthPaw to Brenda Hinson '86, MS '92, as she prepared to travel to India to recruit students. While there, Brenda and SouthPaw helped establish one of our new international chapters.



Randall Meyer '12 and SouthPaw loaded up the wagon and headed west to Seattle to check out the Space Needle.



Dr. Julee Waldrop and SouthPaw checked out the beautiful waters and beaches of Colony Key, Fla.

Take a photo of your SouthPaw and e-mail the photo, your name and the photo to [alumni@southalabama.edu](mailto:alumni@southalabama.edu). We will post it on the alumni website and you just might see it in a future issue of Looking South.

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