



# UWA GrantCents

## Summer Accomplishments

### **Dr. Tina Jones, Dean of Community Outreach**

#### ***Byways, Department of Transportation***

The Alabama Black Belt Nature and Heritage Trail (BBNHT) follows approximately 210 miles of U.S. 80 through Alabama, from the Mississippi state line to the Georgia state line. It passes through eight Alabama Black Belt counties (Macon, Montgomery, Lowndes, Dallas Perry, Marengo, Hale and Sumter). The project area for the Black Belt Nature and Heritage Trail scenic byway is 13 counties, which include the additional counties of Bullock, Wilcox, Choctaw, Greene, and Pickens. It was designated an Alabama Scenic Byway in 2007. This project benefits travelers through an interpretive plan designed to educate visitors on the cultural, historical, and natural sites of the Black Belt. Projects will allow visitors to experience the Black Belt by walking the Edmund Pettus Bridge, visiting Gee's Bend quilters, marveling at Native American wonders, tasting local Southern cuisine, and wandering antebellum plantations, while enjoying available recreational activities.

***Black Belt Nature & Heritage Trail, Federal Highway Administration .....\$340,000***

#### ***Partners in the Field***

Notification has been received for funding of the Partners in the Field grant application. The grant will provide funds for Historic Preservation, the original Green Initiative facilitated through the Alabama Trust for Historic Preservation. ***National Trust for Historic Preservation.....\$82,000***

#### ***Black Belt Garden Classroom***

The Center for the Study of the Black Belt received funding from Tombigbee RC&D to provide footings for the Campbell-Strickland Home. The project will enhance the Black Belt Garden Classroom.

***Tombigbee Resource Conservation & Development.....\$5,700***

### **Dr. Alan Brown**

#### ***Story of Alabama Roots Music***

Dr. Alan Brown has received funding through AHF for the study of the roots music that evolved from Alabama's diverse cultural groups. ***Alabama Humanities Foundation .....\$5,000***

### **Amy Jones**

#### ***Career Preparation Workshop***

Amy Jones received funding for a workshop given for journalism students to assist them in the preparation of individual portfolios, resumes, and interviews.

Great first effort, Amy! ***Alabama Press Association Journalism Foundation, Inc. ....\$1,000***

## **Pagliari and Gregg**

### ***Rock-n-Road Literacy Program***

Mary Pagliero and Dr. Janie Gregg have received funding from the UWA chapter of Phi Kappa Phi to provide books for the Healthy Start Maternity Care Program. The purpose of this program is to instill an appreciation of books while increasing literacy rates in the Black Belt. *National Headquarters of Phi Kappa Phi.....\$2,500*

## **DREAM TEAM III**

Dream Team 3 has completed five sessions in Grant Writing Basics! The remaining two sessions will be completed during the Spring term.

Alumni of Dream Team III:

*Natasha Satcher, Mitzi Green, Jeff Manuel, B.J. Kimbrough,  
John Upchurch, Joo Young Lee, Tim Edwards, Lisa Tanner,  
Valerie Burnes, Deborah Carlisle, Rob Riser,  
Lesha Shaul, Kathy Jordan.*

In September, the team will complete Basics of Budget Development.

## **Grants-In-Progress**

**Dr. Mark Davis and UWA Director and Chief of Campus Security Jeff Manuel** are diligently working on the *COPS* grant to establish a resource center enabling local law enforcement to research the effects of methamphetamines. The project includes two major components: research of meth-related crimes in area and training for law enforcement officers, teachers, and retailer in identification of signs related to methamphetamine abuse. *U.S. Department of Justice.....\$187,000*

### ***The BEST Program: Building the Educational Strategies of Tomorrow***

The newly funded project from the Department of Education was developed by **Dr. Martha Hocutt** and **Dr. Diane Swain**. The program is directed by **Mason Bonner**, who is recruiting high school student with the potential to become outstanding teachers. The students, BEST Fellows, will participate in a summer program and special programs throughout the year. *U.S. Dept. of Ed.....\$1,050,000*

### ***NSF Functional Genomics Research***

**Dr. Ketia Shumaker's** recent and on-going grant collaboration with Mississippi State University (MSU) and Pennsylvania State University (PSU) provides outstanding opportunities for her and UWA students. Dr. Shumaker is a principal investigator in the NSF application for the renewal of the Genome Research grant submitted by PSU to NSF for funding. Dr. Shumaker and a team of 6 undergraduate students from UWA will visit PSU for two months each summer during the four-year project. Congratulations Ketia!!!!

### ***UWA Outreach and Partnership Project***

Youth programs continue on the UWA Campus through funding from the Department of Justice. **Dr. Natasha Satcher** has directed the summer program for youth that encourages wellness, teamwork, and leadership. The project is a 3-year project. *U.S. Dept. of Justice.....\$493,614*

### ***Transportation Program for Secondary Education***

Through a partnership with Sumter County Schools, the Division of Outreach Services (**Ken Walker**, Director) has been funded to provide an in-school program for high school students in transportation careers. **John McCarter** facilitated the submission and will serve as coordinator. *F.H.A.....\$200,000*

## **Congressional Appropriations**

The *Office of Sponsored Programs* has submitted 3 requests to the current U.S. Congress for funding.

**Spieth Hall Renovations....\$5,500,000**  
**Health & Wellness Center....\$15,000,000**  
**eCampus Initiative....\$600,000**

**Dr. Richard Holland** and **Dr. Rebecca Harvard** recently submitted the requests to the Alabama Congressional Delegation in Washington, D.C.. We are hoping for positive results!

OSP is also working on a proposal to the Governor for funding under the Stimulus Package.

## **Newly Funded**

### Valerie Burnes

#### *Repairs of Covered Bridge*

Federal Highway Administration (ALDOT).....\$20,474

#### *Bookshelf Grant (Historical Preservation)*

Institute of Museums & Libraries: American Association of State and Local Histories.....\$1,000

### Dr. Tina Jones

#### *Save America's Treasures: Signage and Interpretations of Heritage*

National Endowment of the Humanities.....\$75,000

## **Pending**

### Dr. Marsha Cannon and Deborah Carlisle

#### *Division of Nursing*

**(PBI) THE STRATEGY THAT ENABLES:**

**Establishing Nursing Accessibility for Black Learner Employability and Success .....\$600,000**

### Dr. Diane Swain, Dr. Adele Moriarty, Dr. Dana Harwell, Dr. Jan Miller, Dr. Denise Knight

#### *College of Education*

**Excellence In Rural Alabama Schools (ERAS):**

**Partnerships Working Together to Create the New ERA in Rural Education .....\$5,000,000**