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It has been a busy year for University Outreach so far in 2017. For the fourth year of the Auburn University Strategic Plan, University Outreach met all of its priority objectives with significant increases.

For example, participation in non-credit programming across campus has increased by almost 12 percent, in part due to the addition of a number of new workforce training programs and professional certificate courses this year. Campus engagement doubled, with some 1,000 new participants in University Outreach sponsored community programs. Our Campus Kitchens Project, which collected more than 14,000 pounds of food and served more than 12,000 meals last year, was named “Kitchen of the Year” at the Food Waste and Hunger Summit held at Walsh University in Ohio.

One of our far-reaching strategic objectives was also met this fall – advancing Auburn University Outreach’s national reputation as an engaged institution by hosting the Engagement Scholarship Conference. The ESC annual conference is one of the largest and most prestigious international meetings devoted to the scholarship of engagement. This year’s ESC conference in Birmingham attracted approximately 600 participants from 35 states and five nations. In addition to hosting the conference, I’m very pleased to report that Auburn was well represented in the conference program. Auburn faculty delivered 42 of the 228 presentations made over the two-day agenda. Thus, Auburn’s faculty engagement was truly center-stage at this preeminent academic gathering.

The most crucial element in all these accomplishments is teamwork; collaboration is the key to making our engagement effective and far-reaching. Many faculty, students and community partners contributed to the growth and success of the university’s outreach mission this year, and it’s our goal to expand upon the opportunities for our Auburn family to engage together in the years to come.
Celebrating the Lives and Legacies of James E. Martin and Gene Bramlett

President James E. Martin (1932-2017)
Former Auburn University President James “Jim” Martin died Saturday, June 3, at the age of 84. He served as the university’s 14th president from 1984 until 1992. Martin, who is best remembered for his leadership of Auburn’s most successful private capital campaign in the institution’s history at that time, and for initiating campus construction projects totaling more than $100 million, was also a strong supporter of University Outreach.

As part of his significant restructuring of Auburn’s administration, Martin included an emphasis on the university’s land-grant mission of extension and outreach work, establishing a vice presidency for what would later be called “University Outreach.” In 1988 Martin appointed then Extension director Ann Thompson as vice president for the new division, which was composed initially of the Office of the Vice President, the Center on Aging, Center for Governmental Services, and University Continuing Education.

Martin’s vision for outreach foresew major expansion of both professional continuing education and distance learning at Auburn, as well as more comprehensive faculty engagement. During the Martin administration, the University Hotel and Conference Center was completed, providing expanded space for conferences and continuing education programs. Martin also oversaw the expansion of educational telecommunications resources, construction of a satellite uplink facility, and a state-of-the-art fiber optic network throughout campus, for which national media dubbed Auburn the “most wired university” in the nation at the time. Martin also encouraged increasing faculty engagement, leading to the eventual addition of criteria in the Faculty Handbook for recognizing outreach for tenure and promotion considerations.

Martin, who attended Auburn on a basketball scholarship, was devoted to making his alma mater more accessible to the community beyond campus. In that, Martin’s administration was a success. Thirty years later, the office Martin established to promote outreach has grown into a division of 10 units, institutes and centers providing professional education and lifelong learning, expert and technical assistance resources, and support for community engagement throughout the state and across the globe. As much as his many other contributions to Auburn University, this is the legacy of President Martin.

Gene A. Bramlett (1930-2017)
Auburn University Outreach Director Emeritus Gene Bramlett died July 27 at age 87. He served as vice president for Extension and Public Service during the Philpott administration, and later as director of the Center on Aging during the Martin administration.

After completing his Ph.D. from the University of Kentucky, Bramlett accepted a position as assistant vice president for Public Service at the University of Georgia. In 1975, he joined the Philpott administration as vice president for Extension and Public Service, focused on coordinating outreach programs on campus and establishing new continuing education programs with the academic units.

Bramlett served as director of the Center on Aging, which became one of the original units forming the new University Outreach division. Foreseeing the needs of the rapidly expanding population of older citizens, Bramlett was active in promoting outreach programming for seniors and encouraged faculty to engage in issues related to aging and healthcare. During his tenure as director, the center increased programming of interest to older persons as well as to professional organizations serving the senior community. Bramlett retired in 1996.

Bramlett was active in Auburn United Methodist Church and was a longtime member of the Auburn Rotary Club. Gene remained dedicated to learning, hosting book clubs, musical performances at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art, and many other activities in the local area. For his dedication to the outreach mission of the university, and for his many civic contributions, Gene Bramlett will be remembered as a steady and devoted public servant who made a positive impact in our community.
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Auburn University Outreach Hosts 18th Annual Engagement Scholarship Consortium Conference in Birmingham
Auburn University Outreach hosted the 18th annual conference of the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, or ESC, at the Birmingham Sheraton Hotel Sept. 24-27. The consortium is a non-profit educational organization composed of higher education member institutions promoting community-university collaboration.

“Auburn has a long and strong relationship with the Engagement Scholarship Consortium, so we are so excited to host the 2017 conference in Birmingham with our regional partners,” said Royrickers Cook, vice president for University Outreach at Auburn. Auburn organized and served as lead institution for the conference; ten other southern regional ESC partner institutions, including University of Alabama and University of Alabama-Birmingham, participated in the program committee for the conference.

“Engagement is at the core of what we do at Auburn, providing educational opportunities to people and working with communities, especially to underserved areas of the state, to improve and better serve their residents,” Cook said.

One of the largest annual conferences focused on scholarly engagement, the ESC conference attracted an international audience, with almost 600 participants.
registered from across the United States and five countries worldwide. The theme for this year’s conference was “This Is Engagement: Best Practices in Community Engaged Scholarship.” Model engagement programs at some 90 institutions were highlighted at the conference. The event also featured an inspiring keynote address from Tim Sanders, technology pioneer, New York Times bestselling author and nationally known consultant on leadership, innovation and change.

Pre-conference activities began Sunday with meetings, dinner receptions and tours to Auburn’s Elmer and Glenda Harris Early Childhood Learning Center and Urban Studio facilities. The conference events began Tuesday with concurrent sessions of more than 200 papers, workshops, roundtables, poster and award presentations.

“Birmingham was the perfect venue for ESC,” said Chippewa Thomas, director of Faculty Engagement at Auburn, and this year’s conference committee chair. “Birmingham is truly a city of engagement with its rich heritage in the civil rights movement.”

The Engagement Scholarship Consortium’s goal is to work collaboratively to build strong university-community partnerships anchored in the rigor of scholarship and designed to help build community capacity. The annual conference provides for faculty, student and community partners to network and discuss ideas and best practices.

Led by the Office of the Vice President for University Outreach and the Office of Faculty Engagement, all the offices in University Outreach as well as colleagues in Liberal Art’s Civic Engagement program provided assistance in planning and administration of the conference. The Office of Professional and Continuing Education, which offers conference administration and logistics management services to campus, dedicated a number of staff to the planning process throughout the
four-day ESC program. More than 40 Auburn faculty were selected to present, the largest university delegation at the conference. Overall representatives of more than 80 universities, schools, non-profits and community agencies attended the conference.

“The Engagement Scholarship Conference is a key international event for Auburn University and the state of Alabama to have hosted, and a great honor for University Outreach to have been selected to chair the event,” said Cook. “ESC provided an opportunity for all of us to engage with colleagues, to share experience and successes, to learn from others, and to improve our work.”
ESC President Samory Pruitt, University of Alabama, and Tim Sanders, bestselling author and leadership consultant, provided session addresses.

W.K. Kellogg Foundation Community Engagement Scholarship Awards recipient and the C. Peter Magrath Community Engagement Scholarship Awards finalists from Purdue University.

Provost Tim Boosinger delivered greetings to the more than 575 participants attending the plenary.
Auburn’s Mosaic group performed. The Mosaic Theatre Company (MTC) is dedicated to the creation and performance of original works of theatre that investigate current issues of diversity in the hopes of crafting lifelong alliances. MTC members come primarily from the Auburn University student body and are trained in a variety of theatrical devising techniques. The members work together as an ensemble year-round developing new materials, honing theatrical skills, and presenting their work to interested constituencies. The primary purpose of MTC is to foster dialogue about diversity through performance. MTC is sponsored by the Dean’s Office in the College of Liberal Arts and the Department of Theatre.

Government and Economic Development Institute Executive Director Joe Sumners (right) spoke during a plenary session panel on community engagement.

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Auburn ESC Committee Members Named Guest Editors for Special Journal Issue

The Journal of Higher Education Outreach and Engagement (JHEOE) has named Auburn’s Chippewa Thomas and Ralph Foster as guest editors for a September 2018 special edition titled “This is Engagement: Best Practices in Community Engaged Scholarship.” The edition focuses on the theme and programmatic elements from the 2017 Engagement Scholarship Conference, which Auburn hosted in Birmingham in September. Thomas served as chair of the conference and Foster co-chaired the program committee. Published at the University of Georgia, JHEOE is the premier peer-reviewed interdisciplinary academic journal focused on higher education outreach and engagement. Manuscripts are being accepted for this special issue and may be submitted online at www.jheoe.uga.edu by Feb. 12, 2018.
Workshops engaged participants in various topics related to outreach programs and engaged scholarship.

Faculty from 100 institutions delivered innovative presentations at the two day conference.

Miguel Arce of Springfield College discusses poverty programs during Poster Session.
Veterinary Outreach Elective Supports Underserved Communities

Veterinary medicine students often find themselves immersed in learning environments in the classroom or laboratory, intensely studying their coursework. Throughout the months of October and November, however, Auburn University College of Veterinary Medicine students enrolled in an outreach elective course are participating in a community service program in northeast Alabama, providing veterinary services to underserved areas.

This year, seven third-year and one second-year students are stepping outside of the classroom and learning by serving the community through the elective course, “Veterinary Service Learning and Outreach.” The course, made possible by a grant funded through the Auburn University Outreach program, allows students to travel to underserved communities and partner with local veterinarians to provide free veterinary services and education to pet owners.

This year’s class of eight students is working in clinics being conducted in Centre and Guntersville, Alabama, where the class partnered with Dr. Jeremy Deaton to offer no-cost veterinary clinics. The students are providing wellness exams, vaccines, spay and neuter certificates, heartworm testing, nail trims and other basic pet care. The service is available to anyone who lives within a 40-to 50-mile radius around Centre or Guntersville.

In early October, the students assisted Dr. Deaton in a low-to-no-cost clinic where they spayed or neutered more than 150 cats in Cherokee County.

Other wellness programs included Saturday, Oct. 21, in Center, Alabama, with Dr. Deaton; and Saturday, Nov. 19, in Guntersville, Alabama, in partnership with the United Cherokee AniYunWiYa Nation.

“This course is designed to enable future veterinarians to meet the challenges and rewards associated with provision of veterinary health care to underserved communities,” said Dr. Dawn Boothe, a professor in the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology.

“The goal is to expose future veterinarians to the challenges encountered in the implementation of high quality veterinary outreach to local and distant underserved communities.”

- Dr. Dawn Boothe
a professor in the Department of Anatomy, Physiology and Pharmacology

The clinic is made possible by Dr. Deaton’s partnership with the college and his veterinary service in Centre. Dr. Deaton is the managing veterinarian at Nichols Animal Hospital and the owner of Deaton Veterinary Services, a mobile veterinary service for both companion animals and livestock.

The course is now in its third year at Auburn’s College of Veterinary Medicine. In addition to the clinic being conducted in Centre, the class plans another program in Kentucky during the university’s Christmas break.
The North Korean Conflict: Where Are We Headed?

Thursday, November 9, 2017, Auburn University’s Korean Corner held “The North Korean Conflict: Where Are We Headed?”-- a panel discussion from 6:00 to 7:30 in the Sciences Center Auditorium.

This public event was created to obtain a thorough understanding of the history of conflicts on politics, economy and the national security. The featured panelist included William B. Brown, Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and adjunct professor; Hyeongwoo Kim, professor of economics at Auburn; and Lawrence Grinter, retired professor of Asian Studies, Air War College, and Department of International Security Studies. The question/answer session was led by Matthew Clary, visiting professor at Auburn University in the department of Political Science.

Each panelist discussed different, individual takes on Korea and the direction we, as a country, are headed. Grinter’s focus was on U.S-ROK Policy Options towards North Korea. A few of Grinter’s main points were focused around military strikings, dialogues/negotiations, and deterrence. Brown referred to a personalized list he created including eight propositions to deal with the issues of North Korea. “Core problems with North Korea is it’s Marxist, Command economy system,” says Brown. “This system is in slow motion collapse.”

This panel discussion was informative and had much participation from students and other guests. The Korean Corner, supported by the Auburn University’s Outreach, works to bridge the gap between the Korean Community and non-Korean communities through collaborative efforts and educational experiences.

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Auburn Korea Event
Alabama’s Upcoming Bicentennial Highlights Value of Encyclopedia of Alabama Content

If by chance you have missed the news, Alabama will celebrate its 200th anniversary of becoming a state on Dec. 14, 2019. The occasion is definitely on the minds of the staff of the online Encyclopedia of Alabama, or EOA. They have been actively involved in a variety of projects associated with the state’s plan to engage Alabama residents in educational programs, community activities, and statewide initiatives between 2017 and 2019. The three-year span covers the time between the creation of the Alabama territory 200 years ago and the time it became the 22nd state.

EOA’s content on the state’s history, culture, and natural resources is a natural fit for such an occasion and, as would be expected, links to EOA articles will be popping up in a wide range of projects. EOA is already an integral part of a series of television spots and a couple of “today in history” offerings.

In honor of the bicentennial, Alabama Public Television has created “Alabama Legacy Moments,” a series of 200 radio and television spots that are being aired as part of the commemoration. EOA’s editors helped identify potential stories for the series and have been providing editorial assistance as needed. The series covers the stories of people, places, and events connected to the state. More than 40 segments have already been released and are available online at http://www.alabamalegacy.org/.

The description of each segment is accompanied by a link to an EOA entry for additional information.

EOA articles are also being shared through the stories featured on the “This Week in Alabama History” page that is hosted by the Alabama Bicentennial Commission at www.Alabama200.org. Additionally, EOA is attracting visitors through stories highlighted in a similar segment called “On

This Day in Alabama History” hosted by the Alabama NewsCenter, which is a news source produced by Alabama Power at www.alabamanewscenter.com. The featured content from both organizations is available for others to share through social media and in the classroom.

For more than a year, the EOA editorial staff has been serving as members of three Alabama Bicentennial Commission committees. Christopher Maloney is on the Statewide Initiative Committee; Laura Hill serves on the Education Committee; and Claire Wilson represents EOA at the Local Activities Committee. Wilson is also a co-chair of the Lee County Alabama Bicentennial Committee. When additional statewide bicentennial projects are announced, it is a safe bet that there is a bit of EOA associated with it in one way or another.

The Encyclopedia of Alabama, at http://www.encyclopediaofalabama.org/ is a free, award-winning, online resource on the state’s history, culture, and environment. It currently offers more than 1,900 entries and new content is added monthly. EOA is a project of the Office of University Outreach.
Auburn University Offers One-Stop Shop for K-12 Robotics Education

The Southeastern Center of Robotics Education, or SCORE, is a new Auburn University outreach initiative designed to more effectively develop and deliver robotics education to K-12 students and teachers. The SCORE program centralizes the robotics education activities already underway in Auburn’s College of Sciences and Mathematics, College of Engineering, and Auburn University Aviation Center, and provides a mechanism for growth in the area of robotics education outreach. The initiative is the only center of its kind in the country.

“Jobs in today’s industry require a much higher level of technical skills than 20 years ago, and will certainly require an even higher level of STEM-based skills 20 years from now,” said Mary Lou Ewald, founding director of SCORE and director of outreach for the Auburn University College of Sciences and Mathematics. “More than ever before, it is critical that we invest in preparing the next generation of skilled workers – our future economy depends on it.”

South’s BEST, or Boosting Engineering, Science, and Technology, is the premier robotics program hosted by Auburn and is included as a SCORE program. The dynamic, community-based enterprise aims to inspire middle and high school students to pursue careers in engineering, science, technology, and mathematics through participation in a sports-like science and engineering-based robotics competition.

SCORE also includes a BEST Robotics training workshop for teachers and mentors whose students compete in the competition. The workshop features sessions that allow teachers to become familiar with the VEX hardware used throughout the BEST Robotics competition.

Two additional teacher-based programs offered through SCORE are the Project Lead The Way RobotC Programming Workshop and the Project Lead The Way Launch VEX IQ Workshop.

RobotC is a programming language used in robotics. The workshop provides training and support to teachers interested in using RobotC as they incorporate robotics into the classroom.
The Launch VEX IQ Workshop gives elementary educators the knowledge and training they need to bring VEX IQ robots into the classroom for use as a learning tool.

“Robotics is still quite new to the K-12 education arena, and many teachers were not trained in robotics curriculum prior to entering the classroom,” said Ewald. “Partnering with outstanding programs like BEST Robotics and Project Lead The Way gives SCORE educators instant access to a large number of teachers who want to be more prepared to lead their students into project-based robotics pursuits, but need the extra professional development to build their knowledge and confidence.”

Several additional programs are offered through SCORE, such as a summer Drone Camp for middle school children.

“Robotics is a fun, engaging, and exciting platform to teach broader STEM concepts, and we’re not limited to just STEM education,” said Tj Nguyen, assistant director of SCORE. “SCORE educators are developing curriculum for elementary teachers that will enable them to use robots to teach social studies, history, math, art, literacy – the list of applications is only limited by our own creativity. There is nothing like SCORE in the country right now, and we are thrilled that Auburn University is taking the lead to develop a resource that will be a game-changer for preparing our students for tomorrow’s challenges.”

For more information on SCORE, visit www.scoreau.org.
New Director of OLLI at Auburn Appointed

In July, Ileeia Cobb was appointed the new director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Auburn University. In announcing the appointment, Vice President for University Outreach Royrickers Cook noted Cobb’s strengths for the OLLI position. “Dr. Cobb has an expansive vision and experience with adult learners, and a significant enthusiasm for community engagement.”

Originally from Tallassee, Alabama, Cobb earned her bachelor’s, master’s and doctoral degrees from Auburn University. Her doctoral research focused on perceptions of older Americans in regard to the aging process and adult education programs. Cobb’s career includes experience with senior populations and adult learning. She served as a grants and program manager at the Alabama Department of Senior Services and most recently as staff associate responsible for institutional program review at the Alabama Commission on Higher Education.

“I look forward to working with Dr. Cobb,” said Don Baker, chair of the OLLI Advisory Council. “She has experience working with seniors and managing grants, both of which will be important as the new director of OLLI.”

The Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Auburn University is a unit of the Division of University Outreach. Known as OLLI at Auburn, the institute provides academic, not-for-credit programming for adults 50 years and beyond. Members of OLLI at Auburn participate in a variety of activities, including academic courses, social activities, special lectures and workshops, and events at Auburn University, and at collaborative sites in Montgomery and Valley, Alabama. OLLI is a member-led, member-driven organization whose members work with the director in planning and leading the program through its Advisory Council and various committees.

Founded in 1990 as the Auburn University Academy for Lifelong Learners, or AUall, the program affiliated with the Bernard Osher Foundation in 2007, adopting the name OLLI at Auburn. Since then, the program has flourished and expanded, growing to more than 1,000 members. OLLI’s administrative and classroom headquarters are at the historic Sunny Slope home on South College Street.

Noting Cobb’s overall experience obtaining and administering grants, as well as working at the state level with institutions of higher education, OLLI founder and former director Mary Burkhart is impressed with Cobb’s dedication to lifelong learning.

“Dr. Cobb is engaging, outgoing, and has a background in research on the positive effects of learning for older adults, plus she has good ideas about ways to increase membership diversity,” Burkhart said. “As an enthusiastic member of OLLI, plus my own experience as the director, I believe Dr. Cobb will help us ensure OLLI’s future.”

Ileeia Cobb is the third director of OLLI at Auburn, succeeding former director Linda Shook who moved to Montana in August. For more information about OLLI at Auburn, visit the www.olliatauburn.org website.
Pharmacy Program Assists Medicare Patients

Sorting through the different options and programs associated with Medicare can be challenging. A program created five years ago by Dr. Salisa Westrick of the Harrison School of Pharmacy (HSOP) seeks to counteract that and assist Alabama citizens who rely on Medicare Part D for their prescription medication program.

“A Medicare beneficiary faces a choice of 30-40 plans and these plans change every year,” said Westrick, the program’s coordinator and professor in HSOP’s Department of Health Outcomes Research and Policy. “When beneficiaries participate in this program, they get free and unbiased assistance. One-on-one assistance is nice because each situation is different. One plan that is best for one person may not be best for another. We sit down with them and explain what everything means to them, so that they will be able to make the best decision for themselves.”

Now in its fifth year, the program started in 2013 and was initially funded with an Auburn University Competitive Outreach Scholarship Grant. Since that first year, the program has continued with generous support from the Alabama Department of Senior Services.

“The program increases access to care because we go into various community settings to provide assistance,” said Westrick. “We have a great partnership between HSOP and the Alabama Department of Senior Services to help patients get better access to assistance such as this. To me, it is part of pharmacists’ responsibilities and it is our responsibility as a Land Grant Institution to provide assistance to Alabamians.”
The counselors at the sessions include Harrison School of Pharmacy students, as well as counselors from the Alabama State Health Insurance and Assistance Program. In 2016, more than 80 pharmacy students provided counseling at 10 events. This year, there will be 11 events in October and November throughout the state.

“This program integrates three missions of the university: teaching, research, and outreach,” said Westrick. “I love it when students are able to apply what they are learning in the classroom and be able to use the knowledge to assist patients and help them select appropriate plans for their needs. Based on our program evaluation, students say this program is rewarding to them because it instills a sense of caring and affirms to them that it is the reason why they want to be a pharmacist.”

While Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D) is optional, many Medicare beneficiaries enroll in either stand-alone prescription drug plans (PDPs) or integrated managed care plans that have prescription drug coverage (MA-PDs). In Alabama, stand-alone PDPs and MA-PDs enroll over 455,000 and 237,000 beneficiaries, respectively.

“Along with the enrollment counseling, we can help beneficiaries determine if they are qualified for a subsidy program,” said Westrick. “If qualified, beneficiaries would receive additional financial assistance to help cover out-of-pocket costs.”

As the program has grown, the average savings to the patient has grown as well. Starting with a few hundred dollars in the beginning, the estimated average savings for a Medicare beneficiary who attended one of the events last year was nearly $1,400 per year if the least expensive plan was chosen.

Open enrollment for Medicare Part D annually runs from Oct. 15 through Dec. 7. To find a Medicare Part D Counseling session near you, or for more information on the program, visit https://www.alabamamedicarehelp.org/.
New York-based artist Jean Shin visited Auburn University to jury “Out of the Box: A Juried Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.” During her visit, Shin visited second graders at the Auburn Early Education Center.

Shin’s “MAiZE,” a collaboration with the Figge Art Museum and the Quad City Community, Davenport, Iowa, is on view at the Jule Collins Smith Museum of Fine Art in Gallery C through Jan. 8, 2018. “Out of the Box: A Juried Sculpture Exhibition” is on view through Oct. 6, 2018.

Here is their special “interview.”

“How long did it take you to create MAiZE?”

When I work with museums, they invite me to have the show and say “what do you want to make?” The museum gives me a space and we talk about a timeline for the project.

It was probably about a year and a half since the Figge invited me to create an exhibition. I went to do a visit—I like to go and see the museum first and see if there is an inspiration there—and this project did come from inspiration from that visit. Then, six months before the opening they had set-up all of the plans to make the maze, we found all of the materials. For six months they...
invited the public to make the cornstalks for the installation.

“What other places in the world have you shown your artwork?”

I started in New York, but I have traveled all over the country. This is my first time in Alabama! I have seen many different parts of this country through my exhibitions. In the world, I have shown work in Asia, which includes Korea and China, and then in Europe. It has been really wonderful to be able to travel and see the world because of the artwork.

“How did you get the opportunity to create art in parks and schools?”

The United States has created a program called “1% for Art.” When a building goes up, or there is new construction, they say “can we keep just 1% of that budget?” That 1% is used for making art in that new building. A school in New York City chose me to make an artwork with their 1%. With this program you have to apply and compete to be selected to spend a year or many years working on an artwork.

“Did you practice a lot to become such a great artist?”

I love that question of practice, because, YES! Being an artist is really, really tough work. I did art since I was a little kid so it has been a lifetime making art. The other thing is that it is not just the practice of art, but it is thinking about art all the time.

I realize, though, that even if I tried to do art every single waking moment I wouldn't be able to finish my projects. So that is why I started inviting people to help me make my art, so that I am not the only one making my artwork. With MAiZE, lots of students, many around your age, around Davenport, Iowa, near the museum, all helped make the sculptures. So, I shared my love for making this piece with others.
Auburn Hosted Inaugural East Alabama Nonprofit Summit

More than 130 representatives of area nonprofit groups, civic agencies and other community partners attended the inaugural East Alabama Nonprofit Summit, held Oct. 10 at the Auburn Alumni Center. The Summit was sponsored by the Alabama Association of Nonprofits, Auburn University College of Human Sciences’ Cary Center for Advancement of Philanthropy and Nonprofit Studies, East Alabama Medical Center, Auburn University Outreach’s Office of Public Service, and the Community Foundation of East Alabama.

The target audience of the Summit included nonprofit leaders, administrators, board members, volunteers, and philanthropists from throughout the East Alabama region. “The Summit provided a great professional development opportunity for nonprofit leaders to network and learn from experts in the nonprofit field,” said Cary Center Executive Director Sidney James Nakhjavan.

The program featured two tracks of training sessions focused on various issues and operational strategies related to nonprofit work. Topics included leadership succession planning, advocacy, board responsibilities, organizational management and governance, and resource development.

Allison Black Cornelius, CEO of the Greater Birmingham Humane Society and founder of Blackfish Strategies, served as keynote speaker. Cornelius is nationally recognized among the most experienced nonprofit governance consultants in the United States, and is a frequent speaker at conferences and training programs nationally.

Instructors for training sessions included Greg Doepke, an independent philanthropy advisor; Shannon Ammons, CEO of the Alabama Association of Nonprofits; Beth Lawrence, instructor on philanthropy and nonprofit studies; Alesia Davenport, senior director of Gift Planning at Auburn University’s Office of Development; Tim Chambliss, president of Modern Media Consulting; Melanie Bridgeforth, executive director of VOICES for Alabama Children; and Sue McInnish, executive director of the Alabama Civil Justice Foundation.
Rylie Gay Named Compact Newman Civic Fellow

Campus Compact recently named Auburn University student Rylie Gay a 2017 Newman Civic Fellow for her commitment to community development and the betterment of society through citizen action.

Gay, a freshman majoring in political science and minoring in community and civic engagement, currently serves as president of the Community and Civic Engagement Club, where she works to strengthen relationships between Auburn University and the surrounding communities. Throughout the school year, Gay helped organize and oversee several club projects promoting sustainable student-to-community partnerships.

In the fall of 2016, Gay participated in an Appalachian Teaching Project focusing on developing students as citizens in Macon County. The work that Gay and others did on this project culminated in a successful presentation at the Appalachian Teaching Project Symposium in December of 2016.

“Rylie has demonstrated all of the values of the award,” Auburn University President Jay Gogue wrote in his nomination letter, “and I believe she will represent Auburn University and Campus Compact in the very best way.”

Campus Compact is a national coalition of almost 1,200 college and university presidents—representing some six million students—who are committed to fulfilling the civic purposes of higher education. The Newman Civic Fellows program honors Dr. Frank Newman, one of Campus Compact’s founders, who was a tireless advocate for the role of higher education in preparing students for active and engaged citizenship. For more information visit http://compact.org/initiatives/awards-programs/the-frank-newman-leadership-award/.
OUTREACH GLOBAL and School of Nursing

HEALTH Supplies Drive

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• Outreach Global Office, 116 O.D. Smith Hall
  Auburn, AL 36849
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Donate:
• Latex free gloves • Probe covered thermometers
• Blood pressure covers (Sizes: Small, Medium and Large)
• Eye examination kits • Ear examination kits
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  for international health clinic program

Outreach Global office in conjunction with School of Nursing will be providing a free health clinic to two rural communities in Cape Coast and Sekondi metropolitan areas in Ghana, West Africa. The health clinic program is part of Outreach Global’s African community Health Outreach and Wellness initiatives (HOW)

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Campus Kitchens: Auburn Students Fighting Hunger

Food insecurity, or a lack of reliable access to adequate food for an individual or family, is an issue people around the country face. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 15.8 million households in the nation struggle with food insecurity. Whether you have ever known what it is like to live with hunger or had to make the difficult choice between buying food or paying a bill, odds are someone you know has been confronted with that choice at some point in their lives.

Students in Auburn University’s Campus Kitchens Project are working to change that reality. They fight food waste on campus and hunger in the community in a tremendous way. In fact, the organization received this year’s “Kitchen of the Year Award” at the Food Waste and Hunger Summit held at Walsh University in Ohio.

The concept behind this student-led organization is simple: dedicated student volunteers collect leftover
food from kitchens on campus, such as dining halls, and then redistribute to people who need meals.

Students consistently collect more than 1,000 pounds of food each month. Students volunteer for shifts to pick up food, package meals, and then deliver them. Each week, they provide nearly 400 meals and 15 family-style pans of food, feeding approximately 550 people in the local area. They deliver meals to 15 community partners, including afterschool care facilities, a men’s home, senior homes, food bank programs, and churches. They even run their own mobile meal program, delivering meals to disabled seniors in the community. Last year alone, the group collected more than 14,000 pounds of food and served more than 12,000 meals.

Hallie Nelson, Auburn’s Campus Kitchens Project past president, has been involved with the program for three years and has found a strong sense of purpose and community through Campus Kitchens.

“It makes so much sense from a sustainability perspective. This food would otherwise literally be thrown into dumpsters, but instead we’re able to connect with community members and feed them,” she said. “And just working with all of the community partners and doing delivery shifts has been so cool because you get to meet people you probably never would have if you just stayed on campus all the time. You really become a part of the larger Auburn community.”

Even though being involved in Campus Kitchens requires a significant investment of time and energy, it continues to flourish in popularity on campus as a favorite
place for students to volunteer. Students agree that they are willing to make to make the commitment, so they can continue to grow and make a difference in the community.

Campus Kitchens at Auburn is sponsored by the Office of Public Service. Visit http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/ops/campuskitchens/ for additional information.
Outreach News

**Shook Departs as OLLI Director**

Longtime University Outreach staff member and director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Linda Shook was honored for her service to OLLI at a reception Aug. 3. Shook left Auburn to join her husband in Missoula, Montana, where he is the dean of the School of Business at the University of Montana. Linda Shook received her M.Ed. in Adult Education from Auburn University. She has been affiliated with OLLI at Auburn since 2008. Prior to this, she worked for non-profit organizations and has many years of experience in volunteer management.

During her tenure as director of OLLI, the organization grew to more than 1,000 members at three campuses, and established new offices and classrooms at the historic Sunny Slope estate on College Street. Linda’s plans include taking post graduate courses in the College of Education at the University of Montana, and continuing her professional career. Avid in sports, she also looks forward to practicing yoga, running, and taking up new cold weather activities, like snow shoeing or cross country skiing. At the reception, Vice President Royrickers Cook and members of the OLLI Advisory Council expressed appreciation to Linda for her 10 years of service in University Outreach and especially for her nine years’ affiliation with OLLI.

**Anton Ware Joins the Office of Public Service**

Anton Ware will serve as a Volunteer in Service to America (VISTA) in the Office of Public Service for the next year. While at Auburn, he will advise Campus Kitchens and Circle K and organize training programs and volunteer fairs for AuburnServes. Ware graduated from Troy University in December 2013 with a Bachelors in Broadcast Journalism. A native of Valley, Alabama, Ware also served 10 years in the army. In his spare time, Anton enjoys reading, music and spending time with family.

**Auburn University Ranks 22nd Nationally of Community and Socially Minded Institutions**

Auburn was included in the recent Pillrs list of top schools in the United States for community service. Pillrs is an organization which promotes beneficial social change through personal engagement. The list was drawn from data collected in a recent Washington Monthly university ranking, which compares schools on a variety of features including service engagement. The ranking considered campus and alumni involvement in military service, national service such as Peace Corps, percentage of federal work study students engaged in direct community service, the institution’s inclusion on the President’s Higher Education Service Honor Roll, and other elements. Auburn placed 22nd among all universities nationally included on the list, and was the only Alabama institution included in the top 50.

**Auburn University Museum of Natural History Collaborates Across Campus and East-Central Alabama**

The Auburn University Museum of Natural History’s outreach program collaborates with other disciplines across the Auburn campus and in the community to promote a better understanding of the natural world.
and Alabama’s remarkable biodiversity. University art and creative writing classes use museum specimens as inspiration for class projects. The Department of Sociology, Anthropology, and Social Work introduces physical anthropology to fifth- and sixth-grade students as part of the museum’s Wehle Nature Center outreach program. Museum staff partner with the College of Veterinary Medicine in an outreach effort with Notasulga fourth-grade students to enhance their classroom science curriculum.

“We truly enjoy collaborating with other units in a variety of academic disciplines as a way to achieve the museum’s mission,” said Museum Outreach Administrator Kay Stone.

Katrina Washington Joins Staff of Government and Economic Development Institute

The staff of the Government and Economic Development Institute is pleased to welcome Katrina Washington to its team. Katrina joined GEDI as a Human Resources Program Specialist in June of this year. In this role, Katrina provides expertise to clients in the areas of job analysis and evaluations, the development of classification and pay plans, and the development of policy and procedures.

Katrina earned her Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi, in Hattiesburg, and a Master of Public Administration from Auburn University at Montgomery. Katrina has many years of professional experience in project management to include client consultation, human resource management, marketing, and professional development. She is also skilled in organizational management and analysis. Katrina has additional work experience in providing training courses for professional development of public sector employees.

VP Announces Outreach Promotions

Vice President for University Outreach Royrickers Cook recently announced promotions for two longstanding Outreach department heads. Hope Stockton was promoted to executive director of the Office of Professional and Continuing Education, recognizing her leadership over the expanded OPCE organization and growing program offerings. Ralph Foster assumes the title of assistant vice president for University Outreach and Public Service, reflecting his continued leadership of the Office of Public Service and associated programs, and also added responsibilities for University Outreach strategic initiatives. Both appointments were effective in November.

Engineering Educator Honored with Distinguished Service Award

Greg Ruff, director of engineering outreach and continuing education for the College of Engineering, was recently recognized with the Joseph M. Biedenbach Distinguished Service Award during the Conference for Industry and Education Collaboration in Jacksonville, Florida.
From left: Paul Jewell, Iowa State and past board chair, Mary Bonhomme, Florida Institute of Technology professor; Greg Ruff, Auburn University; Mitch Springer, Purdue University and board chair; Marty Ronning, University of Maryland and board chair

The award, given by the Continuing Professional Development Division for the American Society of Engineering Education, also included a $1,000 monetary gift. Ruff was selected for the honor because of his service to the division since 2002, including as board treasurer and program chair. In addition, Ruff oversaw the operation of the continuing professional development listserv, a valuable resource used by CPD members to remain informed and engaged.

“Greg is very deserving of this recognition for his commitment to not only the Graduate Online Program in the College of Engineering, but to the Continuing Professional Development Division,” said Chris Roberts, dean of the College of Engineering. “His service is something we can all learn from, and we are fortunate to have him in our college.”

Ruff will be retiring from Auburn University in July 2018 after more than 20 years of service.

Move-In Day!

Pictured from left: OPCE director Hope Stockton and Vice President for University Outreach Royrickers Cook assist residents during Fall move in at Cambridge Hall dorm

University Outreach Sponsors Hurricane Relief Drop-Off Day

University Outreach’s Office of Public Service sponsored a campus collection drive for the East Alabama Medical Center’s community relief efforts to provide assistance to hurricane victims in October. The drive engaged a number of campus groups and offices, with donations collected at various drop-off locations. Supplies collected included bottled water, household cleaning items, baby supplies, pet food and other items critical to recovery efforts in areas devastated by recent hurricanes.

In all, more than 500 pounds of items were delivered to the East Alabama Medical Center, which will distribute supplies to their hospital partners in recovering communities.

Auburn University Awarded Funding through Economic Development Competition

Auburn University has been named as a grant recipient under the U.S. Economic Development Administration’s (EDA) 2017 University Center Economic Development Program Competition.

Over the next five years, Auburn’s grant will focus on assisting and supporting student and community entrepreneurs, incubators across the state, and entrepreneurial ecosystems in distressed regions. Auburn also will work with Alabama Launchpad’s new Auburn
Regional Launchpad startup business plan competition to assist not only entrepreneurs with the development of their ideas but also economic developers across the state to provide training and project assistance.

Auburn’s cross-disciplinary partnership brings together the resources and expertise of University Outreach, Research, and the Harbert College of Business, The Government and Economic Development Institute, The Lowder Center for Family Business and Entrepreneurship and the Office of External Engagement and Support will work together to link communities and entrepreneurs with mentoring, commercialization, and economic development assistance.

Dr. Cook (shown with Nathan Roberts, vice president of the Black Graduate and Professional Student Association) delivered a talk on outreach engagement as part of the BGPSA Dr. Juan Gilbert Distinguished Lecturer Series in November.

2017-18 UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Volunteer Fair
The AuburnServes Spring Volunteer Fair will be Friday, January 12, 2018, 10am-1pm
AU Student Center
Representatives from local non-profit agencies will be on hand to share information about their missions and volunteer opportunities. All Auburn students, faculty and staff are invited to attend. For additional information contact Anton Ware, alw0099@auburn.edu.

Community Partner Training Sessions

Social Media Part 1
This training session will focus on helping non-profit agencies explore methods of utilizing social media as a platform to increase visibility and awareness and market programs and events.

Social Media Part 2
This training session will provide information to non-profit agencies about using social media and crowdfunding to bolster fundraising efforts.

For more information on these and other upcoming events visit auburnserves.com

For more information, call Office of Public Service Joyce Thomas-Vinson 844-5117
Auburn University Outreach Hosts 7th Annual All In All Pink Breast Cancer Awareness Event

To promote breast cancer and general health awareness, the Vice President for University Outreach, in collaboration with the Office of Public Service and the Chi chapter of Phi Delta Chi Fraternity, hosted the 7th annual All In, All Pink event on Friday, October 27, 2017 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the AU Student Center Green Space.

The event included guest speakers, free health screenings and giveaways. For more information or to become a partner/donor in 2018, contact the Office of the Vice President for University Outreach at vpuo@auburn.edu or call (334) 844-5700.

Speakers

**Madison Chandler**, Graduate Research Assistant, College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University

Madison Chandler, an Auburn University graduate student and Vestavia Hills native, is taking her passion for others to the next level. As a doctoral pharmaceutical sciences student, she continuously works to identify mutations in certain cancer risk genes that cause Hereditary Breast and Ovarian Cancer Syndrome. Throughout her time as a student, Chandler’s research has focused on fighting deadly disease, but more specifically, finding ways to fight cancer genetics, predominantly in African American women in Alabama. In August 2014, she began her Ph.D. in Pharmacology in the Department of Drug Discovery and Development at the Harrison School of Pharmacy. Her dissertation, under the supervision of Dr. Nancy Merner, aims to identify novel genetic risk factors that contribute towards breast cancer disparities.

**Flora Moss**, Breast Cancer Survivor and Advocate

Flora Moss uses her time volunteering and coordinate many educational and inspirational workshops in the community. She is the author of two books: Inspired by Testimonies and Chat and Chew on Thought. She also implemented a lunch and learn series at Auburn University in 2010 with the Office of Development. Ms. Moss is a breast cancer survivor and advocate that reaches many with her passionate words, insightful books, and genuine spirit.

Partner Organizations

- Alpha Epsilon Delta, Auburn University
- Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Auburn University
- American Pharmacists Association-Academy of Student Pharmacists (APHA-ASP), Auburn University
- Black Student Union, Auburn University
- Concordia College Alabama - Division of Health Sciences
- AURIC - Auburn University Research Initiative in Cancer, Dr. Bruce Smith, Director, Professor of Pathobiology, College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University
- Cancer Center of East Alabama
- Dr. Nancy Merner, Genetics Researcher, College of Veterinary Medicine, Auburn University
- Equal Access Auburn
- Gospel Choir, Auburn University
- Harold A. Franklin Society, Auburn University
- Kappa Psi Pharmacy Fraternity, Auburn University
- Ladies Society for Collegiate Success, Auburn University
- Massey Family Chiropractic, Dr. Jeff Massey
- National Society of Black Engineers, Auburn University
- Oasis Massage
- Pack It Up Club, Harrison School of Pharmacy, Auburn University
- Paragon Health Care, HaVy Ngo, Pharm D.
- Phi Delta Chi Leadership Fraternity, Auburn University
- Pre-Pharmacy Club, Auburn University
- School of Nursing, Auburn University

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- Pieology
- Steel City Pops
- The Mason Jar
- Tiger Catering, Auburn University
- Trademark Management & Licensing, Auburn University
- Resources for Breast Cancer and Wellness
- American Cancer Society
- Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- Guardians of the Ribbon – Lower Alabama Chapter
- Living Beyond Breast Cancer
- National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.
- National Cancer Institute
- National Women’s Health Information Center
- The Cancer Center of East Alabama
- The Breast Cancer Research Foundation of Alabama
- The Joy to Life Foundation
- AU Healthy Tigers
- AU Relay for Life
- AU School of Nursing

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, October 19, 2018
1. All In All Pink Breast Cancer Awareness event hosted annually on the Greenspace.
2. Auburn University Gospel Choir performing
3. Cancer survivors being recognized
4. Oasis Massage giving free massages at their partner table
5. Dr. Cook with speaker Flora Moss
6. Dr. Chippewa Thomas giving closing remarks
7. Walter Minger presents Ms. Linda Payne with a door prize
Auburn University Outreach Global Launches Summer Programs with the University of Cape Coast in Ghana

As part of the Auburn University Outreach Global partnership agreement with the University of Cape Coast, or UCC, Ghana, Outreach Global invited Michael Boakye-Yiadom, a research fellow at UCC in the Institute for Educational Planning and Administration, and his two graduate students, Clarence Uzogara and Eleanor Onyame, to participate in the Outreach youth camp for a train-the-trainer and service learning program.

Outreach Global worked with the Office of Professional and continuing Education’s Outreach Youth Program and Center for Educational Outreach and Train-the-trainer program with UCC guests.
Engagement to offer this opportunity to its Ghana partner at the Black Belt Community Foundation and Opelika Grows.

The UCC guests were on the Auburn campus from June 11-20. The purpose of the Service Learning Program at the Black Belt Community Foundation and Opelika Grows was to offer the UCC guests the opportunity to visit Selma to learn and understand poverty in a global context through interactions, research, reflections, and journaling.

“The UCC participants are expected to use the experience to inform practice and find innovative ways to address issues of poverty in the UCC surrounding areas and communities in Ghana,” said Elizabeth Essamuah-Quansah, the coordinator of Outreach Global. With regard to the train-the-trainer youth camp program, the focus was for the UCC members to learn from Auburn faculty and staff about how summer camps are organized and managed. The goal is to replicate summer youth programs in the University of Cape Coast (UCC), Ghana next year”.

During the visit, the UCC guests met Auburn Vice President for University Outreach and Associate Provost Royrickers Cook; Elizabeth I. Essamuah-Quansah, coordinator for Outreach Global; Stacey Nickson, director of the Center for Educational Outreach and Engagement; Jeff Dyal, assistant director of youth programs; other Auburn faculty and staff; Selma Mayor Darrio Melton and the Black Belt Community Foundation officials in Selma.

The Outreach Global office and its campus and international partners are developing new programs in the coming year, focusing on a cross-cultural teaching non-degree certificate program, healthcare clinical experiences in select African countries, educational and cultural delegation tours in Africa, and an innovative civic educational program for students in Ghana and the U.S. about the historical slave trade and civil rights parallels between Ghana and Alabama.

“We hope that more Auburn faculty, students and the community as a whole will explore opportunities in Africa and other continents and immerse themselves in the global education, rich history and cultures of other countries,” said Elizabeth Essamuah-Quansah.

The Ghana Educational and Cultural Spring Break program is scheduled for March 9-17, 2018. For additional information, visit our website at: http://www.auburn.edu/outreach/global/
UCC Delegation visit to Selma, Alabama as part of their service learning program.
Learn more about Auburn University Outreach and read additional issues of Beyond Auburn Magazine.