



# National Capital Chapter

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## President's Message

Greetings Alumni, Family and Friends!

My fellow officers and I have spent the first half of the chapter year working very hard to achieve our goal of garnering greater exposure and opportunities for the chapter here in DC and in Tuscaloosa. In addition to some of our traditional Spring and Summer events, such as the Tide Tee Off Golf Tournament, Bama Bound BBQ, and SEC Capital Kickoff, we've started what we hope will be a few new traditions.

The first of which is our new softball team in the Capital Alumni Network Sports League. I'd like to say a special thank you to Steve Cherry for taking on the monumental task of building the team from scratch and coaching the team through its rookie season. We had a very commendable showing and look forward to an even better second season.

Secondly, we worked with Jerry Pascal in the University Career Center to help inaugurate the Alabama on the Hill Intern Program. Please take a moment to read about the program on the next page. It's the first such program for UA interns here in DC and is such an exciting venture that has received accolades from alumni, interns and several departments at the Capstone.

The National Capital Chapter continues to be one of the more active Alabama alumni chapters in the country and the folks at UA have really started to take notice of our enthusiasm and all that this area has to offer. Earlier this spring, the University hired Elizabeth Dugas as a full-time Regional Recruiter for the Virginia, Maryland, and Washington, DC area. Elizabeth and her husband, Jason, have become very active members of the chapter and we are thrilled to have both of them here. If you are interested in assisting Elizabeth with college fairs, please send her an email at [recruiting@dcbamafans.com](mailto:recruiting@dcbamafans.com).

Finally, I know that a lot of you are ready for football – and I can assure you that we are, too! We are very pleased to be back at Stars and Stripes Restaurant in Crystal City for our game viewings. We have some wonderful and exciting raffle prizes this year as well as the old favorites. We hope that all of you will be able to join us this season.

Roll Tide!!!

*Deborah Moore*  
National Capital Chapter President

## UPCOMING EVENTS

The National Capital Chapter has planned a number of activities over the next few months. Here are just a few of the upcoming events. As a reminder, our chapter website ([www.dcbamafans.com](http://www.dcbamafans.com)) includes the most up-to-date information on all events. You can also sign up for our "Bama Blast" email announcements (see the bottom of this page for more information):

### Football Viewing Parties

We will return to Stars and Stripes this year to cheer on the Tide. Stars and Stripes is located in Crystal City at 567 South 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. Full game viewing details are located on the chapter website. We will have halftime raffles each week with prizes including Bama gear, Dreamland BBQ Sauce and the ever-popular halftime bar tab donation by Stars and Stripes Restaurant ([www.starsandstripesrestaurant.com](http://www.starsandstripesrestaurant.com)).

### Special Game Ticket Raffle – September 9

Beth Kimber of RE/MAX Allegiance has donated a weekend stay in a fully furnished "Game Day House" in Tuscaloosa **AND** 2 tickets to the Ole Miss game. The house is located less than a mile from campus and the game tickets are located in The Zone. The Zone is the brand new club-level skybox at Bryant Denny Stadium. We will be selling special raffle tickets at the Hawaii and Vandy games. The actual raffle will be held at the Vandy game. This is a great raffle prize. Don't miss out!!! Very gracious thanks to Beth and Alan Kimber for this fabulous prize donation.

### CAN Flag Football – Fall League

The Crimson Tide is getting set to take the field in our fourth season of competition in the Capital Alumni Network flag football league. Coming off a season in which we played a difficult schedule, including victories over rivals Tennessee and Auburn and winning our first playoff game with a huge comeback against Arizona State, the Tide is poised to make a serious move up in the league. Join us for fun and fellowship as we look to make this season our best yet! If you are interested, please send an email to [sports@dcbamafans.com](mailto:sports@dcbamafans.com).

### Recruiting

We have a very active recruiting schedule for prospective students from DC, VA, and MD. In September alone, we will be attending 12 college fairs! Events begin with Mercy High School in Baltimore on September 7. If you are interested in assisting, please contact Elizabeth Dugas at [recruiting@dcbamafans.com](mailto:recruiting@dcbamafans.com).

### Iron Bowl Tailgate Party

Mark your calendars: the Crimson Tide takes on Auburn on November 18, and we are talking to Auburn's DC alumni chapter about a co-hosting a tailgating party similar to last year. More details to come as the date gets closer.

## HELP US UPDATE OUR RECORDS!!!

We need your help to ensure we have your updated contact information. Please email us at [secretary@dcbamafans.com](mailto:secretary@dcbamafans.com) with your home address, phone numbers, and email addresses. We do not share any personal information with outside organizations or use it for any purposes besides contacting you.

## RECAP OF THE YEAR-TO-DATE

We're just five months into the chapter year, and it has already been an active chapter year! Here is a quick recap of the events that have occurred since April 1<sup>st</sup>:

### **Tide Tee-Off Golf Tournament**

In April, the National Capital Chapter and Chesapeake Consulting sponsored the 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Tide Tee-Off Golf Tournament at South Riding Golf Club in South Riding, VA. Eight teams competed for the championship honors and prizes. We had a lot of great raffle prizes, including roundtrip airline tickets on AirTran. Special thanks to our sponsors and prize donors listed below and a big ROLL TIDE to our volunteers: Steve Cherry, the captain of our softball team, and Emily White, former Chapter President, for their help monitoring for hole-in-one's (none this year!), and driving the beverage cart.

#### SPONSORS

**Chesapeake Consulting, Inc.** – 2006 Tournament Co-sponsor

**ManTech ISD** – Hole In One Sponsor

**Beth Kimber/REMAX Allegiance** – Putting Contest Sponsor

**Great American Restaurants** – Closest To the Pin

**Suzanne Moore** – Men's Longest Drive

**Stars and Stripes Restaurant** – Women's Longest Drive & Goodie Bag donations

**David Price** – Beverage Cart & Goodie Bag donations  
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**Suzanne Moore**

**Paul Campbell**

**Emily White**

**Sammy Seals**

**Chris & Valerie Bayham**

**NCC Flag Football Team**

**NCC Softball Team**

#### PRIZE DONORS

**AirTran Airways**

**Arlington Cinema & Drafthouse**

**Dixie Bones BBQ**

**Potomac Party Cruises**

**USA Raft**

**Rio Grande Café** (Bethesda and Arlington locations)

**Stars and Stripes Restaurant**

### **University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup**

In May, alumni from our chapter attended University Row at the 81st Annual Virginia Gold Cup Horse Race, one of the largest and most prestigious Steeplechase races in the country. Our chapter served on the steering committee and coordinated with over 50 other university alumni groups in the DC area to sponsor a catered tent at the event. In addition to providing great entertainment for the attendees, the event raised our visibility in the community and generated additional proceeds to go towards our scholarship funds.

### **CAN - Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund Bachelor / Bachelorette Charity Auction**

Also in May, our Chapter President, Deborah Moore, participated as a bachelorette in the Capital Alumni Network's Charity Auction, benefiting the Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund. Several Bama alumni attended the event to support her as she was auctioned off. Deborah was one of the top fundraisers, raising more than \$2,400 in total funds for Hoop Dreams Scholarship Fund through her pre-event efforts and at the auction.

### **CAN Softball League – Season Results**

This spring, we set out on our inaugural season in the CAN softball league. Several positive outcomes were achieved by our team throughout the hot and humid summer months. Here's a look at some of the highlights:

First, we got to play some ball! The CAN flag football league is a ton of fun, and the softball league proved to be so as well. Second, we got acclimated to the league. CAN has some unique rules and a feel all its own, so getting our feet wet this season should enhance our chances of future wins. Third, we got to do battle with some familiar foes. Included in our season were wins over SEC rivals Georgia and South Carolina (who we played shorthanded). Finally, we made a lot of new friends.

Thanks to the folks who helped us field a team this year and also to the good people at the Bottom Line, where post-game activities allowed us to get to know players from around the league. Many thanks as well to Steve Cherry, our dedicated and spirited coach. Here's looking forward to next year!

### **Alabama on the Hill Intern Program Inaugural Reception**

In June we were very proud to host the UA Career Center and UA Interns at a reception to announce Alabama on the Hill, a program that brings UA interns and alumni together for shared interests. Over 60 alumni and interns braved the rain for a wonderful evening of networking. The program's goal is to foster a network of DC area alumni for visiting interns to use as a resource while in the area. Program events will include informational seminars and social activities to provide the interns with a better understanding of all that the DC area has to offer. We're very excited about this new program and look forward to many future events.

### Bama Bound BBQ

Also in July, the 21st Annual Bama Bound BBQ was held at Lacey Woods Park in Arlington. Dixie Bones BBQ catered the event, and the food was delicious! We had a wonderful turnout of seven students and over 40 parents, alumni, and friends. Our featured speaker, Dr. Guy Caldwell (Associate Professor of Biological Sciences), shared his passion for cutting-edge research and challenged the incoming freshmen who were present to pursue their passions, whatever they might be. We also had the pleasure of hearing from the Honorable Judge Robert Barr (President of the National Alumni Association), Mr. Rick Funk (Director of Campus Activities), and Mr. Mark Roberts (JA Alumni Chapter Representative).

### SEC Capital Kickoff

On August 25, our chapter co-hosted the 25th Annual SEC Capital Kickoff. The event was held at the City Tavern Club in Georgetown, and like last year, it was a huge success! The event sold out in advance for the second year in a row, and attendees partied until well after midnight! A huge thanks goes out to Amy Landry, our chapter vice-president, who led the planning activities. Thanks for your hard work and dedication! Final financial totals from the event are still pending, but the expectation is that our chapter, along with the other participating schools, will receive over \$1,000 to go towards our scholarships.

### Web Site Enhancements

We are currently making enhancements to the National Capital Chapter website to improve the quality of information that we can provide to the 2,600 alumni in the DC area. Over the summer, we introduced a new graphical format for our upcoming events that uses an online monthly calendar. We also started an online photo album with pictures from recent events. (Please email the officers if you have any other pictures that you would like to share.) To try out these new features, visit our web site at <http://www.dcbamafans.com>. And if you are interested in helping, please email our chapter secretary and webmaster, Chris Bayham, at [webmaster@dcbamafans.com](mailto:webmaster@dcbamafans.com).

### UA Virginia Car Tags

We are still a long way away from our required 350 paid applications for the Virginia car tags. The Virginia DMV will not begin production of the plates until we reach that requirement. For those of you who have submitted your application, THANK YOU!! For those of you interested, please visit the chapter website for full details.

### 2006 Football Schedule

(updated schedule available online at <http://www.dcbamafans.com>)

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
Sep 2	Hawaii	Tuscaloosa	7:07 PM (CTSN-PPV + ESPN GamePlan)
Sep 9	Vanderbilt*	Tuscaloosa	3:30 PM (Fox Sports South)
Sep 16	Louisiana-Monroe	Tuscaloosa	7:07 PM (CTSN-PPV)
Sep 23	at Arkansas*	Fayetteville, AR	TBA
Sep 30	at Florida*	Gainesville, FL	TBA
Oct 7	Duke	Tuscaloosa	TBA
Oct 14	Ole Miss*	Tuscaloosa	TBA
Oct 21	at Tennessee*	Knoxville, TN	TBA
Oct 28	Florida International (HC)	Tuscaloosa	TBA
Nov 4	Mississippi State*	Tuscaloosa	TBA
Nov 11	at LSU*	Baton Rouge, LA	TBA
Nov 18	Auburn*	Tuscaloosa	TBA

All times Eastern

\* SEC Games

Home Games in bold

