

National Capital Chapter

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President's Message

We're approaching the end of the 2007-08 chapter year and it's been a busy, but exciting year. 2007 started off with the announcement of a new football coach. This brought a new excitement to the University and to the fans up here in the DC metro area. With the help of the other officers and committee chairs we worked really hard to expand our current chapter activities and also try and create some new traditions for the National Capital Chapter. A huge thank you to Brandon, Brian, Charles, Deborah, David, Cary, Elizabeth, Bob and Chris for all your hard work and dedication. On the next few pages, you will have the opportunity to read about everything the chapter did this year.

As I said earlier, this year was truly an exciting, but also an incredibly busy year. I was very pleased that we were finally able to launch the chapter's new website. This was something that happened to be in the works for a while and we were finally able to get all the kinks out of it. A huge thank you to Chris Bayham for all of the time he put into this to make it happen. If you have not checked it out, I would highly encourage you to do so. The chapter had other great accomplishments during this year. We successfully held our 1st game viewing of the spring A-Day game. Thank you to Alan Kimber and Deborah Moore for helping pull this feat off. I am looking forward to having this as a core event for our chapter. We had one of our largest groups of students recently to attend our annual Bama Bound BBQ. This would not have been possible without the efforts of our Regional Recruiter Elizabeth Dugas and all of the volunteers who have helped with our local recruiting events. Lastly, as you all may know Stars and Stripes our home for football game viewings the past two years was sold last July and that put us on a scramble to locate a new location. You could say the football Gods smiled on us- within two weeks we found our new location with the help of Bob Keith: Old Dominion Brewhouse in the District. ODB has proven to be a wonderful new home to Tide fans and helped continued to bring a new excitement to the DC area. All I can say thank you, thank you, thank you to Hanny Chan and his staff for making us feel welcome from the very start. I hope we'll be there for many, many years! As you can see, there's a renewed excitement in the pride of being a Tide fan. We need to keep this going and you can help by getting involved with the chapter.

We had another successful year with scholarship fundraising due in large part to all of you. With your generosity we raised over \$3,600 through halftime raffle sales and anticipate the final tally for all donations for the chapter year to be over \$4000. Our chapter also opened its heart and helped raise money to help former Crimson Tide football player Victor Ellis and his fight with cancer.

It has been an amazing honor to be your President over the last year. I look forward to the future to the 2008-09 chapter year. Next year, is shaping up to be another remarkable year for the National Capital Chapter under the leadership of Brandon Powell. I'm looking for only good things for the DC area. Again, thank you for allowing me this wonderful opportunity to serve you all as President.

Roll Tide,

Amy Landry - President, National Capital Chapter, 2007-08

NEW OFFICER SLATE FOR 2008-2009

We are pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2008-2009 chapter year. New officer posts begin April 1, 2008 and end March 31, 2009. An official ballot has been provided in the newsletter for you to complete and return. **Please be sure to submit your ballots by March 29th.**

President

Brandon Powell – Keeping with the by-laws, Brandon has already been promoted to the office of President. Brandon has spent the past year as the National Capital Chapter's Vice-President and was the Treasurer and Sports Chair the previous years. He graduated magna cum laude from the Capstone in 2001 with a B.A. in Political Science and Religious Studies, and earned a Master of Public Administration from Alabama in 2003. While in school, he was an active member of the University Honors Program, Wesley Foundation, and College Republicans. Brandon moved to the D.C. area in 2003 and currently works for the U.S. Department of Energy as a Contract Specialist.

Vice President/President-Elect

Chris Bayham - Chris graduated *summa cum laude* from the University of Alabama in 1998 with a B.S. in Business Administration and a concentration in Management Information Systems. He received his MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management in 2003. Chris is currently Senior Director of Client Services at Freddie Mac; prior to joining Freddie, he was a Principal with Diamond Management and Technology Consultants, a premier global consulting firm. He previously held roles both as Secretary and as Treasurer of the National Capital Chapter (and is currently the Webmaster), and he has served as the President of the Seebeck Society, the alumni association for the Computer-Based Honors Program at UA. Chris and his wife Valerie reside in Alexandria, VA.

Secretary

Kevin McCall - Kevin attended the University of Alabama from 1993-1998. He received a B.S. in Commerce and Business Administration with the concentration in Marketing. Kevin first moved to the DC area after graduating from Alabama for a job and to be closer to his family, which still lives in the Harrisburg, PA area. In 2001 he went to work for NBC Olympics, Inc. managing business relationships directly related to NBC's broadcast of the 2002, 2004 and 2006 Olympic Games. After stints living in Salt Lake City, Australia, Greece and Italy, Kevin and his wife decided to settle down and return to the DC area in mid 2006. He has been actively pursuing his career in Commercial Real Estate since moving back to DC. In his free time, Kevin enjoys Alabama football, golf, and traveling.

Treasurer

Bob Keith – Bob served as the events chairman for the NCC during the past year. Through his efforts, we established our relationship with Old Dominion Brewhouse. In addition to this critical find, he helped plan and coordinate several events throughout the year. Furthermore, Bob acted as de facto Secretary when Major Brian Sims received orders from the Air Force to serve in Kuwait. Bob graduated with a B.A. in Communication and Information Sciences in 2001 and with an M.A. in Economics in 2003. He currently lives in Alexandria and works as an economist for the Bureau of Labor Statistics, while pursuing an M.B.A. at American University.

2007 Chapter Recap

University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup

For the fourth consecutive year, we participated as a tent partner in University Row at the 82nd running of the Virginia Gold Cup. Held on the first Saturday of each May, the Virginia Gold Cup is more than a world famous steeplechase race – it is a grand spring tradition and a fixture on the Washington social calendar. University Row is the largest gathering of tents in the history of the Virginia Gold Cup Races. We partnered with over 60 college and university alumni groups through the Alumni Events Alliance and organized transportation to and from the event, catering and tent space. We had 22 Alabama alumni and friends in attendance. Although the weather was cold and rainy, the Alabama group had a great time meeting new friends, socializing with old friends and, of course, watching the races. The 83rd running of the Virginia Gold Cup will take place on Saturday, May 3rd 2008. The response from our alumni was so good last year that the chapter will participate again this year. If you are interested in assisting with the event planning or interested in attending the races this year, please send an email to Deborah Moore at deborah@universityrow.net.

UA in DC

Over the summer the National Capital Chapter co-hosted a reception with the University Career Center for University of Alabama interns spending the summer in Washington, DC. **UA in DC** will be an ongoing program to bring interns and alumni together for shared interests. The event was held on June 11th on Capitol Hill at the offices of Van Scoyoc Associates. It was the chapter's second time hosting this intern event. The program will continue to expand to include sessions with alumni who will give pointers on how to network and build a viable network of contacts for future use in post-graduate professions. We are currently working putting together an agenda for Summer 2008.

Bama Bound BBQ

The National Capital Chapter hosted its annual Bama Bound Barbecue on July 28 at Lacey Woods Park in Arlington, Virginia. The event is a send-off for students in the region who are headed to Tuscaloosa. This year, we had a huge crowd: seventy-one people registered for the event, with several new faces in attendance. Included among the number were twelve new UA students. We can only expect this number to grow in the future, thanks in large part to our regional recruiter, Elizabeth Dugas. Mark Roberts represented the University Alumni Office. In addition, National Alumni Association President Melanie Chambliss was in attendance, along with her husband Bobby. Entertaining the crowd with stories of Alabama football and basketball games, travels, and personalities was the voice of Crimson Tide basketball, Chris Stewart. The highlight of the afternoon, of course, was the wonderful food, provided by Dixie Bones BBQ, who has catered the event the past three years.

Football Game Viewings

On Labor Day weekend, we kicked off our Bama Football Game Viewing parties at our new home, Old Dominion Brewhouse in the District. Thank you to Hanny Chan and his staff for making us feel welcome and donating many items for our halftime raffle. The beer towers were a huge hit! Also a huge thank you goes out to two of our past Presidents, Deborah Moore and David Price for purchasing cups for the whole season. Once again, our average attendance this year was over 100 Bama Fans, with some games topping out near 150 people! For the second year in a row Deborah Moore and David Price donated two special raffle prizes: a Dreamland BBQ rib package for 2, complete with ribs, sauce, white bread and bibs. One was raffled during the Tennessee game and the other during the Auburn game. Both raised over \$400 respectfully. NCC Past President, Shannon Shelton also donated a \$100 gift card for the holidays.

Professional Networking Happy Hours

It was January 2007, and the college football season had thankfully ended for Bama. But then we all received a late Christmas gift: The University of Alabama hired Nick Saban! Just like that, the world looked brighter, and we decided to get together to celebrate. And thus, the NCC Networking Happy Hour was born! Just a year later, the NCC now has three Networking Happy Hours at locations throughout the metropolitan area: Tyson's Corner, Georgetown, and Capitol Hill. These happy hours are great ways to share resumes, learn personal and professional information, talk a lot about recruiting and football (and even some basketball thrown in), and overall, just show our pride in the University! The dates and locations of each Networking Happy Hour are posted on the NCC website calendar.

Tennessee Happy Hour

The Tuesday before the Tennessee game, we met up with the UT alumni for a Happy Hour at Carpool in Arlington, VA. It was a fun time filled with making some new friends and joking around with old ones, all while enjoying a couple of drinks and appetizers. Including both groups, we had around 25 people. Many hilarious stories of the fabled Third Saturday in October were shared, and we look forward to doing it again this year.

Southern Pride Happy Hour with LSU

The President and Vice President of the alumni associations of the two schools were the guest bartenders at Old Dominion on the Thursday night before the LSU game. This practice has become a tradition for this always-entertaining Happy Hour. And the first installment of the Saban Bowl was a perfect backdrop for this occasion. Bayou Punch and Alabama Slammers were the drinks of choice throughout the night. A round of applause goes out to Amy Landry and Brandon Powell for bartending, and a special thanks to Hanny Chan for allowing us to host this at his restaurant.

SEC Toys for Tots Happy Hour

The National Capital Chapter took part in the 1st Annual SEC Toys for Tots Happy Hour that took place at Old Dominion. This was a great event and even better the NCC was named the winner of the school of charity for donating the most toys. Thank you to everyone who donated for this wonderful cause. A special thank you to Emily White who donated over 20 toys for this wonderful cause.

UA/AU Iron Bowl Tailgate Party

Since the Iron Bowl was directly after Thanksgiving this past year, we held the Annual Iron Bowl Tailgate Party on the Saturday before. This is one of our events that gives back to our community through food and monetary donations. Every year, we put aside our differences and join the Auburn Alumni Club along with the Alabama State Society to host this event. In total, we donated more than 100 pounds of food to the DC Area Food bank, and raised \$175 for the West Alabama Food Bank. Even though it was devastating listening to the La. Monroe game on satellite radio, we were able to accomplish something very meaningful by helping the less fortunate. Thanks go out to everyone who participated in this and made a contribution.

Flag Football Team

For the fifth year, the National Capital Chapter sponsored a team in the Capital Alumni Network flag football league. All games were played at Anacostia Park in Washington, DC. Continuing the trend of improvement from the three preceding years, the Tide reeled off an all-time high eight wins, including a 7-3 regular season record and a 26-0 romp over Ohio State in the postseason tournament. The tough defense was on display all season, with additional shutout wins over Yale, Florida State, and SEC foe Georgia. Season highlights also included a dramatic comeback win over perennial power Maryland and a second place finish in the division. More importantly, several new players were added to the roster this season. Flag football has proven, once again, to be a successful means of recruitment and retention of quality members for the NCC by creating new relationships and strengthening existing ones. Special thanks to our head coach, Cary Haney. Without his dedication and efforts, we could not have been nearly as successful nor had as much fun. With no reason to believe the improvements will cease, the Tide looks forward to continued success next season. If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Cary at sports@dcbamafans.com.

Heart of Dixie Happy Hour

To continue our camaraderie with Auburn outside of the football season, we entered our third year of a relatively new tradition: the Heart of Dixie Happy Hour! This event provided a chance for everyone associated with the state of Alabama to come together and have fun. The 3rd Annual Heart of Dixie Happy was held Thursday, Mar. 13th at Penn Quarter Tavern. Food and drinks and laughter were shared by all! Many thanks to the Alabama State Society for joining us.

Student Recruitment

The University of Alabama is having a great recruiting year—and not just in football. In the fall, our Regional Recruiter, Elizabeth Dugas, visited over 80 high schools and attended approximately 40 college fairs all over Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia on behalf of the University. Several chapter officers also represented Alabama at college fairs. Our hard work appears to be paying off: as of February 1, 2008, the University had received 40.5% more applications than on the same day last year! That pales in comparison to our local increase, however, which is 72.1%! Not only is quantity up, but also quality, as we have a record number of scholarship-eligible applicants this year from the National Capital area. We're very excited about our incoming class! If you would like to help with recruiting, contact Elizabeth at 703-307-6739 or recruiting@dcbamafans.com.

Attention Sorority Alumnae! Elizabeth Dugas, UA's Regional Recruiter, is looking for sorority alumnae who will volunteer to write recommendations for National Capital-area girls who will be participating in fall recruitment (rush) at UA. If you are an alumna of any sorority that is currently on campus at The University of Alabama—whether or not you were a member of a UA chapter—please contact Elizabeth at Elizabeth.Dugas@ua.edu or 703-307-6739 to express your willingness to help local girls with the recruitment process.

Scholarship Endowments

One of the more important functions of our National Capital Chapter is to raise scholarship funds so we can send worthy high school graduates from our chapter area to the University of Alabama with chapter-provided financial assistance. In case you weren't aware, we are the leading out-of state UA alumni chapter in the United States in the category of number and amount of funds in scholarships endowed.

Listed below are our six currently endowed scholarships and the corpus amount in each, which perpetually will have 6 students at all times receiving assistance from our chapter, amounting to about \$1,000 each per year. As you can see, we have exceeded \$200K total mark, which is a very noteworthy achievement for us. This couldn't have been done without your generous contributions and participation in raffles, chapter events and other fund-raising efforts for the chapter. We expect to send down \$4,500 this June.

Scholarship	2006/2007 Contribution	Balance
Louise Bryant Tate Endowment	\$1000.00	\$39,746.28
Donald J. Cronin Endowment	\$2500.00	\$36,175.28
Dr. Frank A. Rose Endowment	\$1000.00	\$34,502.59
Marshall H. Groom Endowment	\$1000.00	\$36,384.06
Richard A. Mason Endowment	\$1000.00	\$34,757.74
William Jennings Dyess Endowment	\$1000.00	\$34,398.48
Grand Total	\$7,500.00	\$215,964.43

Membership

This past year was another great year for chapter membership. We welcomed several new alumni and friends to the Chapter area and saw an increase in membership of about 20% over the 2006-07 Chapter year. This is largely attributed to our new online membership function as well as increased attendance at chapter events and game viewing parties. Since the National Capital Chapter is a non-profit organization, portions of the Chapter membership dues are allocated to help support the Chapter operating budget each calendar year. This allows the Chapter to allocate all other money collected to the six scholarship endowments. All dues money collected over the amount budgeted for chapter operations each year is split equally among the chapter's scholarship endowments.

Starting in 2008, the National Capital Chapter will be implementing a nominal increase in membership dues. The new dues structure will be as follows: \$25.00 for single membership and \$40 for couple/family membership. We will also be continuing our conversion to a "rolling" membership structure. Previously, all chapter memberships were up for renewal on March 31 of each year, regardless of which month in which the membership began. With the new "rolling" structure, your membership will be due for renewal one calendar year from your payment. So, if you joined or sent your renewal in June 2007, your new renewal date will be June 2008. The chapter will send a reminder email each month to those members whose membership is expiring that month.

New and current members can go to the membership page on www.dcbamafans.com and join or renew membership. We have also included a membership form in this newsletter for those of you who prefer to mail your payments. Please remember to keep your National Alumni Association membership up to date as well. For your convenience, there is a link to the National Alumni Association membership page on the Chapter website membership page. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Membership Chair, Deborah Moore, at membership@dcbamafans.com.

The University of Alabama License Plates effort for Virginia, Maryland and Washington DC is still ongoing! Wouldn't you like to see one of these on your vehicles?



The application process for Virginia, Maryland, and Washington DC are all-different. Below is a brief summary about each location. For the full application process, visit the NCC website (www.dcbamafans.com) and inquire about your location.

For Virginia Residents:

The Virginia DMV requires us to collect and then submit, all at once, at least 350 *paid* applications before they will start the process of stamping out the tags. How long will that take? That answer depends on you! The quicker we can get 350 paid applications, the sooner you can get your plates. We already have received signoff from the University on the design and have submitted it to the Virginia DMV for approval. Based on our initial discussions with DMV personnel, they believe that our design will be approved.

The price is \$25 per tag, plus an additional \$10 if you currently have or want personalized tags. Please send your money AND the application form (*Form VSA10*) as soon as possible to the address provided below, as we want to get this process "rolling" in! The form can be found <http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/vsa10.pdf>. Note that you can type your information directly into the online form on your screen, and then print it off. Please make your check out to "University of Alabama Virginia License Plate Fund" and mail it and your form to:

Courtney Rogers
3907 Exeter Road
Richmond, Virginia 23221

For Maryland Residents:

For you, the process is very simple. The state of Maryland requires at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are Maryland registered drivers. All you have to do is go to <http://www.dcbamafans.com> and register your name and current Maryland license plate number. Once we receive twenty-five (25) signatures of intent, the Chapter will submit the list to the Maryland DMV and work with them to get the plate design approved. The plate design is notional and has not been approved by Maryland or the University of Alabama. Please note that personalized license plates are not available in Maryland.

For District of Columbia Residents:

For you, the process is very simple. The District of Columbia requires at least twenty-five (25) individuals who are DC registered drivers. All you have to do is go to <http://www.dcbamafans.com> and register your name and current DC license plate number. Once we receive twenty-five (25) signatures of intent, we will work with both the University of Alabama and the District of Columbia for plate design and approval. The plate design is notional and has not been approved by the District of Columbia or the University of Alabama. Please note that personalized license plates are not available in DC.

SAVE THE DATE

University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup

*Celebrate the 83rd running
of the world famous
Virginia Gold Cup steeplechase race
at University Row
along the celebrated North Rail*

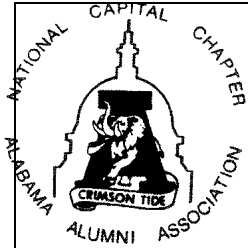
*Saturday, May 3, 2008
Great Meadow
The Plains, Virginia!
(www.universityrow.org)*



We're in the process of updating our contact information for all of our 3,500+ members living in the area. Please visit <http://www.dcbamafans.com> and click the **Update My Record** button at the top of the page or return the membership form located in the back of this newsletter!

You can also sign up to get involved with the chapter by chairing or joining one of the following committees:

- Membership
- License Plate Campaign
- Social
- Fundraising
- Website
- Sports
- Student Recruitment
- Public Relations



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Out of State Chapter of the Year

National Capital Chapter Dues · Scholarship Donation · Contact Information Update

NEW! PAY YOUR DUES USING YOUR CREDIT CARD ONLINE AT WWW.DCBAMAFANS.COM

PLEASE BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2008-09 CHAPTER YEAR
NOTE: MEMBERSHIPS WILL NOW BE PROCESSED ON A "ROLLING" BASIS!

New Member

Renewal

Name: _____ Graduation Year (if UA): _____ Work Phone: _____

Spouse (if joining): _____ Graduation Year (if UA): _____ Work Phone: _____

Mailing Address-Street: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home/Cell Phone: _____

E-mail Address: _____ Second Email Address: _____

Beginning April 1, 2008, all Chapter newsletters will be distributed via email only, unless otherwise requested

Check here if you would like to receive the chapter newsletter in hard copy format.
Please make sure you have included your name and address above

\$ _____ Annual National Capital Chapter **dues donation**

_____ \$25 single membership _____ \$40 couple/family membership

\$ _____ **Scholarship Donation:** ___ General Fund ___ Cronin ___ Dyess ___ Groom
___ Rose ___ Tate ___ Mason

\$ _____ **Total Amount Enclosed - Make checks payable to the National Capital Chapter**
(See Chapter mailing address below)

Please indicate your interest in assisting the Chapter with the following activities:

Student Recruitment Fundraising Planning Social Activities
 Newsletter Public Relations Website Design & Updates

Please indicate your vote for 2008-09 Chapter Officers:

Per the Chapter By-laws, the current Vice President/President-Elect, Brandon Powell, will be the 2008-09 Chapter President

Vice President/President-Elect Chris Bayham Other: _____
Treasurer Bob Keith Other: _____
Secretary Kevin McCall Other: _____

Please email completed form to membership@dcbamafans.com or mail to:

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2008 Football Schedule

(as posted on rolltide.com as of 2/12/2008)



<u>DATE</u>	<u>OPPONENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Apr 12	A-Day Game	Tuscaloosa
Aug 30	Clemson	Atlanta, GA
Sep 6	Tulane	Tuscaloosa
Sep 13	Western Kentucky	Tuscaloosa
Sep 20	Arkansas*	Fayetteville, AR
Sep 27	Georgia*	Athens, GA
Oct. 4	Kentucky*	Tuscaloosa
Oct 18	Ole Miss*	Tuscaloosa
Oct 25	Tennessee*	Knoxville, TN
Nov 1	Arkansas State	Tuscaloosa
Nov 8	LSU*	Baton Rouge, LA
Nov 15	Mississippi State*	Tuscaloosa
Nov 29	Auburn*	Tuscaloosa

* SEC Conference Games

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