

National Capital Chapter

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President's Message

What a year to have the privilege of serving as President of the National Capital Chapter of the University of Alabama!

Our 13th National Championship in football... one of our largest Bama Bound BBQ events in recent memory (over 150 attendees)... record-breaking turnouts for our football game viewing parties at Old Dominion Brewhouse (including 500+ attendees for the BCS Championship Game)... approval of UA-themed license plates for the state of Maryland after many long years of effort by the chapter... and that's just a portion of the highlights. The list goes on and on!

As I look back at not just this past year, but the 6 years since I moved to the DC area from Chicago, I am awed by the reinvigoration in the chapter and the successes that it has experienced. The chapter has been able to take advantage of the experience and knowledge of the past presidents. It has also been able to tap into the youthful energy and fresh ideas from recent graduates. Much like our DC surroundings, our area alumni total of 4,300 (and growing) is a blending pot of ages, backgrounds, interests, and passions. It is one of the key attributes that make this the best place outside of Tuscaloosa for being a Bama fan!

As the African proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child." So too it is with an alumni chapter the size of ours. It would be impossible to thank everyone, but I would like to mention a few in particular, with apologies in advance for those that I miss.

Special thanks go out to Brandon Powell, our immediate past president, and Deborah Powell, our treasurer and past president, whose wisdom and counsel helped me through all of my initial questions about chapter responsibilities; Kevin McCall and Adam Goethe, dedicated officers who will carry the torch for chapter next year and take us to the next level; Amy Landry, for her leadership as NCC membership chair and her partnership with and participation in the Capital Alumni Network; my advisory committee of past-presidents Erik Francis, Shannon Shelton, and David Price (whose dream of U of A license plates has finally come to fruition for Maryland); Cary Haney for captaining the flag football team; Brian Sims, for his tireless efforts in raffle sales; and Hanny Chan and the staff at Old Dominion Brewhouse for providing the venue, food, and drinks for our game viewing parties.

I am truly humbled to be a part of such a storied organization in the National Capital Chapter. And I am excited for the future of this chapter, especially with the support of all of you—the dedicated alumni, family, friends, fans, and students of the University of Alabama—and the strong leadership that Kevin McCall and the officers bring. I can rest easy, knowing that this chapter is in good hands with a bright future ahead of it.

Roll Tide!

Chris Bayham – President, National Capital Chapter, 2009-2010

New Officer Slate for 2010 - 2011

We are pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2010-2011 chapter year. New officer posts begin April 1, 2010 and end March 31, 2011. 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

Kevin McCall - Kevin graduated from the University of Alabama in 1998 with a B.S. in Business Administration and a concentration in Marketing. Kevin is currently a Vice President with Larsen Commercial Real Estate Services, Inc. / ONCOR International and serves as the current NCC Vice President. Kevin previously served as the NCC Secretary for 2008-2009. Kevin returned to the DC area in 2006 after stints living in Utah, Australia, Greece and Italy, working for NBC Olympics, Inc. Kevin currently practices commercial real estate in the Washington DC area and focuses on corporate and tenant representation for local and national firms. Kevin and his wife Vanessa reside in Reston, VA.

Vice President/President-Elect

Timothy Williamson - Timothy attended the University of Alabama in 2001 as a Computer Science major before transferring to Auburn University to complete a B.W.E. in Wireless Electrical Engineering with a concentration in Networks in 2007. Timothy was most recently an Electrical Engineer with Rockwell Collins working on USAF flight simulation design. Timothy currently resides in Herndon, VA.

Secretary

Adam Goethe - Adam graduated from the University of Alabama in 2005 with a B.S. in Finance. He received his MBA from University of Alabama's Manderson Graduate School of Business in 2007. Adam served as Secretary during the 2009-2010 chapter year. Adam currently works at Fannie Mae as a Hedging Analyst and resides in Arlington, VA.

Treasurer

Bethany Wiggins - Bethany graduated from the University of Alabama in 2007 with a B.S. in Accounting and received her Masters of Accountancy in 2008. During her time at UA, Bethany was a Million Dollar Band Crimsonette; performing at pregame and halftime for the Crimson Tide. Bethany currently works as an auditor at Freddie Mac and resides in McLean, VA.

2009-2010 Chapter Recap

Professional Networking Happy Hours

We are in the 4th year of our Professional Networking Happy Hours in the Tyson's Corner area. These happy hours are great ways to network, share resumes, gain professional knowledge, discuss Alabama football/recruiting, and enjoy your pride in the University. Networking happy Hours are held the 3rd Wednesday of every month at McCormick and Schmick's in Tysons Corner. We are always looking to start networking happy hours in other locations around the DC area so please contact one of the chapter officers at officers@dcbamafans.com if you are interested in organizing a networking event in another part of the metro area.

Student Recruitment

Student recruitment in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC has recently experienced a dramatic increase, thanks in no small part to the efforts of our regional recruiter, Elizabeth Dugas. Recruiting fairs all over the region have been a staple of her effort, and NCC members frequently serve at these events. Often, multiple fairs are held concurrently, and the only way for the University to have representation at each is for our members to take the initiative to go. Also this year, several NCC members and friends who work in the education field have expressed interest in getting involved with student recruitment efforts, often unsolicited.

University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup Races

Perfect Spring weather in May brought out over 1,200 guests from over 60 universities in their spring finest out to the unique annual tradition: University Row at Gold Cup. Gold Cup is one of the largest inter-alumni social events in the DC area. The University of Alabama National Capital Chapter was once again an active partner with our tent anchor James Madison University. Over a dozen of our Alabama alumni participated in the event. Nestled on the North Rail, participants are able to enjoy great food and drinks while meeting new people. Now in its 84th year, the Virginia Gold Cup (informally known throughout the area as the "Spring Gold Cup") attracts over 50,000 people annually to see the finest horses in America and Europe compete in this prestigious race. Hope we can get even more participation from Alabama alumni in 2010!

UA in DC

UA in DC is an ongoing program, sponsored by The University of Alabama Career Center, to bring interns and alumni together for shared interests.

A welcome reception and networking information session was held at the offices of Van Scoyoc Associates on June 16, 2009 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. At the reception, Jonathan Lifland, a local Alabama alumnus and Media and Communications Manager with the National Academy of Sciences, spoke to interns and local alumni on how to build viable networks of contacts for professional development. Dr. Michael New, UA Political Science professor & UA in DC Program Director, discussed the UA in DC program and the events scheduled for students throughout the summer sessions. Finally, Chris Bayham, NCC President, addressed the interns regarding living in the DC area and the benefits and activities of the membership of the National Capital Chapter. The reception was free and was open to all alumni, current UA students, and their families.

The UA in DC program also included a networking session and panel discussion sponsored by The Blackburn Institute where alumni living in the Washington, DC area shared their experiences on living and working in DC. This Blackburn Institute event was held July 22nd from 6:30pm to 8:30pm and hosted by Mr. Mike House of Hogan and Hartson, LLP in the firm's Litigation and Conference Center.

Bama Bound Barbecue

The National Capital Chapter hosted the 24th annual Bama Bound Barbecue on Saturday, July 11th. For the fourth straight year, the event was held at Lacey Woods Park in Arlington, Virginia, with delicious down-home food provided by Dixie Bones BBQ. Every summer, the NCC hosts the Bama Bound Barbecue as a send-off for students in the region who are headed to Tuscaloosa. This year, we had a crowd of over 150 people with more than 25 new and returning UA students in attendance along with 30 members of their family and friends. Admission to the barbecue for students and their families is complimentary. Representing the University was Braxton Baker of the University Alumni Office. Our guest speaker was Roger Shultz, former Alabama football player (2 time All-SEC Center) and runner up on NBC's *Biggest Loser*. Roger kept alumni, students, and friends entertained with his stories of his time playing football at the Capstone and the events surrounding his time as a participant on NBC's *The Biggest Loser*. Roger ended his talk with a message directed specifically to the incoming students about the importance of enjoying their

time at Alabama and the importance of education and healthy living. At the end of the day, we were fortunate to have great weather, good food, and wonderful company!

Football Game Viewing Parties

Saturdays in the Fall mean one thing to the Crimson Tide faithful: Gameday! The NCC draws its largest crowds, raises the most money for operations and scholarships, and forges new and deeper relationships at these gatherings. The atmosphere for game viewings is the closest thing in D.C. to being in Tuscaloosa.

“Outside of Bryant-Denny Stadium, there's no place I'd rather be for a Bama game. Good people, good food, and great times!” --Tim Williamson

“The music, the Little Debbie oatmeal snack cakes, the raffles, all made for a very festive atmosphere. It was almost like being in the stands at the game – only better!” --Rebecca Richardson (Montevallo)

“We immediately felt like part of the group and thoroughly enjoyed the entire experience. In short, we had a GREAT time and appreciate the hospitality shown to us out-of-towners.” --Cathy Jones (Birmingham)

The NCC watches football games at Old Dominion Brewhouse, located in downtown Washington, D.C. The staff and management are wonderful. They donate prizes for our raffles, provide a sound system for raffles and music, have banners made to welcome Alabama alumni, hang our flag year-round, sport Alabama buttons, hats, and t-shirts, and even cheer almost as loudly as the Bama fans in the restaurant. The relationship between the NCC and Old Dominion has blossomed into a great one, and Old Dominion has hosted several events other than game viewings for Alabama and other alumni.

Some highlights from game viewings this year include:

- Winning every game!
- More than \$900 raised at the Virginia Tech raffle for our scholarship funds.
- Special Raffles including tickets to the Virginia Tech game.
- Out-of-town visitors from across the country joining the NCC for game viewings
- Lord Wedgwood, a member of the British House of Lords & Bama Fan, joined us for a game viewing.
- A crowd of 500+ for the National Championship Game, with attendees spilling into the restaurant next door!
- Champagne was served compliments of Old Dominion Brewery after the National Championship game.

In addition to regular football game viewings, the NCC also had a game viewing gathering for the 2009 A-Day game and is planning a game viewing gathering for the 2010 A-Day Game on April 17.

USC Happy Hour

This year the University of South Carolina shifted back into the Tide's schedule and what's the best way to celebrate that? A happy hour between the two alumni clubs. We met up with the Gamecock's alumni at Carpool in Arlington, VA for food, drinks and fun.

UT Happy Hour

For the 3rd year in a row, we met up with the University of Tennessee alumni for a happy hour at Black Fin in DC the Thursday before this year's game. It was a fun time filled with joking among friends and sharing stories about the fabled Third Saturday in October.

Southern Pride Happy Hour with LSU

This is a very interactive happy hour and probably one of our favorites. The President and Vice-President from each school's alumni chapters are the bartenders. All tips are given to the two schools' chapters. As in years past, the bartenders were kept on their toes and delivered impeccable drinks. Thank you to Kevin McCall and Chris Bayham for being this year's bartenders and to Old Dominion Brewhouse for hosting us again.

UA/AU Iron Bowl Happy Hour

This is an annual tradition between our chapter and the Auburn alumni chapter. For one night, we put aside our differences and use this event as a chance to give back to our community through food and monetary donations.

Everyone who attends brings 2 canned goods and \$5 or \$10 to gain access to the happy hour. This year, we raised \$200 for Operation Homefront and all canned goods were donated to DC Central Kitchen.

SEC Toys for Tots

The 3rd Annual SEC Toys for Tots was held on Thursday, Dec. 17th at Bailey's in Ballston, VA. Again, we had a great event for a wonderful cause. Across all of the schools, the SEC raised more than \$200 and donated 120 toys. The National Capital Chapter was again named the School of Charity for donating the most. A huge thank you goes out to all members who attended and donated toys.

Capital Alumni Network (CAN)

The Capital Alumni Network is a network of over 200 alumni clubs in the Washington, DC area that exists to foster activities, networking, friendship, and intercollegiate spirit between local alumni club members; to create a social forum where there is interaction between university and college alumni chapters and their members; to provide a source for activity-planning information and resources; and to participate in activities that display the diversity and strengths of the various Capital-Area alumni chapters.

The NCC was one of the organizers for this year's CAN golf tournament, as well as providing volunteers and participants in the event. Service events, like Hands on DC, in which volunteers clean up schools around the city, also featured Alabama alumni participation. In addition, the National Capital Chapter has a member who sits on the Advisory Committee and is a Board member of CAN. The participation in CAN has given the NCC recognition among peer groups in the community and also improved the chapter by way of idea sharing and generation.

Blackburn Fellows DC Fall Trip

In October, 25 Blackburn Fellows traveled to Washington, D.C. over their fall break to study the federal government's impact on state governing policies. As part of their trip, the Blackburn Institute along with the National Alumni Association and the National Capital Chapter hosted a dinner for the visiting Fellows at Old Ebbitt Grill, across from the White House. Fellows had an opportunity to network with Washington, D.C. area Alabama alumni and ask questions and talk about working and living in Washington, D.C. John Cochran, Alabama alumnus and White House Correspondent for ABC News, attended the dinner taking an opportunity to visit with each of the Fellows talking to them about his experiences through the years in Washington.

Flag Football

The chapter competed for the seventh consecutive year in the Capital Alumni Network's Flag Football league. Once again, Alabama posted a winning record, finishing the regular season at 7-3, equaling its best regular season ever. The team continues to be a formidable challenge to all opponents. That fact was demonstrated when the Tide took perennial power Michigan (#3 this year) to overtime and also posted four shutouts (Massachusetts, Ohio State, Dayton, Stanford). The regular season highlight, however, was the victory over Auburn, which continues the Tide's winning streak over the in-state rival.

The postseason tournament was also a success for the team. Entering the 54-team field as the #18 seed, Alabama reeled off wins over Auburn (again!) and Indiana to make it into the third round of the playoffs for the first time ever. The Tide's run was only halted by a closely fought contest with #2 seed Johns Hopkins, after bad weather forced the game to be postponed until the weekend of the NCAA championship game, rendering the Alabama team shorthanded.

Off the field, the team has contributed to the chapter once again. Flag football continues to be an excellent recruiting tool, bringing new members to the National Capital Chapter. In addition, the friendships that are formed and strengthened between teammates are valuable and enduring ones.

If you are interested in the flag football team or would like more information, contact Cary Haney and Brandon Powell at sports@dcbamafans.com.

Distinguished Alumnus Award

After a few years' hiatus, the National Capital Chapter was proud to reinstate the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 2009. The award goes to a chapter member who consistently contributes to the chapter, financially or otherwise, and strives to make the NCC a great resource for Alabama alumni, friends, family, and fans. Nominees are solicited from chapter members, with the winner then selected by the officers.

This year marks a first for the award: it is presented not to one, but to two people! The 2009-10 National Capital Chapter Distinguished Alumnus Award goes to the husband-wife duo of Deborah and Brandon Powell. Deborah and Brandon have held numerous leadership positions in the NCC over the last decade, including separate stints as President. The contributions of the Powells are impressive, to say the least: they frequently donate raffle prizes to the chapter (including Deborah's donations of an Apple iPod and her highly-anticipated, annual offering of a Dreamland rib package for a members-only raffle); they helped to launch the Tyson's Corner Networking Happy Hour years ago; and Brandon is co-captain of the CAN flag football team, along with Cary Haney... just to name a few of their accolades. They embody everything that this chapter and the University of Alabama stand for.

Congratulations, Deborah and Brandon, and thank you for your support and contributions to the NCC. Without members like you, we would not be nearly as successful as we are.

Scholarship Endowments

The National Capital Chapter has six endowed scholarships. This year, we were able to raise and send \$9,000 to the University to participate in the University of Alabama National Alumni Association Collegiate License Tag Program, which matches monetary contributions from our chapter to add additional funds to our endowments. (This is a separate activity from our chapter's efforts University logo license plates through the DMV).

Scholarship	2008/09 Contribution
Donald J. Cronin	\$1,500.00
Louise Bryant Tate Memorial	\$1,500.00
Dr. Frank A. Rose	\$1,500.00
Marshall Groom	\$1,500.00
Richard A. Mason Memorial	\$1,500.00
William Dyess	\$1,500.00

Due to new regulations, we can no longer accept scholarship donations via our website or through checks made out to the National Capital Chapter. To make a scholarship donation, please make your check out to *The University of Alabama*, noting to which scholarship you would like your funds to go. You can send your check directly to the *Alumni Office* or to *us*. This is the only way to ensure that your donation can be treated as tax-deductible by the IRS.

We anticipate sending over \$7,100 on April 15 for the 2009/10 chapter year. Thank you for your continued support!

Membership

The National Capital Chapter had a very active year with memberships. Currently, we have 99 paid memberships and have brought in over \$2,100.00 in membership revenue over the past 11 months.



Our current membership dues are \$25.00 for a single membership and \$40.00 for a family membership. In 2008 we began offering a discounted membership of \$10.00 for recent grads. Our online membership option has been a huge success.

As an added benefit to chapter members you will receive a VIP card from Old Dominion Brew house that will grant you 10% off your bill at ODB (does not include Game Viewings).

We're in the process of updating our contact information for all of our 4,300+ 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:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership | <input type="checkbox"/> Website |
| <input type="checkbox"/> License Plate Campaign | <input type="checkbox"/> Sports |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Social | <input type="checkbox"/> Student Recruitment |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fundraising | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations |

FOR THE NCC!

Maryland Residents: You've done it! You can finally own one of these:



You can now get one of these for your automobile in Maryland! In September, we reached the application requirement to qualify for plates, and in December, the MD MVA approved our plate design. And in early March, we sent our first set of requests for 39 plates to the MVA, with expectations that fans will be showing them off at the A-Day Game Viewing! Thanks so much to everyone who signed up for plates and made this possible!

For Maryland residents interested in getting plates, you can sign up at the following link:

http://www.dcbamafans.com/licenseplates/md_signup.php

Virginia and DC Residents: Don't Give Up Hope! This could be in your future:

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're more than halfway there; we already have received signoff from the University on the design; and we've 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, at <http://www.dmv.virginia.gov/webdoc/pdf/vsa10.pdf>) as soon as possible to the address provided below, as we want to get this process "rolling" in!

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:

Verena McCall
5633 Stella Road
Richmond, VA 23234

OR via email at bamatags@verizon.net

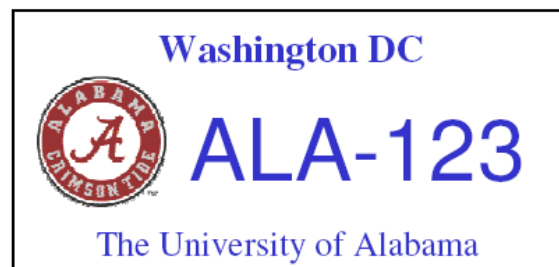
District of Columbia Residents:

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/licenseplates/dc_signup.php 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.



Details can be found at

<http://www.dcbamafans.com/licenseplates/va.php>



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<http://www.dcbamafans.com/licenseplates/dc.php>

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Already a member? Check here and fill in any information below that you wish to update.

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

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

Mailing Address-Street: _____

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Home Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

\$ _____ Annual National Capital Chapter **dues donation** for chapter year.

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

\$ _____ **Total Amount Enclosed - Make checks payable to the National Capital Chapter**

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 2010-2011 Chapter Officers:

Per the Chapter By-laws, the current Vice President/President-Elect, Kevin McCall, will be the 2010-2011 Chapter President

Vice President/President-Elect

Tim Williamson

Other: _____

Treasurer

Bethany Wiggins

Other: _____

Secretary

Adam Goethe

Other: _____

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2010 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/04/10	San Jose State	Tuscaloosa	TBA
9/11/10	Penn State	Tuscaloosa	TBA
9/18/10	Duke	Durham, NC	TBA
9/25/10	Arkansas	Fayetteville, Ark	TBA
10/2/10	Florida	Tuscaloosa	TBA
10/09/10	South Carolina	Columbia, SC	TBA
10/16/10	Ole Miss	Tuscaloosa	TBA
10/23/10	Tennessee	Knoxville, TN	TBA
11/6/10	LSU	Baton Rouge, La	TBA
11/13/10	At Mississippi State	Tuscaloosa	TBA
11/20/10	Georgia State	Tuscaloosa	TBA
11/26/10	Auburn	Tuscaloosa	TBA

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