



National Capital Chapter

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President's Message

This past year has been another great year for the National Capital Chapter of the University of Alabama Alumni Association. The Crimson Tide followed their perfect 2009 season with another winning season on the field in the newly expanded Bryant-Denny Stadium and are poised for another great year of SEC football in 2011. Off the field, the Capstone has reached new milestones surpassing 30,000 total students enrolled this past September and success in the classroom continues with U of A having more students selected to the USA Today Academic All American team than any other college or university in the nation. In Tuscaloosa, the campus continues to grow and change, with several development projects under way and a newly opened College of Nursing building and renovated Foster Auditorium. The future looks bright for the University of Alabama and it's a great time to be in Tuscaloosa.

Here in the metropolitan Washington, DC area it has been another great year for our chapter. I am excited to announce that this past year we kicked off our campaign to establish our seventh endowed scholarship, increasing the number of scholarship opportunities for students in our region attending the University of Alabama. We are more than a third of the way to our goal in this effort and look forward to begin awarding this new scholarship in the coming years once it has been fully funded. Our programs locally: Bama Bound BBQ, UA in DC, and SEC Toys for Tots continue to be a big success and we are especially thankful to all our alumni and supporters who contribute to make these events as successful as they are.

Before closing I would like to thank the following people for their support and guidance over the past year: Tim Williamson, the best Vice President that anyone could hope to have and who's passion for Alabama will continue as he takes over as president this coming year; Bethany Wiggins our Treasurer and Membership Chair; Adam Goethe our Secretary; Chris Bayham, our immediate Past President; NCC Past Presidents David Price, Shannon Shelton, Amy Landry, Erick Francis, Deborah Powell and Brandon Powell for their perspective on the history of the chapter and input and guidance on the future of the chapter; Brian Simms for being the best raffle salesperson ever; Hanny Chan and the staff at Old Dominion Brewhouse for being the host venue for our football game viewing parties and for their generous weekly donations to our fundraising raffles; and Ray Cole for generously providing a venue for our UA in DC event again this past year.

I am honored to have had the opportunity to serve as President of the National Capital Chapter and have enjoyed meeting many of the people associated whether it's a freshmen student just enrolling, parents of a student, new alumni relocating to the area, or faithful Alabama fans who would think of being no other place on Saturday than cheering on the Crimson Tide. Just as there have been many great things happening in Tuscaloosa these past few years, I see the same future for our organization with the new leadership in the wings and am excited for the future of the NCC as this new leadership continues to grow, build and improve our chapter over the coming years.

Roll Tide!

Kevin McCall – President, National Capital Chapter, 2010-2011

New Officer Slate for 2011 - 2012

We are pleased to announce the following slate of officers for the 2011-2012 chapter year. New officer posts begin April 1, 2011 and end March 31, 2012. 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

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 has worked as an Electrical Engineer with Rockwell Collins on B-52 flight simulation design. Currently Timothy works for ITT Corporation as a Test Engineer on the Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) system as part of the Next Generation Air Transportation System (NextGen). Timothy currently resides in Herndon, VA.

Vice President/President-Elect

Stephen Davis- Stephen graduated from the University of Alabama in 2007 with a B.A. in Political Science and History. While attending the University he was the President of Students in Free Enterprise. Stephen currently works for Congressman Mo Brooks as a Legislative Assistant and resides in Alexandria, VA.

Treasurer

Amanda Heath- Amanda graduated from the University of Alabama in 2006 with a B.S. in Nursing. During her time at UA, Amanda served as President of the Capstone College of Nursing Ambassadors and Treasurer & Sports Chair of the Honors Program Student Association. Amanda currently serves as a commissioned officer in the United States Public Health Service holding the rank of Lieutenant. She works as a Certified Pediatric Oncology Nurse at the National Institutes of Health in Bethesda, MD.

Co-Secretary

Erin Wendel- Erin graduated from the University of Alabama in 2001 with a B.A. in Public Relations. Currently, she is the Associate Director of Media Relations for the American Physical Therapy Association (APTA) and is responsible for regularly promoting the physical therapy profession and brand in traditional and new media. She has also served in a public relations capacity at the American Pharmacists Association, the American Podiatric Medical Association, The Long & Foster Companies and HealthSouth Corporation.

Co-Secretary

Haley Akins- Haley graduated from the University of Alabama in 2008 with a B.A. in Political Science and as a Blount scholar. Haley is currently a Senior Manager of Government Affairs with Dow Lohnes Government Strategies and serves as a NCC Secretary. Haley currently resides in Alexandria, VA

2010-2011 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, the 4th Wednesday of every month at McCormick and Schmick's in Columbia, MD and on the 4th Thursday of every month at McCormick and Schmick's in Reston Town Center. 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.

"Since I moved to DC immediately after graduating last year, being involved with the DC Chapter of the NAA really helped me to meet people and feel tied to the University while I was transitioning. "

--Adam Harbison

Student Recruitment

Student recruitment in Maryland, Virginia, and Washington, DC has experienced a dramatic increase, thanks in no small part to 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.

University Row at the Virginia Gold Cup Races

Perfect Spring weather in May brought out over 1,400 guests from over 60 universities in their spring finest to the University Row at Gold Cup. This event 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 MSU/Tulane. 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 86th 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 steeplechase race. This year's event will be held Saturday, May 7, 2011. Please be on the lookout for updates on how you can be a part of this year's event. We look forward to having you join us at this year's event.

UA in DC

UA in DC is an ongoing program, sponsored by The University of Alabama Career Center and the National Capital Chapter, 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 15 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm. At the reception, Michael Bolden, a local Alabama alumnus and Editor (Transportation and Development) at The Washington Post as well as Congressman Jo Bonner of Alabama (1st District), 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, Kevin McCall, 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.

Bama Bound Barbecue

The National Capital Chapter hosted the 25th annual Bama Bound Barbecue on Saturday, July 24th. For the fifth 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, despite extreme heat with temperatures in excess of 100 degrees, we had a strong attendance of over 100 including new students, parents, alumni and friends. Admission to the barbecue for students and their families is complimentary. Representing the University were Mark Roberts of the University Alumni Office as well as Baron Huber, our speaker. Baron Huber is a former Crimson Tide football player (Fullback/Tight End) and member of the 2009 BCS National Championship Team. Baron kept alumni, students, and friends entertained with his stories of his time playing football at the Capstone and allowed excited fans to take pictures wearing his three national championship season rings. At the end of the day, we were fortunate to have great weather, good food, and wonderful company!

Football Game Viewing Parties

There's only one thing on Alabama fans' minds come Saturday in the fall... 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.

"We showed up for the Auburn game two years ago, expected to be allowed to watch the game on one TV in the corner of the bar. I couldn't have been more wrong! The Alabama Alumni might as well own that place on gameday, and I cannot think of a better place or better company to catch a game in the DC area." --Rush White

"The first time I walked into a National Capital Chapter viewing party, was the first time I truly felt "home" in DC. 150 Crimson jerseys cheering on our boys. Now, more than 6 years later, the only thing that could keep me away on game day, is tickets to the actual game. I don't have a single friend that doesn't know exactly where I'll be on a football Saturday." - Eli Strong

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:

- Record 31st 10-win season!
- Thousands raised thru raffles for our scholarship funds.
- Special Raffles including Nick Saban BCS Championship Photos.
- Out-of-town visitors from across the country joining the NCC for game viewings

"You know how to throw a wonderful party!" - Pam Sparks, Huntsville, AL

In addition to regular football game viewings, the NCC also had a game viewing gathering for the 2010 A-Day game and is planning a game viewing gathering for the 2011 A-Day Game on April 16th. The A-Day game will be broadcast at 3:00PM EST. We hope everyone can join us.

Southern Pride Happy Hour with LSU

This is always a very interactive happy hour and one of alumni's favorites throughout the year. The President and Vice-President from both school's alumni chapters act as guest bartenders. All tips collected are given to the two schools' chapters. Tips from this year's event benefited the NCC's scholarship endowment and LSU's Abita S.O.S. Gulf Coast Recovery Benefit. As in years past, the bartenders were kept on their toes and delivered impeccable drinks and friendly service. Thank you to Kevin McCall and Tim Williamson for being this year's bartenders and to Old Dominion Brewhouse for hosting us again.

Hands on DC Work-a-Thon:

The National Capital Chapter participated in the 16th Annual Hands on DC Work-A-Thon on Saturday, May 15 at Ketcham Elementary school in Washington, DC. Volunteers are typically tasked with projects such as painting, cleaning, or landscaping. Other projects require greater skills and resources, such as repairing bathrooms, laying carpet, building tree boxes or wiring classrooms for Internet access. The day starts around 8:45 a.m. and ends around 3, followed by a celebration party later in the night. Thank you to all who came out and volunteered.

SEC Toys for Tots

The fourth annual SEC Toys for Tots Happy Hour was held on December 15th. The purpose of the event is to help the U.S. Marines raise money and collect toys in order to help some needy children have a better holiday season. Alabama brought more toys than any other school (quite easily). The SEC West was narrowly edged out by the East in the challenge.

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 has a very active role in CAN. The chapter fielded a team this year for the seventh consecutive time in the CAN flag football league, going 5-5 in the regular season and advancing into the second round of the playoffs. Flag football has proven to be an effective recruiting and retention tool, providing a means of initial involvement to several alumni, including the last two chapter presidents. The NCC also served as one of the organizer for this year's CAN golf tournament, and it also provided volunteers and participants for 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 Board of CAN as the Community Service Co-Chair. 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.

Flag Football

The chapter competed for the ninth consecutive year in the Capital Alumni Network's Flag Football league. Alabama finished the regular season at 5-5, finishing 3rd in our conference. The team continues to be a formidable challenge to all opponents. The regular season highlight, however, was a 12-7 victory over Florida. Word has it that Tim Tebow broke into tears in Denver after hearing the news. 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 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. The 2010-11 National Capital Chapter Distinguished Alumnus Award goes to the H. Ray Cole. Ray has been active in the NCC over the last decade, and has been very generous to donate the use of his offices the past several years as the venue for our annual UA in DC networking reception for students interning in Washington DC during the summer. Ray has also been an advisor to several chapter officers and we are thankful for his continued support. Ray was also nominated by the NCC for the 2011 University of Alabama National Alumni Association Distinguished Alumni Award which is awarded based on a candidate's contribution to the institution and the Alumni Association; character and personal life; professional achievement and success in chosen endeavors; and community service.

Membership

The National Capital Chapter had a very active year with memberships. Currently, we have 77 paid memberships and have brought in over \$1,930.00 in membership revenue over the past 11 months. Our current membership dues are \$25 for a single membership and \$40 for a family membership. We offer a discounted membership of \$10 for recent grads. Our online membership option has been a huge success.



FOR THE NCC

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:

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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 |

Scholarship Endowments

The National Capital Chapter currently has six (6) endowed scholarships and is currently working to fund at seventh scholarship. This year, we were able to raise and send \$7,000 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	2010/11 Contribution
Donald J. Cronin	\$333.33
Louise Bryant Tate Memorial	\$333.33
Dr. Frank A. Rose	\$333.33
Marshall Groom	\$333.33
Richard A. Mason Memorial	\$333.33
William Dyess	\$333.33
NCC Scholarship to-be-named	\$3,500.00

Currently the seventh scholarship has yet to be named. We are over a third of the way to the \$20,000.00 mark necessary to fully fund this scholarship and need your help to get there! If anyone is interested in making a sizeable contribution to help us meet this goal (please remember that any monies contributed will be matched based on the License Tag Program) the naming rights of the scholarship are available. For more information, please email president@dcbamafans.com. 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 approximately \$5,500.00 on April 1 for the 2010/11 chapter year. Thank you for your continued support!

University of Alabama License Plates

The application processes 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:

After a lot of hard work, the citizens of Maryland finally have University of Alabama license plates. In September 2009, we reached the application requirement to qualify for plates, and in December 2009, the MD MVA approved our plate design. And in early March 2010, we sent our first set of requests for 39 plates to the MVA, and fans were showing them off at the A-Day Game Viewing! Thanks so much to everyone who signed up for plates and made this possible! To obtain a University of Alabama license plate just go to the Maryland DMV website and sign up!

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.

National Capital Chapter Dues · Scholarship Donation · Contact Information Update

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

PLEASE BE SURE TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR THE 2011-12 CHAPTER YEAR

New Member? Check here and fill out the form below.

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: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

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

_____ \$25 single membership _____ \$40 couple 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 2011-2012 Chapter Officers:

Per the Chapter By-laws, the current Vice President/President-Elect, Tim Williamson, will be the 2011-2012 Chapter President

Vice President/President-Elect

Stephen Davis

Other: _____

Treasurer

Amanda Heath

Other: _____

Co-Secretary

Haley Akins

Other: _____

Co-Secretary

Erin Wendel

Other: _____

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2011 Football Schedule

DATE	OPPONENT	LOCATION	TIME
9/03/11	Kent State	Tuscaloosa	TBA
9/10/11	Penn State	University Park	TBA
9/17/11	North Texas	Tuscaloosa	TBA
9/24/11	Arkansas	Tuscaloosa	TBA
10/1/11	Florida	Gainesville	TBA
10/8/11	Vanderbilt	Tuscaloosa	TBA
10/15/11	Ole Miss	Oxford	TBA
10/22/11	Tennessee	Tuscaloosa	TBA
11/5/11	LSU	Tuscaloosa	TBA
11/12/11	Mississippi State	Starkville	TBA
11/19/11	Georgia Southern	Tuscaloosa	TBA
11/26/11	Auburn	Auburn	TBA

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