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Current News About Legislative Issues Affecting The University of Alabama System

Higher Ed Day Is Thursday, March 5

Schedules and Talking Points For Your Visit to Montgomery Next Week

YOUR PARTICIPATION IS VITAL

Higher Ed Day in Montgomery is the **single most important day** of the Legislative session for our campuses. The theme for this year's event is:

Don't Let the Lights Go Out, Alabama: Let Our Bright STARS Shine!

Please make plans now to join your campus delegation, along with students, faculty and staff from universities across the state, at the Capitol next Thursday. This is our best opportunity of the year to make a focused, persuasive case for **fair and equitable funding** for our campuses.

Buses will depart from UA, UAB and UAH as listed below along with campus contacts for bus seat reservations.

UA: Depart 7 a.m. from the Alabama Recreation Center's Soccer Field parking lot (Carolyn Benton: 334-242-2262)

UAB: Depart 7:30 a.m. from Hill University Center (15th St. side near the cafeteria (Jeannie Jones, 205-934-5193)

UAH: Depart 7 a.m. from University Center parking lot (Faye Hartman, 256-824-6982)

UA SYSTEM DELEGATION SCHEDULE

Faculty, staff and students should plan to visit the offices of their Representatives and Senators prior to the Rally (if time permits). The Rally begins at 10:45 a.m. on the steps at the West side of the Alabama State House. Speakers will include Governor Riley, Lt. Governor Folsom, House Speaker Hammett, and Budget Committee Chairs Rep. Richard Lindsey and Senator Hank Sanders. Immediately following the Rally a **FREE LUNCH** will be provided for Legislators and attendees.

TALKING POINTS FOR YOUR MEETINGS WITH LEGISLATORS

When you come to Montgomery on Thursday, please ask legislators to:

- **Vote** for and **support equitable funding** for The University of Alabama System campuses and all of higher education.
- Any funding increases or decreases must be distributed **fairly** and **equitably** among all segments of education in Alabama.
- Ensure that funds provided in the Federal stimulus package are distributed **exactly as specified** in the stimulus legislation.

The three ingredients for a successful meeting with lawmakers:

- Be brief
- Be courteous
- Express thanks for their time and support

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To find the name of your representative and your senator, go to <http://www.legislature.state.al.us/misc/zipsearch.html> and enter your nine-digit zip code.

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