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This Week — March 1, 2016

Shane Sharpe

Dean

University of Alabama Honors College



Dr. Shane Sharpe is dean of the University of Alabama Honors College, as well as director of the Computer-Based Honors Program. Sharpe holds a bachelor's degree in pharmacology from the University of Kansas, an MBA in finance from the University of Dallas and a Ph.D. in management information systems (MIS) from Texas Tech University. Following a 10-year career in the health care industry, Sharpe came to UA in 1991 as a faculty member in the College of Commerce and Business Administration, where he instructed

MIS students. During this time, the MIS program was twice recognized as one of the top five programs in the nation by Computer-World for its unique experiential learning focus.

Sharpe joined the Honors College in 2005, succeeding Cathy Randall as director of the Computer-Based Honors Program, the university's elite interdisciplinary undergraduate research program. He is also the founding director of the Emerging Scholars Program, a freshman research initiative. He became dean of the Honors College in 2010.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

MARCH 8 Jim Perdue

Commissioner, Alabama Department of Mental Health

> MARCH 15 No meeting

Spring break

MARCH 22

Dr. Narayan Krishnamurthy

Comprehensive Sleep & Breathing Disorders Center Sharpe has received several top honors for excellence in teaching and service leadership, including the Morris L. Mayer Award, the National Alumni Association's Outstanding Commitment to Teaching Award and recognition as the Derrell Thomas Endowed Faculty Fellow in UA's Culverhouse College of Commerce.



Last Week — February 23, 2016

Jeff Schultz, fine arts coordinator for the Tuscaloosa City Schools, spoke to the club about the importance of arts education. Music and other fine arts programs help children by teaching and promoting creativity, critical thinking, collaboration, communication and other skills, thus preparing them for the job market and to be citizens who can contribute quality of life in their communities. The city school system is the only school

system in West Alabama that offers arts and music programs to all K-12 students. The city system also holds several signature events each year related to arts and music including the Strings in Schools holiday concert, the Superintendent's Art Show and the Celebrate the Arts program.

At the head table

Kathleen Cramer — Pledge of Allegiance – retired from the University of Alabama

Mike Chambers — Invocation – Frontier Enterprises

Patty Sobecky — Introduction of Guests – University of Alabama

Bruce Burrows — Introduction of Guest Speaker – retired pilot

Guests

Hays Webb, guest of Mike Woodard; Jim Gentry, guest of Jordan Plaster; Diane Schultz, guest of Bruce Burrows; Mike Upton, guest of Thomas Powe.



Announcements

• The Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight Committee has scheduled the Club's next Honor Flight for Wednesday, May 11, 2016. This will be our seventh Flight and will give more than 80 WWII and Korean War Veterans an opportunity to tour their memorials in Washington, D.C., free of charge. Please add this date to your calendar and plan to honor our Veterans at the 6 a.m. departure from Bama Air at the Tuscaloosa Regional Airport and the 8:30 p.m. return. The Guardian fee for this flight will be \$600 for those who would like to make the trip to Washington. Guardians are a vital part of our Flight and help to enrich the experience for our Veterans. You also have the opportunity to sponsor a Veteran for a \$500 donation. Volunteers are always needed to assist with logistics prior to the Flight. Thank you for your continued support of the Tuscaloosa Rotary Honor Flight! For more information, please contact Jordan Plaster at james_plasterjr@ml.com or 205-759-9534; Becky York at rkyork@gmail.com or 205-399-2994; or Alan Hartley at ahartley@morrisonsmithcpa.com or 205-349-2424.

ABSENT? MAKING UP ATTENDANCE IS EASY

- Visit with the Morning Rotary Club every Thursday at 7 a.m. at Indian Hills Country Club
- Attend another club's meeting within two weeks before or after an absence.
- Participate in a Rotary event, such as a committe meeting, social function, interactive event, etc.
 - Make up at E-club online: www.rotaryeclubone.org.

Report all makeups to club secretary Caroline Williams at caroline.williams@bbva.com.

