

# Little Hall Insider

UA School of Social Work | April/May/June 2023



## BUFORD PEACE AWARD RECIPIENT

**Dr. Pamela Payne-Foster**

Dr. Pamela Payne Foster is a Preventive Medicine/Public Health physician who currently serves as Professor in the Community and Rural Department at the University of Alabama School of Medicine, Tuscaloosa campus. Foster also performs as Deputy Director of the Institute for Rural Health Research. Much of her work is centered in social justice in health inequities, particularly working closely with community leaders and organizations. Dr. Foster has also worked on a variety of health inequity research projects in the Alabama Black Belt on topics including HIV, COVID-19, health literacy, diabetes, kidney disease, and lupus. The Lahoma Adams Buford Endowed Support Fund, also known as the Buford Peace Award, was established in 2002 by Tony D. Walker to honor Lahoma Adams Buford of Montgomery, AL. In creating this award, Mr. Walker also desired to honor Mrs. Buford's family and the many other seemingly ordinary individuals who have helped build a better, more just and more peaceful world while serving without any desire for recognition. This award is given annually to a faculty member at The University of Alabama who in his or her teaching, research, professional practice and personal life has demonstrated exceptional levels of involvement in mediating human disputes, helping overcome prejudice, promoting justice and establishing peace.

## CROSSING THE STAGE INTO THE WORLD OF SOCIAL WORK

The spring class of 2023 included 4,233 undergraduates, 1,351 master's degree or education specialist candidates and 119 doctoral degree candidates. UA's spring graduating class included students from 30 countries, all 50 states, and 65 of Alabama's 67 counties.

UA's School of Social Work had over 180 graduates, including the BSW, the MSW, the DSW, and PhD Programs.

We look forward to celebrating all of our Summer Graduates at the summer reception on Saturday, August 5th, in Little Hall, 3rd Floor, starting at 10:30 am. Please feel free to stop by and congratulate our newest UA Graduates and Alumni!

## ON THE MOVE

We are so excited to see what you are doing, who you are making an impact on, and the family that supports you from the home. Please share your updated contact information with us whether you have started a new job, added a new member to the family, or have picked up and moved somewhere new.

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## UA BLACK ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University of Alabama Black Alumni Association honored and recognized the 60th Anniversary of the "Stand at the Schoolhouse Door", which desegregated UA in front of Foster Auditorium on June 11, 1963. During the weekend, they honored influential UA Alumni from the last 60 years who were nominated by their fellow alumni and peers. Dr. Harold Shambley (BSW, 77') was one of the 60 prestigious guests and the only School of Social Work alumni honored that day! He currently resides in the DC area with his wife Joyce, who are both retired from the Military.

The Association hosted a series of events over that weekend to highlight the heroes and advancements since Vivian Malone's and James Hood's courageous steps for equality, unity, and collaboration for a better education for themselves, and others.

To see pictures from the SSW reception, click [HERE!](#)

For more UA SSW info or questions, contact Brie Campbell, Coord. of Events & Alumni Engagement at [bacampbell6@ua.edu](mailto:bacampbell6@ua.edu)

## ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT



Clare Anderson (MSW, 91') is a Senior Policy Fellow at Chapin Hall at the University of Chicago. She uses research, policy, and fiscal levers to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families. Anderson engages child welfare agencies, stakeholders, and constituents in large-scale system change.

Thank you for dedicating your career to child welfare and supporting family partnerships!

## COMING UP:

AUG. 5 @ 10:30 AM-1 PM | SUMMER GRADUATION

AUG. 16 @ 4-6 PM | WELCOME BACK SOCIAL

OCT. 13 @ 11:30 AM-1 PM | HALL OF FAME

OCT. 14 | HOMECOMING TAILGATE



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