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### **UA SGA Launches Initiatives to Foster Campus Diversity**

SGA's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Cabinet creates on-campus partnerships in its first year

TUSCALOOSA, SEPTEMBER 13, 2019 — The University of Alabama Student Government Association, under the leadership of President Harrison Adams, is announcing today multiple diversity, equity and inclusion programs and initiatives. The initiatives are part of SGA's continued dedication to its mission of fostering a more diverse and inclusive on-campus experience for every UA student.

The initiatives are a direct result of SGA's newly created Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Executive Cabinet, launched in 2018 and led by Vice President Demarcus Joiner. The cabinet is already making great strides toward achieving SGA's DEI mission.

"The Student Government Association is rising to the challenge of continuing to make our campus a diverse and inclusive place, where everyone feels like home," said Adams. "We look forward to continuing this important work through the DEI cabinet and its new set of programs and initiatives."

New initiatives, brought forth by this year's Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Cabinet include:

- The DEI Certificate Program, a partnership with UA's Division of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion and Dean of Students' Office, designed to develop important life skills that will enhance students' abilities to work together collaboratively. This program, open to the public, will heighten awareness of the opportunity and responsibility student leaders have to be engaged, involved and make a difference.
- SGA is creating a Multicultural Leadership Council under the Cabinet of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion to aid in fostering a more inclusive atmosphere on campus.

"We cannot continue to make change without the support of campus," said Joiner. "I am asking every student to make it a personal mission to attend and participate in our initiatives regarding diversity, equity and inclusion on campus."

The Student Government Association is excited to continue its work in diversity, equity and inclusion and encourage students to attend an upcoming DEI Certificate Session:

- Wednesday, Sept. 25 at 6 p.m. in the Ferguson Center Ballroom
- Wednesday, Oct. 23 at 6 p.m. in the John England Hall Multipurpose Room
- Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. in the John England Hall Multipurpose Room

**About Us**

The University of Alabama Student Government Association strives to promote a diverse student body through initiatives, events, and partnerships with many on-campus organizations. SGA believes that students come first and exists to represent any concerns that come about in the lives of each student.

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