

# University of Mobile

## 2022 Report to Annual Associational Meetings

At the University of Mobile, we are called to “Higher Education for a Higher Purpose.” Our mission as the Alabama Baptist State Convention’s higher education entity is clear: to produce graduates who are not only experts in their respective fields of study, but who are also grounded in the principles of faith. The “Higher Purpose” that is the key part of our university motto compels us to turn out students who are, in the words of Paul, “made holy, useful to the Master, and prepared to do every good work” (II Tim. 2:21, NIV).

The good news is that the faculty and staff of the University of Mobile are ready, able and willing to meet this challenge. Each year, from move-in day forward, we teach, mentor, equip and send out the young men and women who have been placed in our care. Today, the University of Mobile is a proud testament to the vision and commitment of Alabama Baptists who founded this university over 60 years ago on the belief in Proverbs 9:10 that “The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.”

Focusing on the word “knowledge” from our foundational scripture, we use the phrase “Know and Be Known” to describe the student experience at UM. Our calling as a university is to help students know God’s purpose for their lives, challenge them academically so they will know their field of study, welcome them into a campus community where they will be known by name, and equip them to be successful when they graduate so they will be known in their chosen field as a respected person of faith.

We invite prospective students and their families to experience for themselves what it means to “Know and Be Known” by scheduling a campus visit or attending a UM Day. Students who visit campus and enroll may earn a \$2,000 Visit Day Scholarship. RSVP for a UM Day or schedule a private tour at [umobile.edu/visit](http://umobile.edu/visit).

The 2022-2023 academic year brings with it new students, new programs, new partnerships and new campus improvements. We have:

- Enrolled the first class in the new Associate Degree in Nursing program. A new partnership with Infirmary Health provides scholarships for students in this five-semester fast-track program. A new partnership with Springhill Medical Center provides scholarships for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing program.
- Renovated the former College Park Baptist Church facility to create the College Woods Center, including the 400-seat College Woods Auditorium with stage for worship events, performing arts productions, and lectures; College Woods Conference Hall with meeting areas for college, church and community groups; and additional spaces providing flexibility for the future.
- Added intercollegiate bowling, giving UM 21 sanctioned NAIA sports with over 320 student-athletes.
- Expanded athletic and intramural facilities with new bleachers in Pharr Gym, new concession and restroom facilities at The Jungle soccer field, and a basketball court with lighting at the intramural field.
- Renovated Ram Hall with new audio-visual equipment, lighting and carpet.
- Renovated Moorer Auditorium with new seating and flooring.

We are thankful for the support of Alabama Baptists and invite you to a variety of upcoming events, such as the annual Leadership Banquet on Oct. 25 featuring Elisabeth Hasselbeck. (RSVP at [umobile.edu/banquet](http://umobile.edu/banquet).) Homecoming will be held Oct. 20-22. The Alabama School of the Arts presents the annual Performing Arts Series, with Christmas Spectacular on Nov. 17-20 at Cottage Hill Baptist Church in Mobile.

The University of Mobile is YOUR Alabama Baptist university, and we will always remain faithful to our calling and mission as the convention’s higher education entity.