

# University of Mobile

The University of Mobile welcomes Dr. Charles W. Smith, Jr., as our 6<sup>th</sup> president and celebrates the opportunities this new era brings to serve on mission for the glory of God in partnership with Alabama Baptists.

Dr. Smith previously served at Midwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Spurgeon College in Kansas City, Missouri, as senior vice president for institutional relations and assistant professor of Christian leadership. He leads a team of committed faculty and staff who view their work as a calling to Great Commission service. Through a Christ-centered culture of caring we call “Know & Be Known,” the university combines rigorous academics with a faith-based approach that transcends the ordinary. In teaching, mentoring and supporting over 1,800 undergraduate and graduate students each year, we prepare graduates to fulfill their professional callings with excellence and pursue their Great Commission callings with passion.

Today, more than 15,000 alumni are using their diverse talents to serve the Lord throughout the world, thanks to the generosity, prayers and support of Alabama Baptists who founded the university in 1961 as Mobile College.

## Schedule a Campus Visit, Earn a Scholarship:

Prospective students and families are invited to experience what it means to “Know & 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. UM Days for Fall Semester 2024 are Sept. 20, Oct. 14 and Nov. 22. UM Days for Spring 2025 are Feb. 7 and March 21. **RSVP for a UM Day or schedule a private tour at [umobile.edu/visit](http://umobile.edu/visit).**

## Recent UM Achievements:

- ❑ **320 degrees were conferred in May 2024 commencement**, including the first Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice and the Associate Degree in Nursing degrees. The honorary Doctor of Humane Letters was conferred upon Joe Espada, former UM student and current manager of the Houston Astros.
- ❑ **Bachelor of Science in Nursing program was noted as #1 in Alabama** for 2024 by NursingEducation.org. The BSN program celebrated two consecutive years of 100% NCLEX pass rates, making it the only program to do so in Alabama.
- ❑ **UM Athletics celebrated 83 NAIA Scholar-Athletes and 19 NAIA Scholar-Teams** for the 2023-2024 season, while 5 teams qualified for NAIA National Championship tournaments.
- ❑ **Christmas Spectacular** was presented at Cottage Hill Baptist Church to audiences numbering over 8,000 over four performances. Christmas Spectacular 2024 is set for Nov. 21-24. The return of a Mobile College/UM tradition, the UM Boar’s Head Festival, will be held Dec. 5-7.
- ❑ **UM partnered with the Alabama Baptist State Board of Missions (ALSBOM) to host Super Summer Alabama.** UM offers college credit and scholarships for students attending Super Summer.
- ❑ **UM hosted over 2,800 MFUGE campers from 11 Southeastern states.** UM has served as a site for Lifeway’s MFUGE or Centrifuge camps since 1981 and is the first and longest-running MFUGE location.
- ❑ **UM’s Voices of Mobile ensemble appeared on *Huckabee*,** a nationwide talk show on TBN hosted by former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, and sang “God is Able.” Voices also performed the National Anthem at a Houston Astros game.

With new leadership, there is a sense of excitement and anticipation at the University of Mobile as we strive to fulfill our Great Commission calling of “Higher Education for a Higher Purpose.” We invite you to keep up with YOUR Alabama Baptist university by following UM social media **@univofmobile**. Sign up for our email newsletter at **[umobile.edu/news](http://umobile.edu/news)**.