

## UM VPAC Conference Call

01/19/2025

**Attendees:** Kiwi Komai, Eve Freeman, Destiny Hayden Keracher, Christine Soria, Portia Mason Harton, Carlton Hall, Robby Brueggeman

**Previous Attendees:** Destiny Hayden Keracher, Kiwi Komai, Eve Freeman, Carlton Hall, Portia Mason Harton, Christine Soria, Fish Bever

### A reminder of VPAC Structure/Mission

- We are a scalable alumni club that can adapt based on the needs of the individual year. Our mission and focus is to support the University of Montevallo Alumni Association and the Purple Side. Our currently prioritized projects are the College Night Endowment Fund, the Vintage Voyage designated driver project and the UM Student Pantry.
- Any other projects/activities/events will only be conducted if there is a volunteer who steps forward to lead the requested initiative.
- **VPAC Finances - Robby/Destiny**
  - Current financial status as of 1/9/2025: \$3122.79
  - Monthly sustaining donation total: \$125 (\$25 monthly from Pam for Vintage Voyage)
  - Actual total for College Night 2025 (starting Jan): \$3,122.79
  - Need donation receipt from Kiwi for items donated to the CN auction fundraiser. The university requires item detail and cost. They will then create a donation receipt. [Kerry Komai](#) do dis.
    - Kiwi - is this complete? *Not yet--will try to get to it this week --Kiwi*
- **Fundraising**
  - Total donated from VPAC to CNEF: \$15,000
    - \$2,511 donation was processed last June
  - Previous Meeting Continued Discussion: As we move into CN, VPAC will match any donations up to \$1000 during the CN season. VPAC will pledge \$5000 towards the endowment fund (for a total of \$20,000). Do we want to flesh this out now?
  - Spoke with Scott Dillard at Huntsville Montevallo Alumni event. Now that the Endowment Fund has been fully funded and is spinning off money, he said the next thing that would be nice to have would be a new grand drape. When we looked at this many years ago it was going to cost around \$5k. I'm betting that's closer to \$10k now. Thoughts on what we want to fundraise for?
  - Pending more info from the University, additional fundraising projects will be tabled for now
- **2023 Purple Show Recording**

- The co-chairs took steps to request immediate communication on this project and we have recently received communication from the University. Kiwi is working with them and will hopefully have a solution soon. More updates to come asap!
- **Membership - Destiny**
  - The current database is up to date as of 1/18/2025
- **Communications**
  - VPAC Membership email–(Next update after alumni dinner)
    - Post alumni dinner update with photos
    - Timeline change reminders for brunch and game times
    - Friday night UMNAA Award Dinner
    - Friday Night Zapopan Dinner
  - Cowtail Quarterly-ish
    - Kiwi - Destiny is working on this and will have info to you this coming week for layout. Goal is for 8.5x11 final layout.
      - *Let's schedule a Zoom call to look over things-Kiwi*
- **Web/ Social Media Management**
  - Social Media
    - Facebook–meetings are updated and on FB. Alumni Dinner is also on FB.
      - Any other events that we need to add to FB?
        - Welcome Dinner, Saturday Brunch, and Farewell Breakfast–*Kiwi can add these*
  - VPAC Website
    - [Robert Brueggeman](#) Minutes to add: Minutes from the 8/12 meeting, 12/1 meeting, 1/5 meeting, and today's meeting. *(Destiny has reviewed all of the minutes up to today's meeting. If another co-chair can do one more glance over and load the minutes this week please.)*
- **2024-2025 Program and Social Initiatives**
  - **5 Programmatic Initiatives**
    - **Alumni Dinner**
      - Date is set for Saturday, 1/25/25. Setup to begin at 4 PM. Will take place in Palmer Hall.
      - Sign up genius is here: [Vintage Purples Alumni Club: 2025 Purple Alumni Dinner](#)
      - Need to create a thank you sign and list the name of the people who donated to make the dinner to display at the dinner. (this is just a reminder so we don't forget. Robby is keeping a list of

financial donors and the rest of the volunteers & food donors should be listed on the sign up genius)

- Kiwi will do this; Eve can be backup if needed
- Reviewed inventory and we have pretty good stock of plasticware and plates but we definitely need some plastic table cloths and probably some napkins as well
- Do we have any “to go” containers left? Do we need to get more? I remember hearing this was a hit with the kids last year for them to take some food back with them. - [hippyclippy@gmail.com](mailto:hippyclippy@gmail.com) will bring more containers!
- Christine is inviting the new Fine Arts Dean to Alumni Dinner!
- Possible Weather Impact: As of James Spanns 1/18/25 morning briefing, Montevallo is estimated to get between 1 to 2 inches of snow on Tuesday. By Saturday, temps should have returned to mid 40's. Weather hopefully should not really impact but let's discuss.
- [rbrueggeman@gmail.com](mailto:rbrueggeman@gmail.com) be sure to call Domino's on Friday to give them a head's up, and to call Sat morning as well

#### ■ Food Pantry

- Will take donations during brunch and have requested the alumni cabinet member have a volunteer to take said donations to pantry.
  - Kiwi, make sure to put on FB event that we are taking donations for pantry

#### ■ Vintage Voyage - Fish

- Kiwi has Fish's tub of Vintage Voyage stuff.
- Fish - Has made the van reservation! Karli Blankenship will be driving Saturday night for Fish. Passing the torch!
- Do we have a volunteer set to drive the van Friday night for welcome dinner/karaoke?
  - Russell should either be doing this, or getting someone else to cover it

#### ■ Graduation Cords

- Christine: Do you have the list of graduated seniors (from December 2023 & May 2024 and August?? 2024) to add to email list.
  - Christine: How many cords are left?
- **Social Events**
  - **Friday Night Welcome Dinner**
    - 7:30pm at Zapopan
    - Volunteer in charge with Zapopan, giving them a head's up with reservation, and also there as boots-on-the-ground to handle anything night of. -[alishabeaver@gmail.com](mailto:alishabeaver@gmail.com) in charge.
  - **Welcome Bags**
    - Christine: Inventory received. We have some things. Christine has created an amazon wish list for additional items.
      - Wish list here:
[https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/AJTOQ209AD1O?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/AJTOQ209AD1O?ref=wl_share)
    - Kiwi - reminder to make some sort of small laminated sign we can attach to one bag to put at the front desk that says something like "Ask for your VPAC Welcome Bag!"
    - What time on Thursday night do we plan to stuff welcome bags?
      - Start around 7:00 PM stuffing bags
  - **Saturday Basketball Game**
    - Basketball game is on Saturday at NOON in the SAC
    - REMINDER: Tiffany would like to clarify that she wants the tailgating and peoples tents to be BEHIND the SAC (behind & to the left in the big green area) and not out in FRONT where we were last year. Let's help her in publicising this and helping move people around back where they want us to be!
  - **Saturday Homecoming Brunch**
    - Brunch/Reunion will be after the game at 3:00 PM in Farmer
      - Kiwi: I'll make stickers/buttons again 'Follow Me to Farmer'
    - What time do we need to begin setup in Farmer? -Ideal time to begin setup between 1:30 PM and 1:45 PM. Eve and ? volunteer to head up

setup. Destiny has emailed the alumni office to confirm when Farmer will be unlocked.

- Destiny will ask about having access to Farmer earlier in the day to begin setup (11am?) and then we can finish before Lunch.
  - Destiny - has sent an email to alumni office to ask about what they will be providing for food so we can decide how much to supplement.
  - Ideas for food supplementing? Do we have a volunteer who could still go to Publix to pick up what is needed? \*Tentative volunteer to go pickup food; Eve -We will make final decisions on supplemental food once we hear back from alumni office.
- **Sunday Farewell Breakfast**
  - To be catered in the Conference Room by Fish and Kiwi as a donation!
- **New Business**
  - 2025 Purple Side shirts are available: <https://www.bonfire.com/purple-victory-2025>
- **Upcoming VPAC Volunteer Calls:**
  - [Facebook events](#) for 2025.
    - [hippyclippy@gmail.com](mailto:hippyclippy@gmail.com) Are all of the 2025 meeting dates on the FB page and the website through December 2025? I am only seeing through 2/9/25?
      - Kiwi: will get loaded to FB and website through Dec. 2025
    - Our next meeting is 2/2/25
    - Dates for all remaining 2025 calls: 2/2, 2/9, 3/2, 6/1, 9/7, & 12/7
    - If you don't use Facebook to update your calendar, please add these to your calendar/planner.
- Link for tentative homecoming schedule:  
<https://montevallo.edu/alumni/homecoming/hc-2025/>