

# The Cow Tale Quarterly-ish

OR: *"The Newsletter We Send Out  
When We Have Enough Volunteers"*

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## BREAKTHROUGH

By: Kalyn Wolfe

If you could pick one word that would define your year, 2024, what would it be?

"Gosh, that's so hard! Let's see," Purple Victory Leader Abby Sledd said as she tried to think.

Purple Victory Leader Josh Giles added, "One word? I have many words."

Two minutes passed, and silence.

"Hold on Kalyn," Sledd said. "We're scheming."

Three minutes later, they finally had it.

"BREAKTHROUGH," Giles and Sledd declared in unison.

And after Purple Side's victorious and groundbreaking 2023 production, "Cryptid Conspiracy: The Lost Episodes," Giles and Sledd knew that the tone for 2024 has been set and the bar has been raised.

"Every show is different, every process is different, and every leader year is different," Giles said. "It's been a challenge getting people to understand that while we can't recreate that magical moment from last year, we can still transition, work from that, and make this year even better."

Sledd adds, "Especially last year's show. We pushed the mold in a lot of ways. We were worried that it wouldn't be received well, or that we're breaking the quote unquote 'College Night Formula.' But it was received enthusiastically. So going into this year, and knowing we have that much support, it gives us the confidence in trying new and exciting things."

Giles and Sledd agree that this year has been nothing short of challenging. But it's through collaboration and moral support from the active and vintage purples that have helped them believe that anything is possible.





***We couldn't have done it  
without YOU!***



***Vintage Purples Alumni Club would like to formally thank each and every one of our generous volunteers and donors who gave their time, talent, and funds over the past 10 years. You are the reason that VPAC has been so successful during our first 10 years as an official UMNAA alumni club!***

***To find a list of volunteers & donors  
from 2014-2024,  
visit [tinyurl.com/vpac10](https://tinyurl.com/vpac10)***





# 10 YEARS of service

**The Vintage Purples Alumni Club has been working tirelessly over the past decade to serve the University of Montevallo and the game of College Night.**

## Projects

- Annual alumni dinner for the Purple Side (since 2005)
- Provided coffee and snack breaks for the late night Palmer rehearsals
- Vintage Voyage: a designated driving program for the purple side (since 2008)
- Annual pop-up shop at Homecoming that has raised over \$3,000 since 2015
- Graduation cords provided to graduating seniors to encourage engagement with alumni club immediately after college (since 2022)
- College Night Closet - a joint initiative with Old Gold Alumni Club to supply formal wear to Purples and Golds who don't have resources for Saturday night attire (since 2023)
- Collection of items for the UM Student Pantry at all of our events (since 2022)
- Virtual Purple Love-In with facilitated speakers on "How to Human Through 2020"
- \$1,500 donation to the UM Emergency Student Relief Fund (2020)
- \$250 donation of Student Quarantine care packages for isolated students who quarantined in Ramsay for 14 days (2020)
- \$500 Donation to the Falcon Pantry (2021)
- \$500 Donation to the Falcon Pantry (2023)
- Annual collection of food and toiletry items for the Falcon Pantry (since 2020)
- College Night Endowment Fund - initial \$10,000 donation for the Trumbauer Circle of Giving (2019 - 2022) and an additional \$5,000 pledge in 2023 to be paid off by 2028. We currently only have \$2,511 remaining on our total \$15,000 commitment.

## Events

- Peppy Purple Potluck Thanksgiving Dinner (various years)
- Purple Side Alumni Dinner (annually)
- Homecoming Reunion Brunch (annually)
- College Night Review Ice Cream Social (with Old Gold alumni club)
- Pop Up Coffee Shop before the basketball game (with Old Gold alumni club)
- The 2021 virtual homecoming reunion on Zoom
- Virtual recording of the Purple Side Song



# Peppy Purple Potluck



Vintage Purples joined the Purple Side in the Student Retreat Center on November 4th to bring back the beloved tradition of the Peppy Purple Potluck. We packed the room with lots of delicious food, wonderful conversations, and delightful laughter! Thank you to everyone who helped make this 'family meal' a great success!

## Can You Help With Falcon Food Pantry Donations?

Each year, the Vintage Purples Alumni Club collects donations for the Falcon Food Pantry at all VPAC events in lieu of admission for alumni events. Check out our pic of 2023 Purple Side Alumni Cabinet, Mary Lynn Jeffreys, hauling in all the donations from last year's VPAC Brunch!

VPAC will be accepting donations for the Falcon Food Pantry again during our annual Vintage Purple Alumni Brunch on Saturday, February 17th, at 10:30am in Farmer Hall. Anyone wishing to contribute is asked to bring any of the items listed at [tinyurl.com/umpantry](https://tinyurl.com/umpantry)

If you can't make it to the VPAC brunch, there are several other ways you can donate to the Falcon Food Pantry. You can bring non-perishable food and toiletry supplies to the Counseling Center on campus, located in Puryear House at Station 6245. You can also make monetary donations to the Food Pantry and Emergency Services Account through the UM Foundation. For more information about how to donate, please contact Counseling Services at (205) 665-6245 or by email at [counseling@montevallo.edu](mailto:counseling@montevallo.edu).





# college night schedule

## Friday, February 16th

**5:30pm** UMNAA Awards Dinner: Recognizing VPAC 10 Year Anniversary & Honoring Dr. Elizabeth Gassel Perkins  
*Anna Irvin Dining Hall*

## Saturday, February 17th

**10:30am** Vintage Purples Reunion Brunch: 10-Year Celebration, Pop-Up Shop, & Flash Auction  
*Farmer Hall*

**12:30pm** Purple vs Gold Basketball Game  
*McChesney SAC*

**7:00pm** College Night Productions  
*Palmer Auditorium*

## GRADUATION CORDS

**VPAC provided 28 graduating Purples with cords for May & December 2023 Commencements**

Graduating Seniors who would like a cord should sign up before April 15th at [tinyurl.com/PVgrad](https://tinyurl.com/PVgrad)



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