

UM VPAC Conference Call

02/02/2025

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

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

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 2/2/2025: \$3247.79
 - Monthly sustaining donation total: \$125 (\$25 monthly from Pam for Vintage Voyage)
 - Actual total for College Night 2025: \$3,247.79
 - 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? *Yes, will send to Robby*
- **Fundraising**
 - 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 2/1/2025
- **Communications**
 - VPAC Membership email—(Next update)
 - Post alumni dinner update with photos [Kerry Komai](#) look through photos and pick some

- Timeline change reminders for brunch and game times
 - Friday night UMNAA Award Dinner
 - Friday Night Zapopan Dinner
- Cowtail Quarterly-ish
 - Kiwi & Destiny
 - Kiwi and Destiny worked together to write the copy and Kiwi created the beautiful layout! Has been sent to the Alumni office for printing; will be uploaded to the website next week.
- **Web/ Social Media Management**
 - Social Media
 - Facebook—meetings & events need to be added to FB. *This has been done—Kiwi*
 - Meetings to add: 3/2, 6/1, 9/7, & 12/7
 - Events to add: Welcome Dinner, Saturday Brunch, and Farewell Breakfast
 - VPAC Website
 - Website has been updated!!!
 - Kiwi - (anything you would like to share?) Please look over the website when you have a few minutes, and if you see any broken links, missing things, or anything weird in general, let me know—preferably via email (hippyclippy@gmail.com). I know it's not the prettiest, but wanted to go ahead and get the bones of it up and running. I will take some time in the coming weeks/months to tweak it and make it look nicer, but for now I need to make sure it's functioning properly.
- **2024-2025 Program and Social Initiatives**
 - **5 Programmatic Initiatives**
 - **Alumni Dinner**
 - 20th Annual Alumni Dinner was a success!
 - Volunteer notes/comments?
 - Does anyone have photos to put in the folder on the drive? It is here: [Alumni Dinner - Google Drive](#)
 - **Food Pantry**
 - Will take donations during brunch and have requested the alumni cabinet member have a volunteer to take said donations to pantry.

- Food Pantry will be renamed Pam Lucas Falcon Pantry! There will be a plaque with photo of Ms. Pam in the Arts Bldg letting everyone know about the pantry, etc
 - Kiwi, make sure to put on FB event that we are taking donations for pantry –*Done!* - Kiwi
 - *Eve and Kiwi can bring boxes to put food pantry donations in*

■ Vintage Voyage - Fish

- Kiwi has Fish's tub of Vintage Voyage stuff. Kiwi also ordered 2 12x18 magnetic signs to go on the van
- 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

- We have 37 cords left.
- Sign up sheet is live and has been sent to cabinet member & leaders. Need to push to social and be sure to discuss with actives during CN.
- Link: tinyurl.com/PVgrad - *Kiwi push this to socials after College Night*
- Destiny will work on order to replenish stock.

● 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 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
- 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
- Christine, Kiwi & Destiny will grab totes from Kathy's apartment on Thursday and bring to Hampton Inn to re-organize
- **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 again 'Follow Me to Farmer'--*Done! --Kiwi*
 - What time do we need to begin setup in Farmer? -Ideal time to begin around 11:00 AM before the game. Do the decoration and table setup. Then do final setup with check-in equipment and food. Eve and ? volunteer to head up setup. Destiny has emailed the alumni office to confirm when Farmer will be unlocked.
 - Alumni office confirmed the earlier setup was good and then sent an email with contradictory information. Awaiting final confirmation but we should be fine to get in at 11. Will advise if this changes.
 - Karli has been voluntold to help with setup!
 - Alumni Office is providing:
 - House Chips with Fry Seasoning
 - Popcorn Chicken with Ranch
 - Purple Rice Krispy Treats

- Water
- We are going to supplement with these items from Publix:
 - Large Fresh Fruit Platter
 - Sprinkle Cupcake Cookie Platter
 - 2 gallons of Milos sweet tea, 2 liters of a few sodas (like at alumni dinner), and ice (Kiwi will bring cooler, put in Eve's car before pickup)
 - Eve is planning to pick up these items from Publix before brunch & bring them to Farmer
 - Pickup at 1:30 at Publix
- Robby will bring iPad and laptop for sign in
- **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>
 - Approval to use funds for VPAC storage and supply needs
 - We need to replace the Purple totes and there are some supplies that need to be replaced and replenished for alumni dinner and brunch.
- **Upcoming VPAC Volunteer Calls:**
 - Our next meeting is 2/9/25
 - Dates for all remaining 2025 calls: 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/>