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UAH sets fifth consecutive enrollment record

- *Record freshman class of 1,500*
- *2019 enrollees show extraordinary academic performance*
- *Number of in-state resident students continues to grow*
- *UA System-wide in-state tuition freeze cited as key factor*

HUNTSVILLE, AL (Sept. 10, 2019) — Today the University of Alabama in Huntsville announced record student enrollment for Fall 2019, marking the fifth straight year of successive growth for the campus. Since 2014, UAH enrollment has climbed 36 percent, with official numbers for this semester approaching the 10,000 mark (9,988).

“UAH is a destination of choice for ambitious students,” said UAH President Darren Dawson in making today’s announcement. “We have recruited another outstanding freshman class that is demonstrating their trust in UAH, where their education will deliver maximum value for the rest of their lives. When students enroll here, they find an outstanding and caring faculty, hands-on research activities, and exceptional experiential learning opportunities.”

President Dawson cited the in-state tuition freeze on all three UA System campuses as a factor in successful student recruitment. “For the first time in 40 years, the Board of Trustees has frozen in-state tuition throughout the System, and it has been a key part of our recruitment message,” he said. Noting the increase in in-state enrollment, Dr. Dawson pointed out that the UA System educates more Alabamians than any university system worldwide.

“I want to thank Chancellor Finis St. John and the Board of Trustees for working so effectively to keep our students and their families foremost in their decisions,” Dr. Dawson said.

Distinguishing benchmarks of this year’s UAH freshman class:

- The entering class is the largest in UAH history.
- Overall GPA is 3.91.
- 48.7 percent scored 30 or above on the ACT.

UAH is a nationally recognized research university with robust academic programs and a thriving research enterprise.

- UAH ranks first among all Alabama schools based on the economic outcome of graduates, according to the Brookings Institution.
- UAH is considered “very competitive” by Barron’s Profiles of American Colleges, one of only two public universities in Alabama with that distinction.
- UAH is classified as a “higher” research institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- UAH has five research disciplines ranked in the top 25 in the nation by the National Science Foundation.

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