



# September Newsletter

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# Oscar Rodriguez



What is your major?

Biochemistry

Where are you from?

Alabama

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Being able to be apart of  
the UAB community!

Fun fact!

I am bronze one on  
valorant.

Hobbies/interests!

Volleyball, Tennis, and  
Coffee Shops

# Haley Dang



What is your major?

Neuroscience

Where are you from?

Montevallo

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Meeting new people and  
learning more about UAB

Fun fact!

I love theatre and acting, and  
secretly wanted to become an  
actress

Hobbies/interests!

Journaling, reading,  
traveling, listening to k-pop



# Trent Baltazar



What is your major?

Math ÷

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Meeting new people 😊

Fun fact!

I've visited a third of  
United States 🌎

Where are you from?

Santa Rosa Beach,  
Florida 🌴

Hobbies/interests!

Piano 🎹, Kpop 🎤, Cafe  
Hopping 🍰

# Maivy Nguyen



What is your major?

Biomedical Sciences

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Meeting new people and  
going on adventures!

Fun fact!

I am a squid game survivor 🐙  
(i also like cooking 😊)

Where are you from?

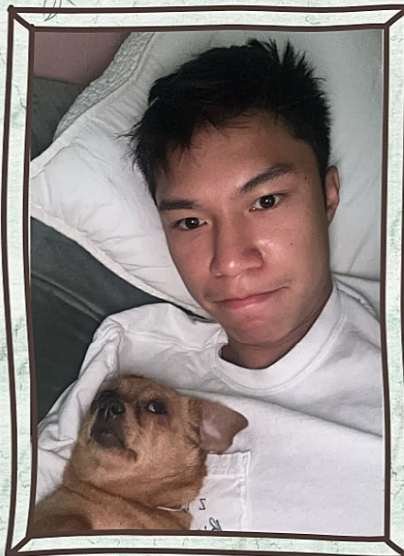
Mobile, AL

Hobbies/interests!

Coffee Shops, Music,  
Photography



Minh



What is your major?

Clinical Psychology

Where are you from?

Scottsboro

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Making new friends and  
eating with them!

Fun fact!

I can regurgitate my  
food whole!

Hobbies/interests!

I like eating and spending  
time eating with my friends,  
#bemyfriendplease

Katie Gomez



What is your major?

Biology

Where are you from?

Hoover

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

I'm most excited to meet  
new people and study hard.

Fun fact!

I have an obsession with  
cinnamon roll from hello  
kitty and friends.

Hobbies/interests!

I like to bake and do sfx  
makeup as well as other  
interests



# Etho Nguyen



**What is your major?**

Bioinformatics

**Where are you from?**

Montgomery, AL

**What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?**

Exploring and meeting new  
people in the UAB  
community 🐿

**Fun fact!**

I like traveling! 🤗

**Hobbies/interests!**

Brunch w/ Friends, Gaming,  
Exploring new places

# Landon Gerstman



**What is your major?**

Pre-Medical Psychology  
and Philosophy

**Where are you from?**

Russellville, AL

**What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?**

Getting to know people who  
are different

**Fun fact!**

I am a second degree black  
belt in Tang Soo Do

**Hobbies/interests!**

Classical Piano, Guitar, Vocals, Composition,  
Songwriting, Martial Arts, Qigong, Board  
Games, Video Games, Drawing, Painting, so  
many more!



# Dori Do



What is your major?

Nursing

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

hanging out with my bro &  
viet fam!

Fun fact!

you can always find me  
at the library!

Where are you from?

Hoover, AL

Hobbies/interests!

spontaneous trips, puzzles,  
story games, and food!

# Asharia Conway



What is your major?

Social Work

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Getting to know new people  
and to keep learning new  
things about myself

Fun fact!

I went to New York this  
summer

Where are you from?

Phenix City, AL

Hobbies/interests!

Getting tattoos



# Hqn Le



What is your major?

Accounting 💰

Where are you from?

Alabama 🏈

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

New FRIENDS 👯‍♀️

Fun fact!

I can play overcooked  
everyday 🎮

Hobbies/interests!

Drink Boba, play video  
games, try new food 🍷🍉

# Kathleen



What is your major?

Cancer Biology

Where are you from?

Georgia

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

meeting new people! &  
connecting more w my  
culture :)

Fun fact!

been to Vietnam 4 times

Hobbies/interests!

music, working out, rock  
climbing, hiking, & painting



# Fermin



What is your major?

Biology

Where are you from?

Birmingham

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Making new friends

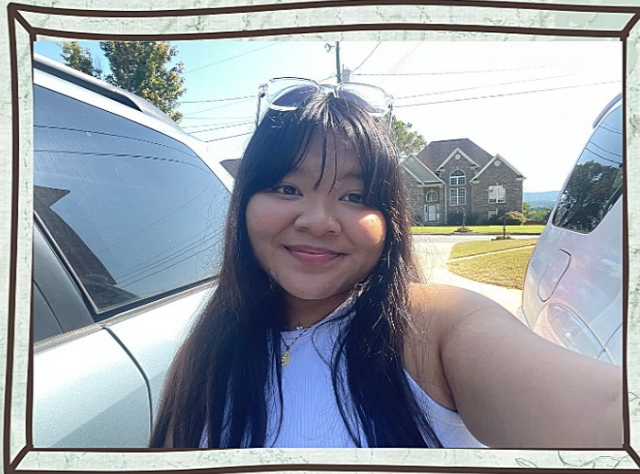
Fun fact!

I model as a side job

Hobbies/interests!

Tennis and like to watch  
horror movies

# Melody Dang



What is your major?

Social Work

Where are you from?

Phenix City, AL

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Getting to know new people  
and to keep learning new  
things about myself

Fun fact!

I went to New York this  
summer

Hobbies/interests!

Getting tattoos



# Vanida Souriya



What is your major?

Genetics

Where are you from?

Montgomery, AL

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

making new friends, new  
city, parties

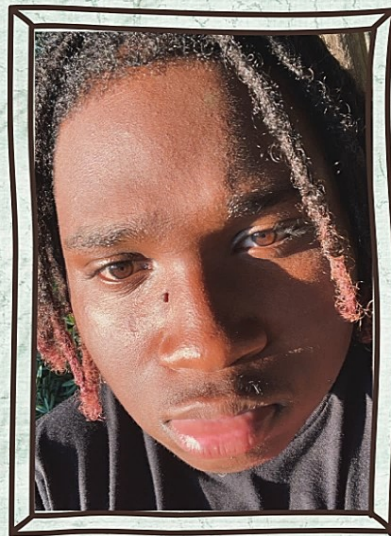
Fun fact!

I've dyed my hair every color  
besides green and yellow

Hobbies/interests!

crocheting, shopping, tv  
shows, r&b

# Jay Williams



What is your major?

Undeclared Engineering

Where are you from?

Tuscaloosa Alabama

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Getting to make new  
friends and discovering more  
about myself

Fun fact!

In the last 3 months I've  
traveled to 5 states

Hobbies/interests!

Gaming, Music, and working  
out



# Jack Teare



What is your major?

Genetics

What are you most excited about this upcoming school year?

Being more social and exploring new areas of town

Fun fact!

I've been to China twice in my life

Where are you from?

Madison, AL

Hobbies/interests!

Emote art, video games, and drinking energy drinks

# Natalia Ruiz



What is your major?

Pre-Nursing

What are you most excited about this upcoming school year?

I'm excited to meet new people.

Fun fact!

I really love Garfield.

Where are you from?

Prattville, AL

Hobbies/interests!

I love to cook and explore the city.



# Katie Graham



What is your major?

Math

Where are you from?

Mobile

What are you most excited about  
this upcoming school year?

Making new friends!!

Fun fact!

I can shake my eyes.

Hobbies/interests!

Crocheting, sewing, and  
sleeping





# CONNECT FEST RECAP

Thank you for coming out to  
our table!! VSA VSA VSA 📢





# Bánh Mì Bask

Thank you everyone for coming to celebrate a new school year with VSA!  
We are excited to see you all again soon <3







# September Birthdays

9/7 Annie Vo

9/25 Anna Butler

9/9 Mylan Vo

9/7 Trent Baltazar

9/26 Jon Finch

9/17 Nathan Nguyen

9/7 Brandon Nguyen

9/28 Melody Dang

9/20 Alvin Wong

9/8 Kristy Tran

9/28 Carmen Tang

## Fun Fact

Sept. 2, 1945, Ho Chi Minh declared the independence of Vietnam from France.





# Upcoming Events

## ★ First General Body Meeting ★

Thursday, Sept 5. @ 5:30pm

Hill Student Center Ballrooms CD

## 💡 Lotus Interest Session 💡

Tuesday, Sept 10. @ 6pm

Hill Student Center Room 318

## ★ VSA's Annual Boba Fundraiser ★

Tues/Wed, Sept 10-11. @ 11-2pm

Sterne Library Plaza

## 💡 International Mentor Tabling 💡

Tuesday, Sept 17. @ 6pm

UAB Campus Green

## 💡 Lotus Dance Workshops 💡

Thursday, Sept 19. @ 6-8:30pm

Friday, Sept 20. @ 5-8:30pm

UAB Recreation Center Studios





# Upcoming Events

## 🏠 Lotus Dance Auditions 🏠

Be on the lookout for Dates and times  
UAB Recreation Center Studios

## 🏠 Mid-Autumn Festival 🏠

Wednesday, Sept 18.

Collab with KUSA and CS!!

## 🏠 USGA Voter Tabling 🏠

Wednesday, Sept 18. @ 11-2pm

UAB Campus Green

## ★ ACE Interest Event ★

Thursday, Sept 26. @ 6pm

### ★ Star System ★

This is a way for us to keep track of attendance at official VSA events. Each newsletter and Instagram caption will announce if a star event is coming up.

### Why is this important?

Your attendance for our events will notify us if you are an active member in our community. Being an active member gives you priority in limited-seating events and leadership opportunities





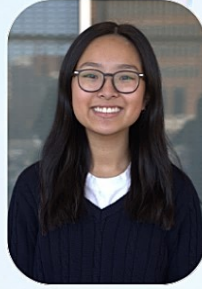
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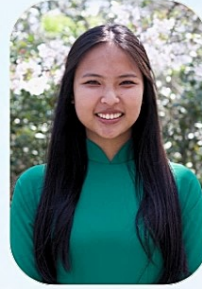
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Feel free to send an anonymous question, concern, comment, or suggestion for VSA.

Your responses will be reviewed by E-Board, and we will contact you if you would like us to!

2024-2025 Contact Form

## You've made it to the end!

School is finally here!! We hope everyone has had a great start to their year, and we cannot wait to see everyone again soon <3