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## Taking Care of Business

The University of West Alabama's College of Business and Technology was awarded reaffirmation of its programs by the Accreditation Council for Business Schools and Programs (ACBSP) this fall. ACBSP is the only organization offering specialized business accreditation for all degree levels and certifies that the teaching and learning processes offered through the College of Business and Technology at UWA meet the rigorous standards. It is required that the University go through the reaffirmation process every 10 years to maintain ACBSP accreditation. "This reaffirmation of accreditation is evidence that UWA

and the College of Business and Technology are committed to maintaining the highest quality business education for their students for the next 10 years, just as they have done for two decades," said ACBSP Chief Accreditation Officer Dr. Steve Parscale. As said by UWA President, Dr. Ken Tucker, this reaffirmation is a reflection of the University's commitment to providing top quality education and application-oriented experiences to students in the college, as well as the growing capacity across all of UWA's colleges to make a positive impact on the region it serves.



## Workforce Development Center

### Ribbon Cutting Ceremony



Pictured left to right: Dr. Tina N. Jones, Mr. Curtis Jones, Dr. Mary Hanks, Mr. Joseph Brown, Dr. Aliquippa Allen, Dr. Donnie Cobb, Ms. Angela Till, Mr. Fitzgerald Washington, Dr. Ken Tucker, Mr. J.D. Pruitt, Ms. Veronica Triplett, Mr. Johnnie Aycock, and Allison Brantley.

The University of West Alabama hosted a full roster of state, regional, and local officials on Thursday, Nov. 2, for the ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the launch of the new UWA Center for Workforce Development at Hunt Annex on campus. "We want to create an education and training pipeline to help unemployed and underemployed individuals to increase their knowledge and abilities so they can get better jobs, pay raises, benefits, and other opportunities that will increase their standard of living," Tucker said. "Rather than being an island unto itself, UWA is working with local and regional leaders to make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve." Dr. Tina N. Jones, executive director of UWA's Division of Economic Development and Outreach, introduced several special guests and explained that the Division serves not only Sumter County, but west Alabama and the entire Black Belt region by developing the unique natural and cultural assets to address the educational, social, and economic needs of the area. Mr. Joseph Brown, Western Division manager for Alabama Power Company, sits on the UWA Board of Trustees and serves as chair of its economic development committee. Brown spoke to the crowd gathered, offering the Board's support and encouragement for this endeavor. "This event and this initiative are proof of the positive impact that UWA has on economic and workforce development on and off campus," Brown said. "This Center is truly fulfilling a tremendous need in our region."

#### Invitation

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE  
**OFFICIAL OPENING & RIBBON CUTTING**  
**UWA CENTER FOR**  
**WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT**  
THE UNIVERSITY OF WEST ALABAMA  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2017  
10:30 AM @ HUNT ANNEX

FEATURING SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKERS

*Honorable Fitzgerald Washington*  
Secretary of Labor // State of Alabama

*Honorable Ed Cantile*  
Direct Secretary of Commerce and Workforce Development

*Dr. Ken Tucker*  
President // The University of West Alabama

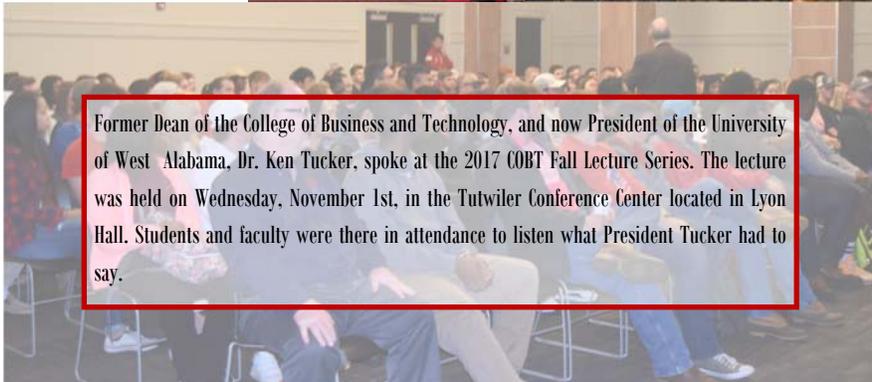
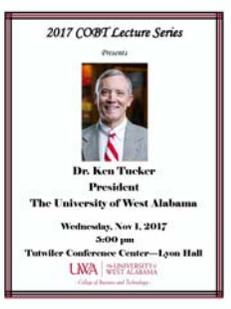
TOUCH OF WORKFORCE CENTER TO FOLLOW CEREMONIES.



PLEASE RSVP 256.632-5127  
FOR DETAILS: [WWW.UWA.EDU](http://WWW.UWA.EDU)



# COBT Fall Lecture Series



Former Dean of the College of Business and Technology, and now President of the University of West Alabama, Dr. Ken Tucker, spoke at the 2017 COBT Fall Lecture Series. The lecture was held on Wednesday, November 1st, in the Tutwiler Conference Center located in Lyon Hall. Students and faculty were there in attendance to listen what President Tucker had to say.



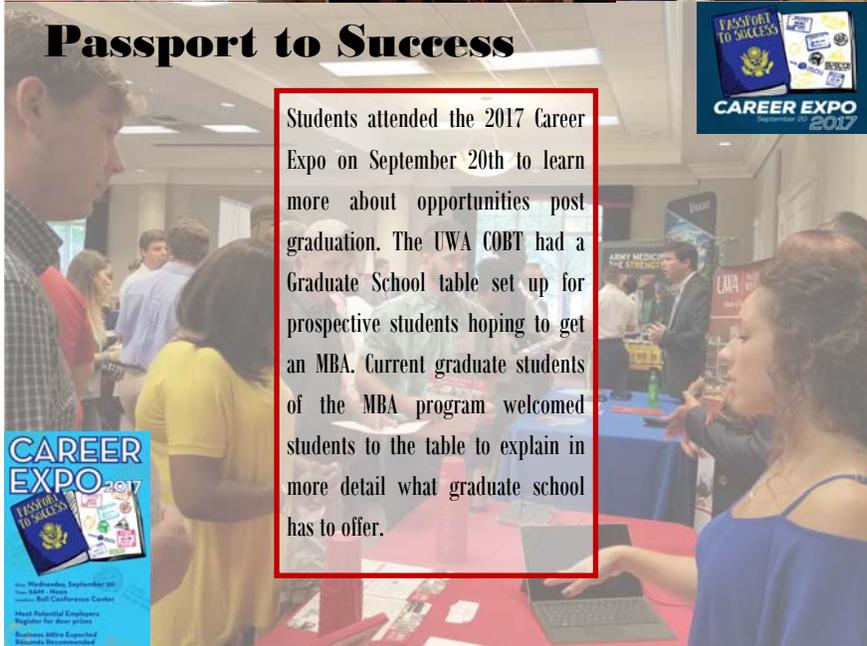
# Career Expo 2017



## Passport to Success



Students attended the 2017 Career Expo on September 20th to learn more about opportunities post-graduation. The UWA COBT had a Graduate School table set up for prospective students hoping to get an MBA. Current graduate students of the MBA program welcomed students to the table to explain in more detail what graduate school has to offer.



# Homecoming 2017

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## A Nightmare on Washington Street

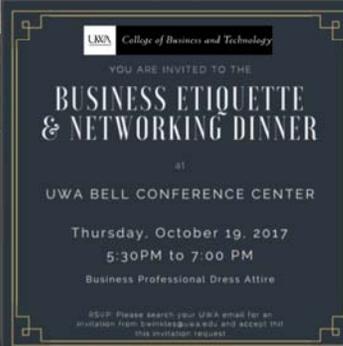


Students and faculty from the College of Business and Technology worked together in preparing a float for the Homecoming 2017 parade, in which it received a 2nd place prize.



# Etiquette Dinner

The Fall 2017 Business Etiquette and Networking Dinner was held on Thursday, October 19th. Students from all Business Seminar classes of the Fall semester attended the event to learn and experience how to properly dine in the business world. Students dressed in business attire and had dinner with business professionals from the local community who were in attendance.



## Fall 2017 Graduates

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Congratulations to the Fall 2017 College of Business and  
Technology graduating class.

The students are set to walk the stage to receive their Bachelor's Degree on Saturday,  
December 9th, 2017.

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**If you are interested in receiving our Newsletter's when they are released, donating to the College of Business and Technology, or want to share with us what you are up to now, please send us an email or message us on Facebook.**

**We look forward to hearing from you!**



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