



MUSTANG MESSENGER

2025 FALL SEMESTER EDITION

SUA MUSTANGS Varsity Basketball Team Announced for 2025 - 2026 Season

Congratulations to the following student athletes who were selected for the 2025 Mustangs boys basketball team.

Coach Foster is the SUA head basketball coach, and is looking forward to a great season. SUA is a member of the AISA conference.

Varsity Team

Richshard Perdue
LeArdis Roberston
Kendrick Belser
Micah Thompson
Warren Perkins
Antron Martin
Ace Gibson
Aaron Johnson
Jason Davis
Camden Vaughns
Zaron Smith



A Note from our Headmaster...

This school year, we're continuing to build on the strong foundation that makes Success Unlimited Academy such a special place to learn and grow. Our teachers and staff are always looking for new ways to strengthen academics, support students, and keep our Christ-centered mission at the heart of all we do. It's an exciting time of reflection and renewal as we celebrate progress and set new goals for the future.

Looking ahead, we're focusing on creating even more opportunities for students to thrive—academically, creatively, and spiritually. From classroom innovation to community connection, every step forward helps us grow stronger together. With each new season, we're reminded that growth takes time, care, and teamwork—and we're grateful to be on this journey with our amazing SUA family. We will be hosting our Cognia Accreditation Review visit in the spring of 2027.

Let's keep building for the future!

Susan Alfred

Headmaster

SUA Makes the List of 2024-2025 AISA Blue Ribbon Schools



AISA Blue Ribbon Schools must complete a rigorous application process and exemplify excellence in scholastic achievement, professional learning, student involvement and community interaction. These schools have demonstrated a high level of excellence in their academic and student programs.

Fairlane Campus | Grades 9th - 12th | Tel. (334) 213-0803
Vaughn Road Campus | Grades K4 - 8th | Tel. (334) 676-1629



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Services
Available*

SUA offers tutoring services to our students. For more information, contact **Mrs. Morgan** at (334) 213-0803 or Lmorgan@suacademy.com.

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Oct. 20 - Nov. 5 - Boston Butt/Camp Stew School-wide Fundraiser

November 5 – State Spelling Bee - Grades 4th-5th

November 11 – Veterans Day – no school

November 12 – ASVAB Interpretation Workshop (Upper school)

November 12 – SUA Science Fair Grades 4th-8

November 13 – Boston Butt/Camp Stew Fundraiser Pick up day

November 13 – Drivers Ed Class 12:30-4:30pm - Fairlane Campus

November 19 – PEARLS with Mrs. Wilson

November 24-28 – Thanksgiving Break

December 2 – State Spelling Bee grades 6th-8th

December 3 – Club Pictures

December 4-6 – Trumbauer Festival at UAB

December 9 – Winter Concert @ 6:30pm - Hawkins Hall - Lower Campus

December 10 – PEARLS with Mrs. Wilson

December 11 – AISA Writing Contest Papers due to AISA Office

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No Tricks, Just Treats for Our Friends with Four Feet

The Fall quarter at Success Unlimited Academy has been a season of growth, compassion, and community spirit. In keeping with our guiding scripture, 1 Corinthians 3:7 — “*So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow*” — and our theme for the year, “In His Hands, We Grow,” the SUA family came together to make a difference beyond the classroom.

For this quarter’s service project, the student body collected over 440 pounds of dog and cat food and treats for the Montgomery Humane Shelter. The initiative aimed to help animals thrive while they wait for their forever homes, reflecting the school’s commitment to nurturing kindness and stewardship in every student.

Activities Director, Ms. Bethany Odle, who coordinated the drive, shared her excitement about the results: ***“I was so impressed with the outcome of our service project. When SUA comes together for a cause, big things happen—our 440 pounds of dog and cat food shows just how much heart our school has for helping others, even our furry friends!”***

The Senior High Campus led the way, collecting over 250 pounds of the total donation. Special recognition goes to Mrs. Rhonda Wilson’s senior class, which gathered the largest amount among all homerooms.

This heartwarming effort serves as a reminder that small acts of kindness can make a big impact. The SUA community encourages other schools to consider a similar project this season — and help feed God’s creatures in need.

At Success Unlimited Academy, every act of service becomes a seed of faith, compassion, and growth — truly demonstrating that when we are “In His Hands,” amazing things happen.



**THANKS
SUA STUDENTS
FOR
YOUR
KINDNESS
AND
GENEROSITY!**

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December 15 – 1st Period Exams**December 16** – 2nd Period Exams**December 16** – K-5 Christmas Program @ 11pm**December 17** – 3rd Period Exams**December 17** – K-5 Christmas Parties**December 18** – Make up exams day**December 18** – Faculty Christmas Party- 12:45 - Hawkins Hall- Lower Campus**December 19- January 2, 2026** – Christmas Break**January 6** - First Day of Second Semester

*"I can do all things
through Christ who
strengthens me."*

Philippians 4:13

Success Unlimited Academy Art Students Earn Top Honors

Art students at Success Unlimited Academy shined at the **Alabama National Fair**, earning **six First Place**, **seven Second Place**, and **four Third Place** ribbons, with every student receiving a ribbon of merit. Under the guidance of SUA's art teacher Mrs. Barbara Grimes, twenty-six students in grades 3–12 submitted fifty-two entries in photography and visual art.

Mrs. Grimes praised her students, saying, *"It's a pleasure to work with students who have such a passion for art. Even without formal training, their God-given talent is remarkable."*

- **Photography Awards:**

- **First Place:** Kaylie Hammonds, A'Niyah Washington, Roman Hough (x2), Eben Thomas, Calea Barnett

- **Second Place:** Micah Thrasher, Makayla Doub, Michael Morgan, Denver Holman, Chasity Norsworthy, Jasmine Pinerra-Samot

- **Third Place:** Daivon Robinson, Averie Anderson, Calea Barnett

- **Visual Art Awards:**

- **Second Place:** Ava Hayes

- **Third Place:** Denver Holman

- **Merit:** Landon Ikner, Ben Baumann, Ian Brown, Hudson Grace, Ardarius Harvey, Syrai Thomas, Richshard Perdue, Gabe Frazier,

**Johnny Appleseed's Birthday Celebration Brings Learning and Fun to Grades K4-5th**

Students in grades K4–5th recently celebrated Johnny Appleseed's birthday with a day full of apple-themed activities, learning, and delicious treats!

The celebration began with students sampling a variety of apple goodies, including applesauce, apple juice, apple cider, and apple pie. They also tasted yellow, red, and green apples before voting on their favorite. The results sparked lots of excitement as students shared their opinions and discovered new apple favorites.

While the younger grades focused on tasting and learning about different apple varieties, fourth and fifth graders took the lesson even further. They completed Venn diagrams comparing themselves to Johnny Appleseed, exploring his adventurous spirit, kindness, and love for nature. Students then wrote about what they learned and how they could follow his example in their own lives.

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY



Thanks so much!

Thank you to the following contributors to the Fall Semester Edition of *Mustang Messenger*.

Mrs. Susan Alred
Ms. Melanie Boulware
Mrs. Lisa Dunlap
Mrs. Barbara Grimes
Ms. Bethany Odle
Mrs. Pam Watson

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Ribbon School

Success Faculty Spotlight

In this edition of the *Mustang Messenger*, we'd like to introduce you to **Mrs. Lisa Dunlap**. In this short informal interview, Mrs. Dunlap shares her thoughts concerning her role as an educator.



What is your current position at SUA? Elementary Principal

What grade(s) have you taught? I have taught first, second and third grade.

How long have you been an educator? I have been an educator for 28 years.

How long have you been part of the SUA faculty? I have been part of the SUA faculty for 3 years.

What's the best part about being an educator? There's nothing more powerful than watching a student who has struggled for years discover success and begin to truly believe in their own potential.

What's something you treasure most about being part of the SUA community? I treasure being part of the SUA community because our faculty truly cares about every student. The teachers and staff meet students where they are in their learning journey, providing the support and encouragement they need to succeed. Many of our students experience academic success for the first time after enrolling at SUA- and witnessing that transformation is truly inspiring.

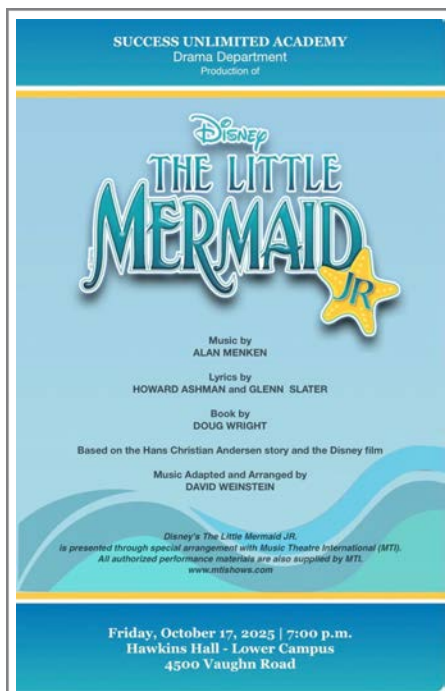
What made you want to become a teacher/educator? Having struggled as a child in school, I understand how challenging learning can feel. That experience inspired me to make learning fun, engaging, and meaningful for every student I teach.

What do you love most about being an educator? What I love most about being an educator is seeing students fully engaged in their lessons, excited to learn, and proud of the growth they've achieved through their hard work.

What do you like to do for fun in your spare time? In my spare time, I love spending time outdoors - gardening on my farm, hiking, boating, and enjoying nature with my family.

What's your favorite book, movie, or TV show to unwind with? I don't have much time to watch TV, movies, or read books, but when I do have a little spare time, I love sitting on my porch with my husband and pets or catching up on some much-needed sleep.

Thank you, Mrs. Dunlap for sharing with our SUA families. We appreciate your love and dedication to the education and success of our students!



SUA's Drama Department Students Make a Splash with Disney *The Little Mermaid Jr.* Performance

The Drama Department made waves on Friday, October 17, with a dazzling production of **Disney *The Little Mermaid Jr.***, directed by Kaylee Baker and Kaden Blackburn. Ms. Baker also choreographed the show's many lively dance numbers, creating an energetic and colorful journey "Under the Sea."

Presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International, this beloved Hans Christian Andersen tale—adapted for the stage by David Weinstein with music by Alan Menken and lyrics by Howard Ashman and Glenn Slater—featured a talented cast of students in grades three through twelve. Audiences were treated to crowd favorites like "Kiss the Girl," "Part of Your World," and "Poor Unfortunate Souls."

Mary Henderson delivered a standout performance as Ariel, captivating the audience with her graceful dancing and beautiful vocals. She was joined by Tru Edwards as the loyal Flounder, Allie Parkin as the hilarious Scuttle, and Olivia Starr as the lively Sebastian. Jalen Thomas portrayed a commanding yet compassionate King Triton, while Michael Morgan brought charm and strength to his role as Prince Eric.

Pharryn Lewis gave a mesmerizing performance as Ursula, the Sea Witch, bringing both power and flair to the role. Her sinister eel companions—Jetsam (Carter Leflore), Flotsam (Royce Jiles), and Ransam (Jacoby Washington)—added just the right touch of mischief to the story.

Visually, the production was enhanced by "storybook page" sets designed by Nic Swartz, featuring creative touches like Ursula's throne, the mermaid's rock, and the ship's helm. The student stage and tech crews also played a key role behind the scenes, ensuring smooth transitions, lighting, and sound throughout the performance.

After their successful performance, the cast began rehearsing again on Monday, October 20, to take their show on the road. They will perform **Disney *The Little Mermaid Jr.*** at the Walter Trumbauer Festival Theatre Competition in Opelika, Alabama, on November 1.

Congratulations to the entire cast and crew for a performance that truly made a splash! Break a leg at Trumbauer!



CELEBRATING 25 YEARS OF SUCCESS: A Look Back at Our History

We are celebrating 25 years of success here at SUA and God has been so faithful in growing us into the school we are today. Here is a brief timeline of our history. For further details, visit our website at www.suacademy.com/our-history.

1997 – The Vision Begins

Founded at a kitchen table with three students, SUA began as a Christian tutorial center and homeschool co-op in Montgomery, Alabama.

2000 – Becoming a School

Transitioned into a private Christian school on Burbank Drive, expanding to serve students with diverse needs and earning accreditation in 2007.

2001 – Growth and New Campus

Enrollment rose 50%, prompting a move to a larger campus on Harrison Road.

2004 – Second Campus

Opened an additional location at Faith Christian Church on Bell Road to meet growing demand.

2006 – A Permanent Home

Purchased the Fairlane Drive campus, establishing a lasting home for the upper school.

2007 – Accreditation

Received official accreditation, affirming SUA's academic and faith-based excellence.

2009 – Unified Campus

All K–12 students were brought together on the renovated Fairlane Drive campus.

2010–2011 – Continued Expansion

Growth led to reopening the Harrison Road campus to accommodate more students.

2012 – Fairlane Expansion

Added a new wing to Fairlane Drive, reuniting all students and enhancing facilities.

2014 – Expanding Campuses and Programs

SUA established the Vaughn Road campus for K4–8th grade, featuring a new gymnasium and Hawkins Hall for fine arts performances, strengthening athletics and the arts.

2019 – The Elite Athletic Center

Opened on Vaughn Road, the state-of-the-art Elite Athletic Center added a dance studio, training room, and classroom, enhancing physical education and student life.

2020 – Resilience Through the Pandemic

SUA adapted to COVID-19 with new technologies and flexible learning models, maintaining connection, stability, and faith for its students and families.

Present – Growing in Faith and Purpose

Now serving over 350 students across two campuses, SUA continues to nurture academic, athletic, and spiritual growth, with plans to expand its arts programs.

2025 – Celebrating 25 Years of Success

From a kitchen table to a thriving two-campus academy, SUA celebrates 25 years of Christ-centered education—honoring its past and looking forward to shaping future leaders.



Lower Campus Students Participate in Annual Spelling Bee

Success Unlimited Academy held its annual spelling bee competition on October 28, 2025. This annual event challenges students to learn to spell over 250 words prior to the school's spelling bee. Held in Hawkins Hall on the lower campus, participants in grades 4th through 8th worked individually and collectively to learn the correct spelling of the official spelling bee list.

The 2025 spelling bee first place winners for this year received a trophy and an Amazon gift card. First place winners: **4th grade - Austin Arrington, 5th grade - Cathe Pouncy, 6th grade - Kingston Pearson, 7th grade - Journee Hamilton, and 8th grade - Jamarcus Farrior.** These winners will advance to the state level spelling bee on November 6th.

A special thank you to **Mrs. Pam Watson - SUA's Spelling Bee Coordinator, Ms. Melanie Boulware - Spelling Bee Pronouncer, and Ms. Bethany Odle - Spelling Bee Judge.** We appreciate your time and dedication in making our spelling bee a success! **Congratulations to all!**



Front row (L to R): Cathe Pouncy, Journee Hamilton
Back row (L to R): Kingston Pearson, Jamarcus Farrior, Austin Arrington and Mrs. Watson



(L to R) Ms. Boulware, Mrs. Watson, and Ms. Odle



Students on Both Campuses Gathered for "See You at the Pole"

On **Wednesday, September 24, 2025**, SUA students were encouraged to come together in creative ways to pray. This annual student-initiated, student-led event focuses on praying at school flagpoles (or equivalent campus landmark) for one's friends, teachers, school, and community, and it is framed in 2025 around the theme "AWE," drawn from Habakkuk 3:2, inviting participants to stand in reverence before God as they pray. This was a great opportunity for our school community to unite in faith, witness, and service, aligning well with our emphasis on student life and community service.

