Capstone Leadership Academy
Questions & Answers

We know you may have questions about arrangements during CLA and below are answers addressing several points of interest.

Q: **Is there a fee for me to attend CLA?**
A: No. The University of Alabama pays for the student’s hotel room and meals during the Leadership Academy. Dinner on Thursday and breakfast/lunch on Friday plus snacks will be provided.

Q: **What type of accommodations will be made for me?**
A: The University of Alabama has reserved hotel rooms at the Hotel Capstone for the evening of Thursday, March 5 (only) for the attendees. Please limit luggage to one bag. We will tag the students’ luggage. Parent accommodations are not provided. A list of nearby hotels is provided as an appendix to this page.

Q: **Are there chaperones and/or adult supervision at the hotel?**
A: Yes, members of the Capstone Council will also be staying at the Hotel Capstone. UAPD officers will also monitor the room blocks assigned to CLA attendees.

Q: **Will I be given a schedule for CLA?**
A: An agenda will be provided to students upon arrival. Parents may access a PDF copy of the agenda via our webpage.

Q: **When should I arrive for CLA?**
A: Check- In at the Hotel Capstone is from 1:30 – 2:30 p.m. Please allow enough time to register and take your luggage to your room. A hospitality room will be open during registration. Parents may meet with University of Alabama staff and members of the Capstone Council.

Q: **What time does CLA end and where should parents park?**
A: CLA will end on Friday, March 6 at 4 p.m. Parents are invited to attend the wrap-up session at 2:30 in John England Hall. **Please do not plan to arrive before 2:30 p.m. The students will be engaged in activities, so you will not be able to join them until 2:30 p.m.**

Parking is available in the campus drive parking Deck at the Ferguson Center located at Campus Dr. W and McCorvey Dr. You will be provided with a parking code to enter
the deck via e-mail. Please refer to the campus map https://www.ua.edu/map/ for valid locations.

Q: **Will there be transportation for me during the Academy?**
A: The Crimson Ride will transport students during the Academy. Transportation is not provided to and/or from Tuscaloosa. Students will not be allowed to walk/drive around independently.

Q: **What should I wear?**
A: Casual clothing is preferred (blue jeans included). Wear comfortable shoes for walking and dress for the weather. We encourage you to wear the CLA t-shirt you will receive during registration at Hotel Capstone. A sweatshirt or jacket is often needed for the meeting rooms.

Q: **Who should I notify if I have a medical condition and/or take medications?**
A: Please include this information on the RSVP form and speak with a University of Alabama staff member at registration. Once you have RSVP’d you will be contacted by program staff to provide you with any additional documentation or forms that are required. Please bring completed medical documentation with you to registration. If you begin taking medication prior to CLA, but after you’ve submitted your RSVP, please notify the check-in staff.

Q: **What if I have food allergies?**
A: Please notify us with your written notice of any dietary restrictions in your RSVP, so we can accommodate your needs.

Q: **Will there be emergency medical care should I need it?**
A: Primary care for medical emergencies will be provided by The University of Alabama Medical Center.

Q: **How many students are expected for the Academy?**
A: We expect approximately 160 students in attendance.

Q: **Is there someone at The University of Alabama I may contact if I have further questions?**
A: Yes, you may contact the following staff in the Honors College or members of the Capstone Council or email, capstoneacademy@ua.edu.

Brandon Chalmers, Honors College: 205.348.5599 or 205.348.5500
Adelaide Vandevelde, Co-Chair, 2020 Leadership Academy: 205-936-9639
Britton Stutts, Co-Chair, 2020 Leadership Academy: 205-306-1749

Parent Accommodations
**Hotels of the surrounding area of The University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Alabama:**

Embassy Suites Hotel Downtown Tuscaloosa
2410 University Boulevard  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401  
Phone: (205) 561-2500

**Hampton Inn Tuscaloosa-University**  
600 Harper Lee Drive  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404  
Phone: (205) 553-9800

**Holiday Inn Express**  
1120 Veterans Memorial Parkway  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35404  
Phone: (205) 464-4000

**Courtyard by Marriott**  
4115 Courtney Drive  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405  
Phone: (205) 750-8384

**Fairfield Inn**  
4101 Courtney Drive  
Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35405  
Phone: (205) 366-0900