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The Spanish Program is delighted that you are attending the annual FCEA Spanish Convention. Our topic this year is Sudamérica, Cono Sur: Argentina, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay!

In this booklet you will find information about today’s events and an overview of academic opportunities at The University of Alabama. If you would like to know more about the University or the Spanish Program, our faculty, graduate or undergraduate students, ask any of us today!

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¡Disfrutad de un día con mucho español!

Xabier Granja
Convention Coordinator
Assistant Professor of Spanish
Dear Spanish Club Sponsor,

Thank you for the investment you have made in the lives of your students by the sharing of another language and its culture. I am excited to introduce you to La Federación de los Círculos de Español de Alabama (FCEA). Our organization’s mission is to help your students explore the language and culture at a deeper level.

FCEA is a non-profit organization that annually provides middle school and high school students throughout the state of Alabama with an opportunity to come together and showcase their talents within the language and culture in a friendly, yet competitive environment. Membership of FCEA allows student exposure to various aspects of culture that will enhance the traditional classroom experience. Students who participate in these competitions gain self-confidence in their use of the language when allowed to practice with others on their same level.

The University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa hosts our competition each spring. At that time, students may compete in various levels of academics, culture bowl, art, theater and talent to demonstrate individuality and a passion for learning. Students are also introduced to various programs offered at the University of Alabama that are designed for more in-depth study of the language and culture.

To learn more about FCEA and its competitions, please visit our website at: http://fceaalabama.weebly.com.

Un saludo cordial,

Laura Collins,
Presidenta de F.C.E.A.
SPANISH CONVENTION 2019

ALL DAY
CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS
All inquiries regarding Convention  
Registration Lobby  1st floor

ALL DAY
SPONSORS’ LOUNGE
Morgan Boardroom  2nd floor

ALL DAY
CHANGING ROOMS
Please do not leave valuables unattended
Female  
Area to the right of the Registration Lobby  1st floor
Male

8-10 AM
GENERAL REGISTRATION
Registration Lobby  1st floor
Competition information available from appropriate AFSC officer clubs at the AFSC Information Table. (Competition coordinators will have AFSC Judges packets)
All judges (except Art judges) report between 8-9:30 AM. Art judges report at 9.30 AM.

ARTWORK SET-UP
Set-up must be completed by 9:45 AM  
(No work will be accepted after 10 AM)
3-D Art, Drawings, Paintings  
Central Bank  2nd floor
Posters, Scrapbooks, Exhibits  
Birmingham  2nd floor

10-10:30 AM
OPENING SESSION
Roll call of registered schools
General announcements
Sellers Auditorium  1st floor

10-12 PM
ARTWORK JUDGING
3-D Art, Drawings, Paintings  
Central Bank  2nd floor
Posters, Scrapbooks, Exhibits  
Birmingham  2nd floor

10:45-12:45 PM
GRAMMAR COMPETITIONS
Grammar Usage*  
All levels, Bil., and Native
Sellers Auditorium Quadrant #1  1st floor
Verbs, Round 1*
Level I
Level II
Level III
Level IV
Sellers Auditorium Quadrant #2  1st floor
Verbs, Round 2
Level I
Level II
Level III
Level IV
Vocabulary, Round 1
Level I
Level II
Level III
Level IV
Sellers Auditorium Quadrant #3  1st floor
Vocabulary, Round 2
Level I
Level II
Level III
Level IV

NOTE: Competitions marked with * use scantrons. When completed, one of the organizers will immediately take these to Student Services (Houser Hall, 2040) for scanning. Competitions that have a second round will resume as soon as scantron results from Round 1 are back and Round 2 qualifying competitors are established.
10:45-12:45 PM  GRAMMAR COMPETITIONS
Waiting area: Sight Reading
Hallway Level I
Level II
Level III
Impromptu Speaking
Waiting area: LITERARY COMPETITIONS
Hallway Literary Recitation
1st Year
2nd Year
3rd Year
4th Year, Bil. & Native
Waiting area: T-SHIRT COMPETITION
Nichols
Waiting area: COSTUME COMPETITION
Nichols
Waiting area: CULTURE BOWL
Wilson
(no spectators)
Smith
CULTURE BOWL (continued)
Waiting area: THEATRICAL COMPETITION
Sellers Auditorium
CAMPUS TOURS on BUS (4)
Pickup at BCC entrance
2-4:45 PM  CULTURE BOWL (continued)
(no spectators)
Waiting area: TALENT COMPETITION
Sellers Auditorium
Instrumental Music, Singing, Dance
AWARDS ASSEMBLY & CLOSING CEREMONY
Sellers Auditorium

Please remove all exhibits, posters, paintings, scrapbooks and other convention materials from the Bryant Conference Center by 6:00 PM, Friday, April 6, 2018.
The University of Alabama cannot be responsible for items remaining in the building after 6:00 PM.
To ensure that your school's name is recorded among the participating institutions, please ensure timely registration before the deadline. Due to late registration, we were unable to include some remaining registered schools and students in this year's Spanish Convention program.
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General Federation Matters

Grammar Competition
Grammar, Vocabulary, Verbs

Literary Recitation

Academics:
Impromptu Speaking
Sight Reading

Registrations/Finances/Trophies

Recording Secretary/Culture Bowl

Culture Bowl

Art: 2D, 3D, Posters
T-Shirts

Art: Exhibits/Scrapbook

Talent
Singing, Dancing, Instrumental

Theatrical Skits
Regional Costumes
Lunch options near Bryant Conference Center

**Hotel Capstone**
Mary Burke Hall at 922 6th Ave
(next to BCC)
(5 minute walk)

**Newk’s/Arby’s at 205 University Blvd E**
(10 minute walk)
Why Study Spanish?

- It’s the fourth most spoken language on the planet.
- The United States is now the second largest Spanish-speaking country.
- Fluency in Spanish is an asset in numerous career fields.

Why Study Spanish at UA?

At The University of Alabama, we offer bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degree programs in Spanish, excellent study abroad programs, and a great college experience on one of the country’s most beautiful campuses. With professors with advanced degrees from top-rated institutions — Brown University, Indiana University, Ohio State University, Georgetown University, and University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill — the Spanish Program at The University of Alabama offers high quality education and a wide range of learning opportunities.

We offer a highly regarded Alabama in Spain Summer Abroad Program in Madrid, in addition to semester and year abroad programs and a semester in Cuba program. Students who participate in our new Spanish Outreach Program are placed as interns in the Tuscaloosa/Northport area, where they help Spanish-speaking children learn English.

Our students are supported in their studies by not only free tutoring services but also a variety of cultural and social activities throughout the fall and spring semesters, such as conversation hours, dance parties, and Spanish-language film screenings, many hosted by the Spanish Club.
Spanish at The University of Alabama

The UA Spanish Program provides students an education in Spanish in the premiere program in Alabama and one of the largest in the Southeast. Our students achieve proficiency in the Spanish language, as well as an understanding and appreciation of the wide range of Hispanic cultures. We provide several international opportunities, and all students are encouraged to study in a Spanish-speaking country.

Undergraduate Program
We offer a major and minor concentration in Spanish. Studies in the major lead to a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. Most students choose to combine their degree in Spanish with other majors and/or minors offered in the various colleges at UA. Many of our students elect to pursue a Master of Arts and/or Doctorate in Spanish or Romance Languages and Literatures. For more information, please contact us or visit our web page at http://mlc.ua.edu/spanish/.

Graduate Program
We offer both a Master of Arts and a Doctor of Philosophy in Spanish, as well as in Romance Languages, with concentrations in Literature or Linguistics. Graduate students work with faculty in different fields of specialization within these tracks. Our doctoral programs are among the very few offered in the Southeastern US. Students pursuing a graduate degree in Spanish may apply for a Teaching Assistantship, and they are encouraged to participate in our study abroad program. For more information, please contact us or visit our web page at http://mlc.ua.edu/spanish/.

Study Abroad
Studying in a Spanish-speaking country is the best way to improve linguistic skills in the language. Through immersion in the culture and customs of the host country, students also acquire Hispanic cultural competence, a significant asset in today’s global society. In addition to our popular Summer in Spain program, we offer a variety of locations for study abroad in Latin America.

Outreach Program
With the rapidly growing Hispanic population in Tuscaloosa County and Alabama in general, there is a growing need for bilingual speakers who can help in the Latino Community in a wide spectrum of areas such as schools, health care, law enforcement, fire prevention, and other social services. Spanish Outreach attempts to provide some of these services by placing its most accomplished majors and minors as semester interns in local schools where they can assist our younger members of society with individual tutoring, comprehension of lessons, personal dialogue, interpretation, and other language-based tasks.

Why Spanish?
With approximately 480 million speakers, Spanish is the second most widely spoken language in terms of native speakers, the third most spoken language by total number of speakers, and the third most commonly used language on the Internet. It is the primary language in many countries worldwide. The US is the second largest Spanish-speaking country in the world, and it has more speakers of Spanish than Chinese, French, German, Italian, Hawaiian and Native American languages combined. According to the 2011 census, ~45 million people in the US speak Spanish, making it the second most used language.
Study Abroad: Alabama in Spain

The University of Alabama has a study abroad summer program in Spain (Madrid). This program will provide students with a total immersion in the Spanish language and culture and a unique opportunity to visit historical sites and monuments as well as world renown museums, like the Prado Museums and the Reina Sofia Museum of Modern Art. The program is designed to complement the instruction received at the University of Alabama for Spanish minors and majors.

HOST INSTITUTION

Antonio de Nebrija University is a private institution founded on the principles of free initiative, with full official recognition pursuant to the Law of the Cortes Generales (Spanish Parliament) 23/95 of 17 July (BOE – Official State Gazette of 18 July 1995). Nebrija is an independent Spanish university created with a firmly international outlook and a practical focus. Our mission is to maintain the highest standards of academic teaching and scientific research in all our specialized areas in order to contribute not only to the training and professional and human development of our students, but also to progress of society in general. It has been said of Nebrija that it is “the smallest of the great Spanish universities” due to the success of its design and size which is able to guarantee students a personalized education and excellent possibilities for both academic and professional development.

The international profile of Antonio de Nebrija University is another outstanding feature of the institution, as it is the first Spanish university to have a considerable percentage of foreign students and because many students also undertake a good portion of their studies abroad. The University offers a wide range of international programs, some of which are awarded dual qualifications and others which provide Spanish students with the opportunity to spend one or two semesters or academic courses in prestigious universities in Europe the USA and Canada. A concern for practical training, professional development, and adaptation to new technologies is manifested in the incorporation in all the university syllabuses and study programs of practical professional classes as a complement to the studies of all our graduates providing the knowledge, skills, and attitudes acquired in the professional workplace. You will find an extensive range of specialized areas at Nebrija, all officially approved courses leading to diploma qualifications, technical engineering, degree and engineering courses as well as master degrees and doctorates. It also provides its own wide range of qualifications and further and higher education programs. Applied research and interactive teaching methods are further outstanding features of the institution, contributing useful knowledge to society and the business world, and for training of teachers and researchers.

The entire organization is at the disposal of students and teachers offering the best professional opportunities with all the advantages of a good university. The university offers state of the art classrooms, spacious individual bedrooms with individual bathrooms, private dining hall, cafeteria, computer lab, wireless Internet, TV room, movie theater, gym, swimming pool, covered gymnasiaum with sports facilities, laundry, library, private gardens, leisure areas, etc. The regular faculty staff of the summer school hold the highest academic level. All the teachers possess a PhD degree and have many years of experience teaching Spanish language and culture to both foreign and native students.

HOUSING AND LODGING

Students live at the school’s Residence Hall in individual or double rooms. The accommodations are located next to the university, so it is very easy for the students to access the classrooms. The residence has a 24-hour Reception, but the program has a curfew of 12:00 am during weekdays and 1:00 am on Fridays and Saturdays. In order to be out of the school beyond those hours, students must complete, sign and turn in a mandatory notification form in advance that it has to be approved by the director of the program. Failing to fulfill this requirement can result in suspension or even expulsion from the center.

MEALS

Students have access to 3 daily meals in the school’s private Dining Hall. The menu is changed every day, and there are options for special diets, vegetarian, lactose intolerant, etc. The Dining Hall is open daily from 8 am to 10 am for breakfast, from 1 pm to 4 pm for lunch, and from 8 pm to 11 pm for dinner. For weekend trips, students are provided with a picnic bag lunch.
COURSE OFFERINGS

- All courses are 3 credit hours
- Prerequisites can be waived with advisor’s permission
- Minimum of 5 students required to open course

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OFFICE HOURS

An exclusive U of A office is available for the students during the whole program. Students can stop by anytime during the day from 9pm to 2pm and from 4pm to 8pm. The office offers 2 computers and a printer that can be freely used by students during the program. Director and Assistant director can be reached after these hours in person or by phone 24 hours a day.

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Besides the trips and excursions during the weekends, the program offers many other activities outside the classroom. Taking advantage of the proximity of Madrid, the capital of Spain, the program offers weekly visits to the museums and cultural areas of the city, including theaters and movies. Students also have the opportunity to visit shopping and leisure areas, social and sport events, etc. Spanish gastronomy (tapas, restaurants, etc.) is also part of these activities.

TRIPS AND EXCURSIONS

Every weekend student travel to different locations around Spain. These trips are designed to complement the weekly class lectures. Students who choose to travel by themselves must complete, sign and turn in in advance a mandatory notification form giving all the information of their trip to cover emergency situations that could arise.

REQUIREMENTS

- Students need to complete SP201 and SP202 before attending the program.

- A minimum 3.0 GPA is required to be considered for the program. Preference will be given to students with a GPA higher than 3.3.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For any additional details, please contact José Cano at jcano@ua.edu.
La Sociedad Nacional Honoraria Hispánica

About Sigma Delta Pi
Sigma Delta Pi is the only honor society dedicated to students of Spanish at four-year colleges and universities, as well as the largest foreign-language honor society in the world. According to the national organization’s website, www.sigmadeltapi.org, benefits of membership include the following:

1. Association with the only honor society devoted exclusively to students of Spanish in four-year colleges and universities, the largest foreign-language honor society in existence (over 180,000 members) and one of the elite as attested by its membership in the Association of College Honor Societies, the nation’s only certifying agency for college and university honor societies.
2. Exclusive access to Sigma Delta Pi’s undergraduate study abroad awards for study in Spanish-speaking countries.
3. Graduate students may apply for research grants.
4. Active and ambitious student members may apply as a chapter for Chapter Project Grants to help finance their group’s activities that complement the mission of Sigma Delta Pi.
5. Bolstered credentials for any professional field, including business. For example, see the Qualifications Standards for General Schedule Positions at the website of the United States Office of Personnel Management.
6. Distinctive student honors such as the Gabriela Mistral Award, available to one outstanding member per chapter annually; the Mario Vargas Llosa Award, a joint Sigma Delta Pi-AATSP recognition granted yearly to one outstanding, undergraduate student major or minor of Spanish; and the Ana María Matute Award, a joint Sigma Delta Pi-Asociación Internacional de Hispanistas recognition that may be granted each triennium to one exceptional graduate student of Spanish/Hispanic Studies.
7. National and local leadership opportunities through appointment to the national Board of Student Advisers, election to chapter offices, and the direction of chapter projects (see handbook for ideas); the latter may result in such national distinctions as the Honor Chapter award, the Premio Ignacio y Sophie Galbis, the Premio Fénix, and the Premio Frida Kahlo.
8. Special rates on insurance through Geico.
9. An enhanced résumé afforded by serving as an active chapter officer: organizational leadership and initiative are attractive qualities to prospective employers.
10. Supportive network of regional and national officers to provide guidance for chapter activities and Society-related issues.
11. Available awards for outstanding faculty of Hispanic Studies or members of one’s local community who have made exceptional efforts in furthering Sigma Delta Pi’s mission.
12. Closer association with students of similar interests and out-of-class interaction with members of faculty.
13. Opportunities to participate and/or present in Sigma Delta Pi’s annual sessions, held in conjunction with the AATSP and the Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, and the triennial convention, held during the meeting of the AATSP.

About the Alabama Chapter
For more information, contact us at sigmadeltapiua@gmail.com.
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Dr. Doris Sung – Assistant Professor, Dept. of Art and Art History
Amy Pirkle, MFA – Instructor, New College and Honors College
Dr. Hilary Green – Associate Professor, Dept. of Gender and Race Studies

Finally, we send a special Thank you! to Laura Collins and all the officers of the Federación de los Círculos de Español de Alabama, to all the convention sponsors, and to the students for competing!
Tuesday ESL Homework Help

Volunteer with us!

See what we're all about

Spanish Outreach

ALABAMA STUDENTS WITHOUT BORDERS

THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

Spanish Club

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- Broaden your perspectives and career opportunities.
- Experience a real-world environment.
- Use your Spanish communicative skills.
- Major or minor.

Earn three hours of college credit (SP 380) toward your