Meet the President

Dr. Ken Kitts became president of the University of North Alabama on March 30, 2015. Prior to joining UNA, Dr. Kitts served in various academic and administrative positions at institutions in North Carolina and South Carolina.

Dr. Kitts earned the BA, MA, and PhD degrees in political science and also holds a post-graduate certificate from Harvard University’s Institute for Educational Management. Dr. Kitts’ academic interests include the American presidency, national security, and executive advisory systems. He is the author of an award-winning book on presidential commissions and has published numerous articles, reviews, and commentaries on topics dealing with both political science and higher education.

As president of UNA, Dr. Kitts has focused his efforts on expanding academic opportunities, enhancing the student experience, and promoting the University to external constituencies. He has presided over record enrollment growth and secured the funds necessary to develop new academic programs and facilities. He works closely with faculty and staff to ensure that growth aligns well with the University’s identity, strategic priorities, and commitment to region and state. A self-proclaimed professor at heart, Dr. Kitts still finds time to teach to underscore his personal commitment to students and his belief in engaged leadership.

Dr. Kitts is a fan of Lion Athletics and led the successful transition of UNA to Division I status in the NCAA classification system. Along with his family, he is known for his support of student events and involvement in a wide range of campus activities.

Dr. Kitts serves on a variety of governing boards including the Business Council of Alabama, the Shoals Chamber of Commerce, and the President’s Council of the ASUN Athletic Conference. He is a member of Leadership Alabama and the Florence Rotary Club.

Meet the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

Thank you for your interest in the University of North Alabama (UNA)! We are proud to offer over 140 majors, minors, and concentrations at the graduate and undergraduate levels, including many online programs and course offerings. Whichever you choose, you will be gaining a quality educational experience with a personalized approach. Our dedicated and highly credentialed faculty members are both experts in their respective fields as well as innovative classroom teachers. Students can also gain and apply knowledge and skills outside the classroom through a host of study abroad, internship, and service learning opportunities and options. Many of our degree programs boast prestigious and selective disciplinary accreditation that distinguishes UNA from many peer institutions. As a leader in academic innovation, UNA is constantly evolving and adding graduate and undergraduate degree programs in multiple modalities that appeal to students and learners of all ages, providing them with the skills and experiences they need to succeed in a constantly evolving and changing world. We would love for you to join our university community. We look forward to hearing from you. Roar Lions!

Sincerely,
Ross C. Alexander, Ph.D.
Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs