

# UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH ALABAMA

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Dear Fellow Students:

On behalf of the University of South Alabama Student Government Association, I would like to welcome you to the University of South Alabama. I encourage each and every one of you to get involved on campus, at least as involved as you can be. I fully understand that many of us have other responsibilities that may limit our level of involvement.

I am recently married and a father of a wonderful six-year old son. Throughout most of my career here at the University, I have had to work full-time, usually juggling multiple jobs, a full-time school schedule, and my family responsibilities. So believe me: I understand.



There are many ways to become more involved no matter your situation. Additionally, there are potentially enormous benefits to becoming more involved. I personally, have put the greatest stress on becoming more involved in the academics and professional sides of my interests. Doing so has opened up many doors for future professional and academics opportunities, way more opportunities than any degree alone can open. Just about every department on campus has opportunities to become more professionally and academically involved. All you have to do is ask.

Additionally as your SGA Treasurer, I have the honor of being able to facilitate student involvement in a unique and meaningful way: through the allocations of monies to student organizations through SGA's appropriation and co-sponsorship process. Whether you are planning on submitting a paper to the professional conference, want to bring a speaker to campus, or simply want to improve on social, cultural, or recreational opportunities at USA, let SGA help you fund your project.

If you have any questions about the appropriations or co-sponsorship process, or if you just want to know how to become more involved, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached at (251) 802-1622 or [Jason.shepard@comcast.net](mailto:Jason.shepard@comcast.net). Also check out SGA's official blog at <http://www.usasga.blogspot.com>. The blog is the ideal place for checking on campus updates, SGA news, or simply to voice your concern.

I look forward to a great year, as I strive to serve you as your SGA Treasurer.

Sincerely,  
Jason Shepard, Treasurer, Student Government Association