This year's Higher Education Day in Montgomery is the most important in years because USA and other four-year colleges and universities face 14 percent budget cuts. The attitude in Montgomery is that colleges and universities can afford the cuts better than other areas of education. We need to descend on Montgomery on March 6 to dispel that misconception.

The day begins at 11 a.m. on the front steps of the State House. After the 11 a.m. rally, lunch will be served on the Capitol lawn. Joining us for lunch will be members of the Alabama Legislature.

Buses are available and will depart from the University Commons at 8 a.m. and return by 5 p.m. Please call or e-mail Marsha Butler to make a reservation, (251) 460-7277 or mbutler@usouthal.edu.