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ALABAMA BROWNFIELDS CONFERENCE

by Dr. Elica Moss



Karter Alexander Woods and Alexa Williams. represented Alabama A&M University at the Alabama Brownfields Conference held in Pelham, Alabama. Through the partnership between the departments of Natural Resources and Environmental Science, Community and Regional Planning, and Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM), presented both students insightful and wellresearched posters that highlighted innovative approaches to environmental management and brownfield redevelopment.

Karter and Alexa's participation in the Student Posterboard Competition was a standout moment during the event. We are thrilled to announce that Karter Woods was awarded 1st Place, earning the highest average score of 37 and receiving a perfect score of 40 from one of the judges. Along with a certificate, he was awarded a \$100 Visa Gift Card in recognition of his achievement.

Alexa Williams also delivered an exceptional presentation that received high praise from attendees and judges alike. Her poster was noted for its depth, clarity, and relevance, and was described as outstanding by several officials. The professionalism and passion both students displayed left a lasting impression on many at the conference.

We are incredibly proud of Karter and Alexa for their dedication, excellence, and the way they represented Alabama A&M University. Their success is a testament to the power of academic and professional collaboration, and we are excited to see the great things they will accomplish in the future as emerging leaders in environmental science and urban planning.



Photos by Dr. Elica Moss

NSF S-STEM DEFEND SCHOLARS ATTEND AAAS S-STEM SCHOLARS CONFERENCE IN SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

by Elijah Nall and Dr. Elica Moss



From October 2–4, 2025, NSF S-STEM DEFEND Scholars McKinley Dunford, Elijah Nall, Kennedy Brown, Jaden Wills, and Camille McGowan represented Alabama A&M University at the AAAS S-STEM Scholars Conference in San Diego, California. The conference brought together undergraduate and graduate students from across the nation who are part of the NSF S-STEM program, providing them with an opportunity to build connections, exchange ideas, and enhance their academic and professional development.

Throughout the three-day event, the scholars participated in a variety of workshops and sessions designed to prepare them for success in both their studies and future careers. These workshops covered an impressive range of topics including financial literacy and money management, effective public speaking, research and poster presentation skills, ethical decision-making in professional settings, and the proper and responsible use of AI technologies. Each session provided practical tools and insights that will help the scholars grow not only as students but as future leaders in their respective fields.









Photos from Elijah Nall

In addition to attending the workshops, the students had the chance to network with peers, faculty, and industry professionals from universities across the country. During the career fair and networking seminars, they learned about new opportunities such as scholarships, internships, graduate programs, and potential career paths. The event emphasized the importance of collaboration and community among STEM scholars nationwide.

A highlight of the trip was Kennedy Brown's research presentation, where she showcased her poster titled "Water Quality in Low-Income Neighborhoods in Birmingham, Alabama." Her project focuses on bringing awareness to disparities in water quality and educating residents through the use of "Water Report Cards"—a tool designed to help communities better understand and advocate for cleaner waterways in their areas. Kennedy's work drew interest from attendees who shared similar environmental justice concerns and offered valuable feedback for expanding her research.

Outside of the conference, the students also had the opportunity to explore the city of San Diego, taking in its vibrant culture and scenic views while bonding as a team. Overall, the experience was both educational and inspiring, giving the DEFEND Scholars new skills, confidence, and professional connections that will continue to benefit them throughout their academic journeys and beyond.





HOMECOMING

by Keyshawn Johnson











Alabama A&M University celebrated its historic 150th Anniversary Homecoming Week from October 4–12, 2025 – a time filled with pride, tradition, and Bulldog spirit.



During Homecoming Week, a Torchbearer Ceremony was held to honor and celebrate the 150th anniversary of the University's founding and all who came before us from our prestigious university. Torchbearers, each committed to raising a minimum of \$25,000 through their networks of alumni, faculty, and friends, were recognized for their dedication to reflecting the spirit of our founder, William Hooper Councill, and the enduring legacy of Alabama A&M University. Their support will leave an indelible mark on the university's future. As of Tuesday, October 14, 2025, Torchbearers and individual donors have raised over \$8.57 million toward AAMU's 150th Campaign goal of \$15 million a remarkable demonstration of to AAMU's continued commitment growth









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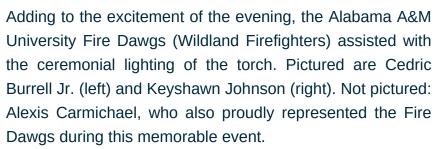


























CALNS SOPHOMORE MAJOR FEST: A SPOOKTACULAR SUCCESS!

by Rachel Stone

On October 30th, the College of Agricultural, Life and Natural Sciences (CALNS) transformed the Carver Complex Bonner Wing into a Halloween haven for learning during the Sophomore Major Fest. The event offered students a frightfully fun way to explore the programs, opportunities, and spirited community that make CALNS so special.

From eerie decorations to bowls-well, cauldrons-of candy, the departments went all out to make the afternoon both educational and enchanting. The Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences especially conjured up attention with their festive setup and an impressive lineup of costumed participants. Pikachu, Minnie Mouse, Ahsoka from Star Wars, Velma from Scooby-Doo, a cheetah, and even Batman and Batwoman made appearances, proving that NRES knows how to mix brains with a bit of boo-tiful flair.

Students floated from table to table, collecting sweet treats and valuable insight into CALNS majors—from environmental science and food science to biology and family and consumer sciences. The event wasn't just about candy; it was about career candy—the chance to sample future paths and meet the faculty and students who bring each department to life.

By the end of the day, there was no doubt: CALNS cast a powerful spell of curiosity and connection over everyone who attended. Here's to a hauntingly successful event and to all the students who dared to learn more about the thrilling world of CALNS!





















Photos by Rachel Stone

CLUB ACTIVITIES

by Rachel Stone

The Environmental Science Club and the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Sciences came together for a fun and engaging Meet & Greet on October 7 – and it was a big success! Students and faculty gathered to connect, relax, and enjoy an evening of good pizza, great conversations, and even better company. The event offered new and returning students a chance to get to know the NRES faculty, learn more about department opportunities, and build a stronger sense of community within the program.





Photos by Julia Mapp Williams

LIZ HURLEY RIBBON RUN

by Julia Mapp Williams

The Liz Hurley Ribbon Run brings together thousands each year to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. More than just a race, it's a celebration of courage and resilience, honoring breast cancer survivors and those still fighting the disease.

On October 18th, 2025, the Environmental Science Club volunteered at the 22nd Annual Liz Hurley Run, cheering on survivors and participants throughout the event. Many A&M alumni were excited to see fellow Bulldogs supporting the cause, and Community Service Coordinator Cristin Williams even joined in on the run!









AAMU ACADEMICS AFIELD CLUB OFF TO A NEW SEASON

by Dr. William Stone









The Alabama A&M University Academics Afield hunting club launched its fall season with a successful orientation event in early September, followed by a "Hunter 101" workshop and dove shoot later that month.

Eight students participated in this year's kickoff activities at Swan Creek Wildlife Management Area in Limestone County. The workshop included rifle and shotgun practice on the shooting range, where students aimed at both stationary targets and clay pigeons. Although no doves or squirrels were spotted during the field portion, participants enjoyed a hands-on experience and are looking forward to more opportunities later in the academic year.

Next up, the club will host a Hunter Education class conducted by Delta Waterfowl on November 11 and 13 from 12:30–4:30 p.m. in the Agriculture Research Center, Room 131. The two-day, in-person training is free for all AAMU students and fulfills the state requirement for obtaining a hunting license while emphasizing safety in the field.

The group's upcoming activities include a shooting range practice at Sharon Johnson Park on January 24 and a waterfowl hunt at Swan Creek on January 27, followed by a rifle deer hunt in Bullock County in early February. The club also hopes to organize a spring turkey hunt later in the semester.

Club members Bryce Howard and Elijah McCray, both recent participants, continue to mentor students and help coordinate hunts. Jeremy Whigham and Dr. William Stone of the NRES Department also serve as advisors and participate in scheduled events.

TRUNK OR TREAT

by Julia Mapp Williams

On October 30th, the Environmental Science Club partnered with the University Echo Student Ambassadors for their annual Trunk or Treat event, where the Environmental Science Club transformed their area into a Lorax-themed space, blending fun with an emphasis on protecting the environment to engage students of all ages.



HAMPTON FARMS HOLIDAY DECORATING

by Julia Mapp Williams

On November 2nd, the Environmental Science Club visited Hampton Farms and spent a lovely day decorating for the holiday season. Members enjoyed Christmas tunes as they helped set up an arrangement of Christmas trees with Mr. and Mrs. Hampton. Happy Holiday!

















AAMU ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE CLUB SUPPORTS HUNTSVILLE'S ANNUAL TREE PLANTING DAY

by Dr. Elica Moss







HUNTSVILLE, Ala. – November 1, 2025–Members of the Alabama A&M University Environmental Science Club joined hundreds of volunteers at Brahan Spring Park on Saturday, November 1, for Mayor Tommy Battle's Annual Tree Planting Day–a citywide environmental initiative that united civic groups, students, and families in a collective effort to expand Huntsville's urban forest. The Environmental Science Club's participation reinforced AAMU's ongoing commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship.

Organized by the City of Huntsville's Green Team, the event brought together volunteers from across the community, including members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Incorporated–Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, Gamma Mu Chapter, and Omicron Zeta Chapter–along with participants in the Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter and the 2025 Debutantes of Epsilon Gamma Omega Chapter, who attended alongside their fathers.

From 9 a.m. to noon, volunteers of all ages rolled up their sleeves to plant 350 trees throughout Brahan Spring Park. In addition, the City distributed 500 free tree seedlings to residents eager to enhance their own neighborhoods. The Green Team supplied all necessary tools, gloves, and planting instructions to ensure proper techniques and long-term tree care.

Species planted included oaks, maples, bald cypress, river birch, yellow poplar, southern magnolia, redbud, dogwood, and elm–a mix of native and ornamental trees selected to strengthen Huntsville's tree canopy, improve air quality, and support local ecosystems.

The collaboration among AAMU students, Alpha Kappa Alpha members, and youth participants exemplified a shared dedication to sustainability, civic engagement, and intergenerational leadership—core values that continue to shape Huntsville's greener, healthier future.

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