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UA to Host National Conference on Engaged Scholarship

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – About 600 faculty, students, administrators and their community partners will gather for the 13th annual National Outreach Scholarship Conference (NOSC) Sept. 30–Oct. 3 on The University of Alabama campus.

NOSC is made up of 16 universities committed to excellence in the scholarship and practice of engagement locally and globally. This year's event is expected to attract some 75 universities and colleges from throughout the United States and several foreign countries. The past four hosts of the conference were Michigan State University (2011), North Carolina State University (2010), the University of Georgia (2009), and Pennsylvania State University (2008).

Dr. Samory T. Pruitt, vice president for Community Affairs and a member of the NOSC board of directors, issued the following invitation:

"The University is honored to host this most important event in the field of engaged scholarship — an integrative form of scholarship that unifies the three-legs upon which higher education is built: teaching, research and service. In NOSC 2012, we will showcase the best of campus-community collaboration."

Pruitt said the conference theme and tracks reflect a special effort by planners to attract more students and community partners. "For years, large numbers of faculty and university administrators have attended," Pruitt said. "What we hope to add to this tradition is the excitement and energy of greater numbers of students and community partners."

Committees working on theme, track, promotion and logistics for about a year and a half have come up with a conference theme of Partner. Inspire. Change. Three tracks designed to attract a wide range of topics, methods and creative approaches are:

- The Voice of Faculty Engagement
- The Voice of Student Engagement
- The Voice of Community-Partner Engagement

Headquarters for NOSC 2012 will be the Bryant Conference Center, <http://bcc.ua.edu/>.

Registration, accommodations, proposal, program and other details will be posted soon on www.nosc2012.ua.edu.

(Note: Following NOSC 2012, the National Outreach Scholarship Conference will become the Engagement Scholarship Consortium (ESC).

See <http://www.outreachscholarship.org/>. ESC 2013 will be held on the campus of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.)