



Partnership Update

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Alabama State University



College Colors Day Proclamation Presented to the Higher Education Partnership

On August 22, 2011, Governor Robert Bentley delivered a proclamation to the Higher Education Partnership. He officially recognized September 2, 2011 as the day to celebrate Alabama's public universities with College Colors Day. Further, he encouraged every Alabamian to join him in wearing team colors on this day. He thanked the universities for their difference-making contribution to Alabama. Governor Bentley specifically commented that he appreciated the important role of the universities in economic development. The announcement was attended by the mascots from all of the public universities. The events of the day were hosted by the Higher Education Partnership.

The Higher Education Partnership represents the 150,000 students, faculty, staff and administrators of the 13 public universities in the state of Alabama. With this distinction comes the great awareness of the significant role of public, four-year institutions. Serving as a voice of the universities provides the Partnership with exposure to the many wonderful traditions carried-on by the students, the difference-making contributions from the faculties' work, and the selfless donations of the alumni who give to the campuses so others can learn as they did.

According to Gordon Stone, Executive Director of the Higher Education Partnership, "We celebrate universities because of the difference they make. The Southern Region Education Board has released a report that discusses the value of higher education. According to their analysis, a person with a four-year degree will average earning 77 percent more over the course of their career than a person without a four-year degree. The Partnership recognizes that a similar growth in Alabama's per capita income will result in more reinvestment in the economy. We also know that as the economy grows so do jobs."

On September 2, 2011, the Higher Education Partnership is pleased to report that all of the State of Alabama's public universities are coming together to celebrate "College Colors Day." This annual occasion allows for the people of the state to join together and celebrate their institution of choice. No matter the university that is favored, on September 2, the Higher Education Partnership encourages every Alabamian to show their loyalty by wearing the school's colors.



Troy University



University of Montevallo

