Rural Support

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DIVISION OF ACADEMIC ENHANCEMENT
UGA’s Division of Academic Enhancement empowers all students to achieve success with innovative courses, programs, services, and student-centered initiatives. The DAE supports students as they transition into higher education and sustains their progress through the University’s unique academic environment. We are committed to students, committed to success.
The Division of Academic Enhancement consists of four areas: Access, Initiatives, Instruction, and Services. 

### Access
Consists of seven federally-funded TRIO programs:
- Talent Search Upward Bound - UGA
- Upward Bound - NE GA
- Upward Bound Math/Science
- Student Support Services
- Student Support Services STEM-H
- McNair Scholars

### Initiatives
Supports several scholar programs and rural + first-generation initiatives:
- ALL Georgia
- Correll Scholars
- Cousins Scholars
- Mary Virginia Terry Scholars
- 1GAAT Scholars
- Georgia Commitment Scholars
- Kellogg Scholars
- REACH Scholars
- Stamper Scholars
- Thrive at Georgia

### Instruction
Offers a wide variety of engaging UNIV courses + an Intensive English Program:
- UNIV Courses:
  - Academic Success Courses
  - Literacies Courses
  - Supplemental Instruction Courses
  - Intensive English Program

### Services
Supports all UGA students through academic support resources:
- Academic Coaching
- Peer Learning Assistants
- Peer Tutoring
- Presentation Collaboratory
- Presentation Collaboratory Fellows
- Student Success Workshops

**DAE OVERVIEW**

The Division of Academic Enhancement is a sub-unit of the Office of Instruction DAE consists of four areas: Access, Initiatives, Instruction, and Services.
ALL GEORGIA
• 75% of counties in Georgia have a population of less than 50,000 people

• Of 159 counties in Georgia, 120 counties are considered rural

• UGA students are considered rural if they live within one of these counties

• OIR collects admissions data based on student zip code to assist in identifying rural students
ALL GEORGIA PROGRAM

ALL GEORGIA SCHOLARS
Provides financial aid for six outstanding UGA students matriculating to UGA from rural Georgia areas each year

RURAL STUDENT SUPPORT
Supports all rural students at UGA with a network of resources and common experiences

RURAL STUDENT AMBASSADORS
Eight rural students who plan events and build community among rural students at UGA
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| **Academic Success**   | • Academic Coaching  
  • Student Success Workshops 
  • Peer Tutoring Services 
  • UNIV 1201: Learning for Success at the University | • Academic Coaching  
  • Student Success Workshops 
  • Peer Tutoring Services 
  • Peer educator employment 
  • UNIV 1202: Becoming Active Learners |
| **Advising & Mentoring** | • Annual networking event  
  • Exploring academic opportunities 
  • Peer support opportunities | • Annual networking event  
  • Engagement with UGA schools & colleges 
  • Peer mentorship and leadership opportunities 
  • Rural Student Ambassador Program |
| **Leadership Development** | • Recommendations for on-campus employment opportunities 
  • Uniquely designed resources and workshops curated for rural students | • Connection to internship, professional development, and leadership resources 
  • Graduate school and career preparation workshops and support 
  • Engagement with national Rural Student Success unConference |
| **Community Engagement** | • IMPACT Service Break 
  • Road Dawgs 
  • Service-learning courses | • IMPACT Service Break 
  • Intensive Experiential Learning in home or global communities 
  • Road Dawgs 
  • Service-learning |

**Optional Summer Opportunities**

*Summer Prior to Year 1:*
- Invitation to the Thrive at Georgia 
- Invitation to Dawg Camp

*Summer Prior to Year 2:*
- Recommendations for on-campus employment opportunities 
- Thrive at Georgia internship opportunity

*Summer Prior to Year 3 & Beyond:*
- Recommendations for on-campus employment opportunities 
- Service or research opportunities at home or abroad
Donalsville, GA - Seminole county
Population: 2,833
Major: Biological Science

“I graduated high school with 26 other people. When I came to UGA, I knew I wanted to experience things I wouldn’t be able to back home. It was scary being in such a different environment but something I was very ready for.”

Looking forward, Earnest dreams of making healthcare more accessible by becoming a rural-area physician. She will graduate from UGA in May 2023 and will begin medical school at Mercer University the following August.
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