Historical Highlights

- Chartered in 1856, Auburn University opened in 1859 and became affiliated with the Methodist Church. Over the years, the institution has had four official names:
  - **East Alabama Male College** (1856-1872)
  - **Agricultural and Mechanical College** (1872-1899)
  - **Alabama Polytechnic Institute** (1899-1960)
  - **Auburn University** (1960-present)
- Accounts since the 19th century show that, regardless of the official name, the state’s land-grant university has always been known as Auburn, a name taken by the Lee County community from the Oliver Goldsmith poem, “The Deserted Village.” The poem includes the line, “Sweet Auburn, loveliest village of the plain.”
- A single, four-story building was completed at a cost of $111,000 in 1859; 80 students, with a faculty of five, enrolled. The building was destroyed by fire in 1887, but was replaced on the same site in 1888 by what is now known as Samford Hall, named after Gov. William J. Samford. Today, Samford Hall serves as the administration headquarters.
- The university is the oldest four-year, coeducational school in the state and the second-oldest in the Southeast. Women were first admitted in 1892.
- The university’s three-pronged, land-grant mission has long been dedicated to instruction, research, and outreach. The current colleges and schools and the dates of their inception are:
  - College of Agriculture, 1872
  - Samuel Ginn College of Engineering, 1872
  - Graduate School, 1872
  - James I. Harrison School of Pharmacy, 1885
  - College of Veterinary Medicine, 1907
  - College of Architecture, Design and Construction, 1907
  - College of Education, 1915
  - College of Human Sciences, 1916
  - College of Business, 1967
  - School of Nursing, 1979
  - School of Forestry and Wildlife Sciences, 1984
  - College of Sciences and Mathematics, 1986*
  - College of Liberal Arts, 1986*

*In 1986, the colleges of Liberal Arts and Sciences and Mathematics were created from the former schools of Arts & Sciences, Agriculture and Biological Sciences, and Architecture and Fine Arts.
Facts & Figures

Enrollment: 23,547 / Undergraduates: 19,367
Graduate students: 3,245 / Professional students: 935
New freshmen: 4,092 / In-state students: 14,531 (61.7%)
Male students: 11,896 (50.2%) Female students: 11,651 (49.4%)
Minority students: 2,873 (12.2%)
Freshmen scoring 24 or above on ACT: 53.7%
Mean ACT score of entering freshmen: 24.3
First-year retention rate: 84.8%
Graduation rates: 4-year 34.2%; 5-year 58.2%; 6-year 62.7%
Number of scholarship athletes: 387
Number of National Merit Scholars: 100

Faculty with terminal (highest available) degrees: 93%
Full-time faculty: 1,176 / Minority faculty: 183 (15.5%)
Female faculty: 337 / Male faculty: 839
Student to faculty ratio: 17:1

In-state: $5,496 per year
Out-of-state: $15,496 per year

89 major academic buildings on 1,843 acres

Main campus budget: $550.8 million
—State appropriations: $188.8 million
—Tuition & Fees: $201.7 million
—Other: $160.3 million
Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station budget: $60.9 million
Alabama Cooperative Extension System budget: $56.8 million
Auburn University Montgomery budget: $64.6 million

The market value of AU and AUF endowments was $378,570,463 as of Sept. 30, 2006.

Economic Impact Highlights

- With $10 million in support from the state, $5 million from the city of Auburn and a pledge of services in kind from the Lee County Commission, AU broke ground in November 2005 on a research park to occupy a 156-acre site. The initial phase is projected to create some 1,500 new jobs from direct employment by firms within the park and some 2,500 additional jobs in the area. At full build-out, the research park is projected to directly and indirectly provide more than 12,000 new jobs for the area.

- AU provides the principal academic support for Alabama agricultural, construction and manufacturing industries, which represent hundreds of thousands of employees. It also supports these industries with research that results in new product development, and product innovation.

- AU is the primary source of instruction and research for Alabama’s aerospace, automotive, microelectronics, biotech, and wireless industries.

- AU has a more than $4 billion impact on the state of Alabama, including a $1.5 billion impact on the economy and a $2.4 billion impact in “human capital.” A research park, under development, will further increase this impact.

- AU’s Technical Assistance Center performs hundreds of projects annually for state industry, generating millions of dollars in increased efficiencies, and saving or creating hundreds of jobs statewide. Over the most recent ten-year outreach effort projects resulted in approximately $53 million in retained sales, $103 million in increased sales, $38.8 million in cost savings, $45.7 million in new investment, and 1,036 retained and new jobs.

- The Economic & Community Development Institute provides strategic planning for economic and community development through the Alabama Communities of Excellence program and partners with Extension in training public officials statewide in economic development.

- A major initiative of University Outreach, the I-85 Corridor Alliance is a regional partnership of government, civic, business, and educational stakeholders dedicated to promoting innovation, prosperity, collaboration, and competitiveness along Interstate 85 in Alabama.

- AU is developing alternative fuels from renewable energy sources such as switchgrass and other agricultural produce and dedicated $3 million in 2006 to a new Alternative Energy Initiative.
Highlights of AU's Mission: Outreach, Research, Instruction

Outreach

- AU’s outreach mission reflects the effort of more than 75 offices and initiatives throughout every school and college on campus. Interdisciplinary units address government excellence, economic development, professional studies, distance learning, and programs for youth and seniors.

- AU’s distance education offerings have more than doubled in the last decade: currently 23 programs and more than 260 courses are offered in business, engineering, education, liberal arts, human sciences, and agriculture.

- Annually, AU offers more than 1,000 non-credit continuing education programs and outreach activities, with more than 50,000 registrations, offered at more than 100 locations across Alabama and the United States.

- The Alabama Cooperative Extension System serves residents of all 67 counties of the state with programs in agriculture, forestry and natural resources, family and individual well-being, urban affairs, community development, and 4H and youth development.

- The Outreach Program Office draws some 5,000 youth annually to AU for academic and athletic summer camps, providing them with an enriching experience and exposure to the collegiate environment.

- Auburn students in the College of Architecture, Design and Construction’s world-renowned Rural Studio build inspiring, innovative, and practical homes to benefit poor citizens of west Alabama. The Rural Studio is among dozens of AU initiatives designed to improve the quality of life in west Alabama.

- AU Outreach and the Alabama Cooperative Extension System partnered to create the Economic & Community Development Institute to provide training, research, and outreach assistance to Alabama communities.

- The Center for Governmental Services is leading an initiative to provide professional services for evaluating and rebuilding New Orleans. A team from AU provided redevelopment support and assistance to the Algiers Economic Development Foundation in Louisiana.

Research

- AU’s combined research funds from competitive contracts and grants increased at an annual average of 17 percent over the past decade. Fiscal 2005 research funding totaled more than $72 million and AU’s federal appropriations for that same year totaled $58 million.

- AU’s Canine and Detection Research Institute and Canine and Detection Training Center has continued to set the nation’s standard for producing canines and handlers for defense, transportation security, and security for detection of explosives and weapons of mass destruction. The institute also conducts first-responder training for government agencies, military groups and major municipalities.

- AU holds an exclusive license for emergency preparedness simulation training software originally developed by Lawrence Livermore Laboratories. Using this software, AU and its subcontractor, Emergency Response Training Systems, Inc., have conducted training with emergency management agencies throughout the Southeast and beyond.

- In 2005, the Office of Technology Transfer received 71 new invention disclosures from faculty, 16 newly-issued patents, and filed 126 patent applications. AU holds 53 license agreements with entities outside the university for the commercialization of AU research technologies and developments, and contracts with 11 start-up companies formed exclusively to commercialize AU research developments.

- Construction is under way for a new 156-acre research park. At full development, the research park should provide more than 12,000 new jobs stemming from those created within the park and spin-off employment within businesses supporting park tenant companies.

- An Auburn-invented microscope technology was ranked by R&D Magazine among the top 100 most technologically significant products introduced in 2005.

- Other AU-developed technologies and research include: a bacteria-eliminating chemical technology currently marketed as a water purification process; a fabric that improves the effectiveness of bullet-proof vests worn by law enforcement personnel by stopping high-powered rifle bullets; a device that improves the operation and safety of automobile air-bags; germ-killing rubber; a drug-delivery system that aids in the treatment of diseases and medical conditions such as muscular dystrophy, diabetes, and muscle-related tumors; and a new egg-injected avian flu vaccine, the only one currently available.
In *U.S. News & World Report*’s issue of *America’s Best Colleges* 2006, AU is ranked 39th among public universities nationwide. The ranking marks the 14th consecutive year the magazine has ranked AU among the nation’s top 50 public universities. AU was ranked a “Best Value” by the *Princeton Review. Money Magazine* and *Kiplinger’s Personal Finance* rank AU as tops in the state and among the highest in the nation for educational value.

- AU invests in extensive national assessments (including the Collegiate Learning Assessment, the COACHE survey of junior faculty, the Delaware Study of Instructional Costs and Productivity, and the National Survey of Student Engagement) to obtain quality, data-driven information for measuring and continually improving instruction and student preparation.

- The National Security Agency has designated AU as a Center of Academic Excellence for outstanding programs in information security and assurance.

- AU is the only university in the country to offer an undergraduate degree in wireless engineering, and the first in the Southeast to offer degrees in software engineering.

- AU is known for its “rocket science”: six NASA astronauts graduated from AU, and three past directors of Kennedy Space Center are AU alumni.

- AU’s Ralph Brown Draughon Library is the largest library in the state, with 2.8 million volumes. The library subscribes to 29,000 journals, 246 electronic databases, provides library instruction and tours to students, prospective students and parents, and serves as an instructional resource for faculty.

- AU offers hundreds of scholarships, including $3 million in Spirit of Auburn scholarships established in 2006 for top Alabama students. In all, AU provides $15.5 million in scholarships.

- AU’s international presence is growing: 536 students studied abroad in 2004-2005, and more than 800 students from around the world attend AU. Auburn has 388 international faculty and scholars and 634 student employees representing more than 40 nations.

- AU produces more chief executive officers for the nation’s best small companies than any other college or university in the South (*Forbes* magazine).

- AU was named the “most wired” university in Alabama in 2006 by Yahoo, and is among the top three in the SEC for computing resources, networks, and technology infrastructure.

- As noted in the following pages, AU’s 12 colleges and schools have earned outstanding distinction, accreditation and recognition.
College of Agriculture

Richard Guthrie, Dean
Bachelor’s degree offerings: 8
Graduate degree offerings: 21
Fall 2006 enrollment: 1,134

- The college’s academic programs have an exceptional record of preparing students for the study of human and veterinary medicine, law, and graduate school. In addition, its graduates are in high demand for jobs in traditional agriculture and agribusiness, natural resource management, business, research, academia, and government.

- Job placement for College of Agriculture graduates in horticulture, agricultural communications, poultry science, and turfgrass degree programs is nearly 100 percent.

- The college provides more than $550,000 in undergraduate scholarships and awards each year, one of the largest scholarship programs at AU. Some 20 percent of the college’s student body receives a scholarship.

- The college’s International Center for Aquaculture and Aquatic Environments landed a $2.5 million award to jump-start the commercial fish farming industry in Uganda.

- Students connect with state, national, and international agencies through the college’s partnerships with the Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station, Alabama Cooperative Extension System, U.S. Department of Agriculture, and other national and international agricultural, assistance, and science organizations.

- The college has established two new degree options — Equine Science and Poultry Processing and Products — that meet the demands of industry while providing new, highly marketable degree options for our students.

- The AU Department of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures developed www.alearn.info to serve as an informative about Alabama’s waters and the creatures that live in them. The site includes tips on building backyard water gardens and managing pests; maps of rivers and reservoirs; lesson plans for teachers; and links to recipes for shrimp, crawfish, catfish, and more.

- The college offers global experiences through a variety of study abroad programs and international travel opportunities.
Auburn University’s College of Business ranked 31st nationally among public institutions and 51st overall in the 2007 U.S. News & World Report rankings. This is the fourth consecutive year the College of Business has attained a top 40 rating among public schools. AU’s business undergraduate program was ranked No. 6 among SEC-member institutions.

The college and the School of Accountancy are accredited at the undergraduate and graduate levels by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB International). Less than one-third of U.S. business schools and only 15 percent of business schools worldwide meet the rigorous standards of AACSB International accreditation.

The Aviation and the Aviation Management-Professional Flight programs are accredited by the Council on Aviation Accreditation (CAA). AU is one of only 19 academic institutions in the nation with a fully accredited aviation program.

AU School of Accountancy graduates have consistently passed the CPA Exam at double the national pass rate and the school continues to place 95 percent of on-campus M.Ac. students prior to graduation and 100 percent within three months of graduation.

Modern Physician ranks AU’s Physicians Executive M.B.A. Program as the 9th best in the nation. Among M.B.A. programs tailored specifically for physicians, AU’s program is ranked 2nd. In addition, the M.B.A. program ranked 39th nationally among public universities and 69th overall by U.S. News & World Report.

The college is known for producing a high number of CEOs for some of America’s most recognized companies, including South Central Bell, SunTrust Banks, Colonial BancGroup, Bill Heard Enterprises, Invesco, Buffalo Rock Company, and many more.

More than $350,000 in scholarships and fellowships were awarded for 2006-2007 in recognition of academic excellence and achievement.
**College of Education**

Frances Kochan, Dean

Bachelor's degree offerings: 14
Graduate degree offerings: 29
Fall 2006 enrollment: 2,351

- The college is accredited by the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), the country's most rigorous accrediting agency for colleges of education.


- As of the fall 2006 semester, the college employs 91 faculty members, of which 12 hold titled professorships and 77 percent of tenure-track faculty are tenured.

- The college has five academic departments: Counselor Education, Counseling Psychology and School Psychology; Curriculum and Teaching; Educational Foundations, Leadership and Technology; Health and Human Performance; and Rehabilitation and Special Education.

- The Department of Rehabilitation and Special Education had the first online program within the field of rehabilitation in the nation. Today, 10 degree offerings are available through distance education.

- The college's Conceptual Framework model outlines tactics for molding its students into competent, committed, and reflective professionals.

- Research in 2004-05 totaled more than $4.7 million.

- As of August 2006, the college exceeded its original $5.75 million “It Begins at Auburn” campaign goal, and its $10 million vision goal. Private campaign contributions now total more than $10.8 million.

- AU Educator Shannon Brandt, a fourth-grade teacher at Wrights Mill Road Elementary School in Auburn, was the recipient of a $25,000 2006 Milken National Educator Award.

- The college presented 96 scholarships totaling more than $169,000 during the 2006-07 year.

**Samuel Ginn College of Engineering**

Larry D. Benefield, Dean

Bachelor's degree offerings: 15
Graduate degree offerings: 26
Fall 2006 enrollment: 3,496

- *U.S. News & World Report* ranks the college 35th in undergraduate engineering programs and 46th in graduate programs among U.S. public universities.

- AU is first in the United States to offer a bachelor's degree in wireless engineering, graduating the program's inaugural class in 2004, and first in the Southeast to offer bachelor's and master's degrees in software engineering.

- According to the American Society for Engineering Education, AU has Alabama's largest engineering program, producing about half of the state's engineering graduates, and ranks 34th in the nation in number of bachelor's degrees awarded to women.

- Areas of research include food safety, information technology, alternative energy, aerospace, bioprocess/environmental engineering, asphalt technology, microelectronics, vehicle electronics, fiber technology, paper and bioresource engineering, occupational safety and ergonomics, and technology management.

- The college maintains an aggressive campaign to update and expand classroom and laboratory facilities, including the new $108 million Sen. Richard C. and Dr. Annette N. Shelby Center for Engineering Technology, to advance engineering technology in multiple disciplines.

- Students gain hands-on experience in team competitions including AIAA Design/Build/Fly, Formula SAE race car, Baja SAE all-terrain vehicle, and material handling design.


- Faculty in the Department of Civil engineering received a two-year, $949,000 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to help the agency decontaminate nuclear processing sites. The research will focus mainly on the contaminants arsenic and uranium at nuclear sites along the Savannah River in Georgia and in Oak Ridge, Tenn., Idaho Falls, Idaho, and Hanford, Wash.
According to a study published in the *Journal of Forestry*, AU was among the top 10 forestry research programs in North America. The study examined a range of research, publication, and citation criteria at 47 universities in the United States and six in Canada. It is one of the first peer-reviewed rankings of forestry programs in at least a decade.

The school offers degrees in forestry, wildlife sciences, wildlife sciences with a pre-veterinary concentration, and a forest concentration within biosystems engineering. Students are prepared for careers in forest and wildlife management, consulting, procurement, investment, research, and education.

The school’s new building opened in 2005. The $24.5 million, 110,000 square-foot facility provides 21st century capability for teaching, research, and outreach.

The Solon Dixon Forestry Education Center, one of the finest field facilities of its type in the nation, offers classroom and living accommodations and a 5,300-acre natural resource base for the benefit of students and visitors. Each forestry student spends a 10-week summer session at the center taking basic field forestry coursework prior to the junior year. Students return to the center throughout their time at AU for short courses and other field exercises. The center also serves as the site of research projects.

Each year, students collect and grow more than 500 acorns from the famous pair of live oaks at AU’s historic Toomer’s Corner. The seedlings are then sold to alumni and friends to support student scholarships and activities. The seedlings will stand in their parents’ stead should anything happen to the ancient trees.

The school manages and maintains a Forest Ecology Preserve and Nature Center, which provides an enjoyable refuge and numerous environmental education events for the Auburn community.

Research centers include the Alabama Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Center, The Longleaf Alliance, the Center for Forest Sustainability (one of AU’s Peaks of Excellence), AU Southern Forestry Nursery Management Cooperative, the Forest Engineering Center, the Forest Products Development Center, and the Forest Policy Center.
College of Human Sciences

June M. Henton, Dean

Bachelor's degree offerings: 5
Graduate degree offerings: 5
Fall 2006 enrollment: 1,200

- Research and outreach programs include exploration of consumer behavior, global retailing, interior design, apparel design, fashion forecasting, and textile product development; work on children's social competence, school adjustment, parent-child relationships, adolescent delinquency, family violence, and marital relations; and the quality and nutritional value of food, improving food safety, identifying the role of nutrients in disease prevention and protection, and setting standards for service excellence in hospitality.

- The college has AU's only overseas campus, 15 miles south of Rome, Italy, in the town of Ariccia. Its semester-long course of study is an integrated global learning experience against a backdrop of Italian history and culture.

- The Hotel at Auburn University and Dixon Conference Center, managed by Atlanta-based West Paces Ferry Hotel Group, partners with the college to educate hotel and restaurant management students in the art and science of service excellence.

- The college's Center for Children, Youth and Families received a five-year, $8.2 million grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services to support the Alabama Community Healthy Marriage Initiative.

- Sarajane Eisen, coordinator of the Interior Design program in the Department of Consumer Affairs, is conducting research on the healing effects of art in pediatric healthcare settings.

- Researchers in the Department of Nutrition and Food Science are focusing on diabetes and obesity, leading health risks for the citizens of Alabama and the nation.

- The Women's Philanthropy Board inspires, educates, and enables women to develop their full leadership potential, achieve independence as financial donors and decision-makers, and to serve as mentors for future generations of philanthropists.

- The college continues to be active in AU's War on Hunger campaign, a partnership with the World Food Programme that began in 2004. The college has also been instrumental in establishing Universities Fighting World Hunger, an alliance of more than 50 colleges and universities across the nation working together to raise awareness of hunger and poverty issues domestically and globally.
School of Nursing

Barbara S. Witt, Dean

- Bachelor's degree offerings: 1
- Master's degree offerings: 1
- Fall 2006 enrollment: 534

- The school is one of the leading publicly supported baccalaureate nursing programs; it produces graduates who are highly recruited by healthcare employers. In fact, 100 percent of nursing school graduates have offers of employment within six months of graduation.
- The new master of science in nursing program, jointly administered by AU and AU Montgomery, will help address the growing shortage of nursing faculty in Alabama and nationally. Unlike other nursing master's programs in the state, the AU/AUM program specifically prepares nurses for jobs as educators rather than as clinicians. The American Association of Colleges of Nursing states that 33,000 qualified applicants were turned away from nursing schools nationally in 2004 due primarily to faculty shortages.
- Faculty is proficient in the use of instructional technology, offering course work through many different formats including videoconferencing and online.
- The school works in collaboration with a wide variety of agencies in the Auburn-Opelika area as well as east central Alabama and west central Georgia to provide clinical experiences for students and much-needed services for citizens.
- The School of Nursing and the Auburn Housing Authority have a relationship that implements best practices of a community-based, service education partnership. Nursing students and faculty members work with Housing Authority residents three days a week in four different clinics. The clinics focus on health promotion and disease prevention, as well as health care services and medical screenings.
- Clinical experiences culminate with a nine-week professional internship, where senior students are paired with a professional registered nurse for a concentrated clinical experience before graduation.
- Research interests of the nursing faculty include congestive heart failure, critical care, cardiology, clinical drug trials, student learning styles, occupational health, advanced practice nursing, the use of computers in nursing, and women's issues in nursing.

College of Liberal Arts

Anne-Katrin Gramberg, Dean

- Bachelor's degree offerings: 30
- Graduate degree offerings: 17
- Fall 2006 enrollment: 4,882

- Programs in Communication Disorders rank consistently among the Top 50, according to U.S. News & World Report. The department has operated a full-service speech and hearing clinic for more than 50 years.
- The Psychological Services Center, a multi-purpose training and research clinic, provides psychological services to children, adolescents, and adults, as well as outreach support for biological sciences research, schools, and other social organizations.
- The college's Center for the Arts & Humanities is home to the Alabama Center for the Book, state affiliate of the national Center for the Book in the Library of Congress. Its national, award-winning programs include the “Alabama Gets Caught Reading” poster series and the Alabama Book Festival.
- Several programs in the college are involved with the Homeland Security Initiative, the Child Advocacy Center, AIDS outreach, the Rural Studio, and the Environmental Institute. There are also collaborations with the FBI in research and instruction.
- In addition to the abroad programs in France, Spain, and Mexico, the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures now offers a study abroad program in Sicily.
- AU Theatre offers professional-quality performances throughout fall and spring.
- The college offers music and language courses online to help teachers obtain additional music certification and a foreign languages and literatures master's degree. The new bachelor's program in music lends even more prestige to a department already known for its Auburn University Marching Band, the Auburn University Singers, Steel Band, and Gospel Choir.
- History Professor James Hansen is the author of the best-selling biography, First Man: The Life of Neil A. Armstrong (Simon & Schuster, 2005). Author Anne Rivers Siddons and syndicated columnist Rheta Grimsley Johnson are also graduates.
- The National Society of Collegiate Scholars named the Department of Political Science's Steven P. Brown winner of the society's Faculty of the Year Award for 2006.
- The Women's Leadership Institute in the college is a member of the National Education for Women Leadership Institutes.
**College of Sciences and Mathematics**

Stewart W. Schneller, Dean

Bachelor's degree offerings: 16
Graduate degree offerings: 18
Fall 2006 enrollment: 2,677

- Fall 2006 brought 798 new freshmen to the College of Sciences and Mathematics, bringing the total enrollment to an all-time high of 2,677.
- Incoming COSAM freshmen came to AU with an average 3.71 grade-point average, the highest in the university.
- COSAM graduate school enrollment saw an increase of 11 percent in fall 2006.
- Forty-three percent of COSAM's May 2006 graduates finished with honors.
- The college's students are accepted to professional schools at 30 percent above the national acceptance rates.
- The expertise of the college's faculty members has been sought by *National Geographic* magazine, the National Geographic Channel, *The New York Times*, the journal *Science*, and other distinctive national media.
- The college invites thousands of Alabama's elementary and middle school students to campus each year through a number of programs such as Youth Experiences in Science (Y.E.S.), Science Olympiad and AU Explore. All programs are designed to excite and inspire interest in science and mathematics by introducing young students to science-based activities they've never seen before.
- The AU Student Space Program is a student-led organization where students work on three main projects: a balloon program called AU Research at Extreme Altitudes, an earth-orbiting satellite program known as Aubie-Sat, and the Magnetic Field Investigations of Mars by interacting Consortia project (MIMIC). As a part of MIMIC, students work with other space grant students from across the nation to send the first student-built satellite to Mars.
- NASA space shuttle pilot and former physics major Henry “Hank” Hartsfield Jr. ’54, was inducted into the U.S. Astronaut Hall of Fame at the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.

**James I. Harrison School of Pharmacy**

R. Lee Evans Jr., Dean

Professional degree offerings: 1
Graduate degree offerings: 2
Fall 2006 enrollment: 493

- New students are placed on pharmaceutical care teams with second- and third-year students and two faculty members to provide basic pharmaceutical care to 12 to 15 patients in the community, collaborating with other providers and social service agencies.
- The school operates the AU Pharmacy for students, faculty, staff, and the community. The AU Pharmaceutical Care Clinic offers wellness and medication management for the community to improve health care outcomes and decrease costs. AUPCC also works with the Alabama Public Education Employee Health Insurance Program to improve medication therapy with high-risk patients and contain rising costs of health insurance.
- The Department of Pharmacy Care Systems is nationally noted for its work in teaching health providers to assist patients with adherence to their prescribed medications. Not taking medication correctly is a major public health issue.
- Center for Pharmacy Operations and Design licensed a medication error detection system to MedAccuracy, which will market the project to health systems. CPOD is also instrumental in using science to design and evaluate prescription robots which decrease dispensing errors and increase pharmacist productivity.
- Ninety-five percent of the school’s 2006 graduates passed their license exams.
- The school moved into a new education and clinic wing in January 2006 that is the only one of its kind in the country, featuring an active pharmaceutical care clinic and pharmacy for advanced students. Teams of students have at their disposal dedicated rooms equipped with the latest technology and electronic medical resources.
- Among school research projects is Vishnu Suppiramaniam’s work studying the molecular mechanism of memory loss in Alzheimer's disease, diabetes, and schizophrenia. William Ravis, in cooperation with East Alabama Medical Center and physician specialists, has completed the first phase of clinical trials of new cardiovascular drugs for Wyeth, Pharmacia, and Pfizer.
- The school will open a satellite campus in Mobile in August 2007. Facilities will replicate those on the AU campus and help and reduce the shortage of pharmacists in the state.
The College of Veterinary Medicine at Auburn is the oldest in the South and seventh oldest in the nation, having graduated 5,756 doctors of veterinary medicine.

More than 80 percent of the veterinary students have bachelor's degrees before being accepted into the college. Students received more than $210,000 in scholarships last year.

A four-year curriculum trains students for a variety of career opportunities, from private practice to biomedical research to public health.

Each year, more than 31,000 animals from clients and referring veterinarians are treated through the college's Large and Small Animal Teaching Hospitals, where students gain practical experience.

The Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries in 2006 opened a new $14 million diagnostic laboratory on the college campus. The Cary Veterinary Medical Library recently underwent a major renovation, while the Southeastern Raptor Center added a 300-seat amphitheater. In 2003, the John Thomas Vaughan Large Animal Teaching Hospital was dedicated.

Research funding continues to grow as faculty reached $11.3 million in research commitments last year. A key highlight having worldwide impact is an optical microscopy-imaging system invented by faculty member Vitaly Vodyanoy.

An annual Open House is held each April, so the public and potential students can learn more about veterinary medicine at Auburn.

Professor Haroldo Toro in collaboration with researchers at Vaxin Inc. of Birmingham has developed the first “in ovo,” or egg-injected, vaccine to protect chickens against avian influenza, a virus threatening human health and global poultry populations.

Professor Dougie Macintire received the national 2006 Ira M. Zaslow Distinguished Service Award from the Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care Society.

Professor Ray Dillon helped six AU Industrial Design students last spring test their prototypes of wireless heart monitors and harnesses for dogs. Electrocardiogram information would be wirelessly transmitted to a PDA or personal digital assistant, which would then be synced to a desktop computer.
The Graduate School awards approximately 970 master’s and doctoral degrees each year.

More than 36,000 graduate degrees have been awarded at AU (approximately 4,600 of them doctorates) since the first was bestowed in 1870.

Degrees are awarded in 194 fields of study on campus and 20 fields through outreach programs off campus.

The 2006 graduate student body is comprised of roughly 3,200 students representing more than 80 countries, taught by more than 1,100 faculty members from all over the world. Of these, some 1,800 receive graduate assistantships which include full tuition fellowships.

Graduate outreach combines traditional instruction with modern delivery methods in its distance learning program. Students pursue master’s degrees in aerospace, chemical, civil, computer science and software, industrial and systems, materials, and mechanical engineering; accounting; business administration; management information systems; and several programs in the College of Education at their home and/or while maintaining full-time employment.

Graduate research is conducted both within the academic departments and in affiliation with a wide variety of research centers and institutes in each of the colleges. Graduate students have access to state-of-the-art computational and research facilities, modern laboratory spaces, and a well-equipped library.
Athletic Highlights

- Aubie, the AU mascot, captured first place in the Universal Cheerleaders Association 2006 National Championships. It was his 16th finish of fifth or better in the last 17 years. Aubie owns a record six UCA mascot national titles, having earned the crown in 1991, 1995, 1996, 1999, 2003, and 2006. In addition, Aubie has been known to parasail, water ski, parachute, and more.

- The resounding “War Eagle” cry that echoes throughout the area during sporting events — and symbolized today by the golden eagle Nova, War Eagle VII, who resides at the AU Southeastern Raptor Center — is thought to have originated in one of two possible ways: from a wartime tale or Native American lore. Either way, it symbolizes the soaring Auburn spirit.

- AU competes in nine men’s and 12 women’s sports and is a member of the Southeastern Conference. Men’s teams compete in facilities such as Pat Dye Field at Jordan-Hare Stadium, one of the nation’s premier college football sites, and Samford Stadium’s Hitchcock Field at Plainsman Park, chosen in 2003 by Baseball America as the nation’s top venue for college baseball. Women’s teams compete in outstanding facilities such as Jane B. Moore Field for softball.

- AU’s intercollegiate sports programs and their respective conference and national championships include:
  - Women’s Cross Country
  - Equestrian (2006 Varsity Equestrian National Champions)
  - Gymnastics
  - Soccer (SEC Champions: 2002)
  - Softball
  - Men’s Tennis
  - Women’s Tennis
  - Women’s Track & Field (2006 National Champions)
  - Volleyball
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