

## **MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** UAHuntsville Community  
**FROM:** Robert A. Altenkirch, President  
**DATE:** February 7, 2012  
**SUBJECT:** Spring 2012 Commencement

After considering input from students, faculty, and staff, this year's spring Commencement will be held in a single ceremony at the Von Braun Center in Huntsville, Alabama on Saturday, May 5 at 10:00 a.m. Organizational details will be provided in the near future, but I wanted everyone to be able to mark the date and time on their calendars at this point.

The Von Braun Center provides the opportunity to hold a single University ceremony at which students are able to celebrate in a time-honored tradition, in a grand venue, with all of their UAHuntsville peers as well as family and friends without the limitations that the on-campus events present. While some concern was voiced over the length of a single ceremony, compared to each of three separate ceremonies in Spragins Hall, those concerns can be addressed through improving the logistics of recognizing graduates individually and those of the formal portion of the ceremony.

Thanks for your input into this important event.

Bob