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### Ask Disney College Programs at UA

TUSCALOOSA, Ala. – University of Alabama students had the chance to explore one of the most prestigious internship experiences in the country during the Ask [Disney College Programs](#) workshop held Tuesday in The Hub at Reese Phifer Hall.

The event, hosted by the UA Career Center, gave students insight into the Disney College Program, an internship that allows participants to live, learn and work at Walt Disney World Resort in Florida or Disneyland Resort in California. This program combines hands-on job opportunities with college credit opportunities and professional development.

Disney recruiter Dave Tucker led this session, along with Alysia Haygood a manager with the company. They shared what applicants can expect from the programs demanding yet rewarding schedule.

“Participants work no less than 30 hours a week but depending on your season you could get scheduled up to 50 hours,” Tucker said. He added that students can pick up extra shifts to earn extra income and gain experience in more roles.

Tucker urged students who were uncertain about applying to take a leap of faith. “If you’re on the fence, just do it,” he said. “It’s a once in a lifetime opportunity that can open doors in ways you don’t expect.”

The event also covered practical details like housing, scheduling and network opportunities that are available through the program. At the end, attendees were able to ask questions about the

application process and hear about a UA student that completed the program and their success story.

Haygood shared how the experience changed her career path. “I did the program when I was in college, and now I’m a manager here at the company,” Haygood said. “It was honestly the best decision I ever made – it opened so many doors and helped me grow both personally and professionally.”

The workshop is part of the university’s ongoing series of career readiness events designed to prepare students for competitive internships and post-grad opportunities.