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Dear Colleagues,

I hope the academic year has begun well for everyone. We are thrilled to see those who implemented new policies and concepts learned from last year's conference at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. For those involved in institutional research, I'm sure the completion of the Fall IPEDS survey has been a relief, allowing us to focus on other projects. I would like to acknowledge our colleagues from Stillman College, who led an impressive session



with Trivium BI on data visualization at the 2024 UNCF Unite Summit. Their presentation was wellreceived and inspired several institutions to pursue solutions for improving workflow automation.

The 2024 SAIR Conference, held in Atlanta, GA, celebrated the 50th anniversary of these conferences. Colleagues from Auburn University, the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Troy University, and the University of Alabama at Birmingham hosted pre-conference workshops and conference sessions. Jacob Pleitz from the University of Alabama led the ALAIR SIG meeting, where he shared updates on our upcoming ALAIR conference dates and other important information.

We encourage everyone to submit as many proposals as possible for our annual conference, as well as for SACSCOC, AIR Forum, and other professional conferences in our field. Last year's ALAIR conference featured several excellent presentations that would benefit broader audiences.

On a personal note, we were saddened to learn about the damage caused by the recent tropical storms. Our thoughts are with our neighboring states of Florida, Georgia, and the Carolinas, and we

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encourage everyone to provid



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In closing, please know that the vision and direction of this organization are always focused on serving you as members. The Executive Committee welcomes your feedback and participation as we continue to seek ways to improve the association.

Best regards,

Preston Robinson III ALAIR President Director of Institutional Research Tuskegee University



ALAIR 2025 Conference Update

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past two years, we've travelled to the northern part of the great state of Alabama. In 2023, we were in Huntsville, and in 2024, we were in Birmingham. Ginny Cockerill and Preston Robinson planned awesome conferences for us! In 2025, we are headed south to Gulf Shores and Orange Beach! We will be able to utilize Coastal Alabama Community College's Gulf Shores campus and Columbia Southern University's campus in Orange Beach for our meeting



space. ALAIR has contracted with two hotels - both have offered awesome room rates - so I encourage you to go ahead and make your reservations

- <u>Hilton Garden Inn Orange Beach</u> is just steps from the beach, with views of the Gulf of Mexico. We're close to coastal attractions and restaurants, and we have an outdoor pool with whirlpools and a seasonal tiki bar. Our Garden Grille & Bar is open for breakfast, and lunch and dinner can be delivered from Bubba's Seafood.
- <u>Hotel Indigo</u> is located across the street from the beach; enjoy complimentary shuttle service to the Gulf State Park Pavilion for your day on the sugary white sands. From the moment you step through our doors for check-in to relaxing in one of our luxurious and spacious guest rooms, you'll be met with our dedicated team of staff who will ensure your stay at our hotel is one to remember for many more trips to come.

I have a few fun surprises up my sleeve for the special event and keynote speaker so stay tuned for more information.

Please consider presenting at the conference. I know there are innovative things happening at each of your campuses, so please share them with us!

Jessica Carroll ALAIR Vice President and Conference Chair 2024-2025











SACSCOC Annual Meeting

The SACSCOC Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 7 - 10, 2024 at the Austin Convention Center in Austin, TX. The conference theme is "Deep in the Heart of Texas: Balancing Innovation and Compliance". For more information, please visit <u>https://sacscoc.org/annual-meeting</u>.



AIR Forum 2025

The AIR Forum 2025 will be held May 20-23, 2025 in Orlando, FL at Rosen Shingle Creek. Pre-conference educational opportunities will be offered May 19-20. Registration opens February 2025. For more information, please visit

https://www.airweb.org/forum/2025/home.



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The SAIR Conference will be held September 27-30, 2025 in Alexandria, VA at the Hilton Alexandria Mark Center. For more information, please visit <u>https://www.sair.org/conferences</u>.

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