

ALAIR Newsletter

Fall 2025

President's Message



Hello from Montgomery, Alabama. I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer and trust that your fall semester is off to a smooth and exciting start! It has been much cooler here in Montgomery, pumpkins and Halloween candy are abundant, and leaves are turning colors!

I cannot adequately express my gratitude for all of the support I received while planning the 2025 ALAIR conference. This is a wonderful organization, and I am excited to continue contributing to the ongoing excellence of ALAIR.

The 2025 ALAIR conference was held on March 12 – 14 in Gulf Shores and Orange Beach, Alabama. I hoped to project optimism with the theme of “Blue Skies Ahead”. There were 53 attendees from 23 institutions. Twenty-one attendees presented 14 concurrent sessions and one pre-conference session. The total revenues from the conference were \$17,790 (membership dues, conference registration fees, and vendor sponsorships) and the total expenses were \$12,030 (speaker fee, reimbursements, Coastal Alabama Community College Culinary Institute, and Dolphins Down Under).

On Thursday, March 13, we met at Coastal Alabama Community College's Gulf Shores campus. We heard a longitudinal data system (ATLAS) update, participated in four sets of concurrent sessions, enjoyed delicious hors d'oeuvres from the Coastal Alabama Community College Culinary Institute, and witnessed a beautiful sunset and dolphins on a cruise along the bay and beach!

On Friday, March 14, we switched locations and met at Columbia Southern University. We learned from 3 sets of concurrent sessions, heard from [Russ “Boss” Bartlett](#), former Blue Angels Commanding Officer and Flight Leader, on how to build and lead the ultimate high performance team, and held our annual business meeting.

Thank you so much to Lindsay Hutcherson (Coastal Alabama Community College), Anna Hodges (Coastal Alabama Community College), and Cherea Schellhase (Columbia Southern University). Their input and boots-on-the-ground assistance were invaluable during the conference planning process!

Stay tuned for an ALAIR 2026 update from Vice President and Conference Chair, Jeffrey Guenther!

Jessica Carroll

ALAIR President

Assistant Director, Organizational Effectiveness and Research
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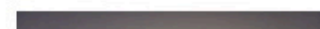


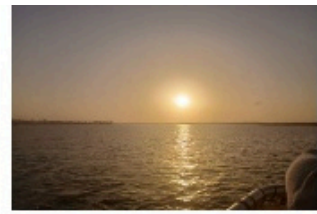
Best Presentation Winner

"Using Generative AI to Assist Data Analytics" with Addison Woll, Drake State Community College

Unfortunately, Addison has moved and was unable to attend SAIR or AIR. However, the ALAIR Executive Committee sent our congratulations and best wishes to him and his family.

Thanks to Dolphins Down Under for our special event!





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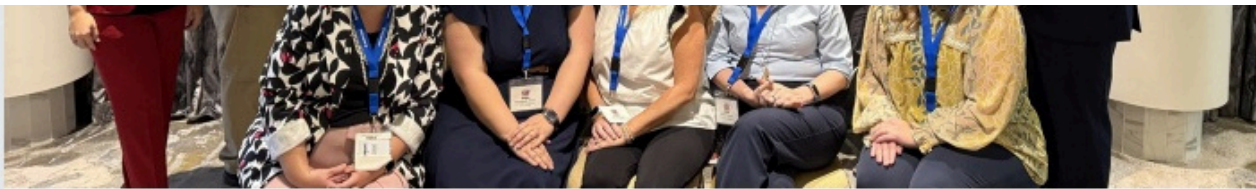
39TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE & BUSINESS MEETING

MARCH 11-13, 2026

AUBURN-OPELIKA AREA

ALAIR Members at SAIR 2025 in Alexandria, VA!





Upcoming Conferences

2025 SACSCOC Annual Meeting

The 2025 SACSCOC Annual Meeting will be held December 6-9, 2025 at the Music City Center in Nashville, TN. Visit the [SACSCOC website](#) for conference details and the program schedule.



2026 AIR Forum

The 2026 AIR Forum will be held May 26-29, 2026 in Washington, D.C., with pre-conference education on May 25-26. The conference will take place at the Marriott Marquis in Downtown Washington, D.C. Hotel accommodations are available at the same location, with additional rooms at the nearby Westin D.C. Downtown, both at a discounted rate for conference attendees.



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ALAIR Secretary, 2025-26