

**CREATIVE CAMPUS PRESENTS THE NEST**  
**Community Event Scheduled for February 25, 2012**

**TUSCALOOSA, AL** – The University of Alabama’s Creative Campus is pleased to present The Nest, a tornado-recovery arts initiative. Working with Kelly Shannon, a graduate student in the Department of Art and Art History at the University of Alabama, Creative Campus has built a larger-than-life nest with branches and tornado debris from the aftermath of April 27th. University of Alabama students cleared and collected the debris for use in the sculpture in partnership with the Tuscaloosa Area Volunteer Reception Center. The Nest—a beacon of rejuvenation in the midst of the tornado’s destruction—weaves together these scattered pieces of the Tuscaloosa community. Creative Campus believes art can be a powerful mode of recovery. We hope The Nest will provide those affected by the April tornado with a compelling symbol of comfort, warmth, and growth.

On February 25th in [Rosedale Park](#), join Creative Campus and Tuscaloosa Park and Recreation Authority from 1pm to 3pm for The Nest’s unveiling and an interactive community event. We invite community members to paint and assemble their own branches into The Nest sculpture in commemoration of April 27th. As we weave together our community’s fragments, there will be an April 27th testimonial from UA faculty member Patti White and a performance by trumpeter Brice Miller. Earlier this month, Creative Campus interns and READ Alabama volunteers brought twigs into Tuscaloosa Magnet, Cottondale, and Holt elementary schools. These sticks were painted and decorated by students and will become a part of The Nest at the event, as well. After the final branches are placed into The Nest, the sculpture will become a public art installation at Rosedale Park. The event is free and open to all. For more information on The Nest, email [uanestproject@gmail.com](mailto:uanestproject@gmail.com) or call [205-348-7884](tel:205-348-7884).

Under the auspices of UA’s Office of Academic Affairs Creative Campus is a collaborative system connecting students, faculty, and community to nurture innovative thinkers who *turn ideas into action*. Creative Campus seeks to serve as a hub of collaboration and creative activity at The University of Alabama. At the heart of Creative Campus is the undergraduate and graduate intern program. For more information on Creative Campus visit [www.creativecampus.ua.edu](http://www.creativecampus.ua.edu).

The University of Alabama, a student-centered research university, is experiencing significant growth in both enrollment and academic quality. This growth, which is positively impacting the campus and the state’s economy, is in keeping with UA’s vision to be the University of Choice for the best and brightest students. UA, the state’s flagship university, is an academic community united in its commitment to enhancing the quality of life for all Alabamians.

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