Students, faculty and staff in the College of Communication and Information Sciences are accomplishing great things. Here are just a few highlights from 2012-13:

• C&IS is frequently listed among the top 10 nationally in program quality and research, with endowments among the largest in communication schools.
• C&IS mass communication programs are accredited by the Accrediting Council on Education in Journalism and Mass Communications.
• The College’s School of Library and Information Studies’ MLIS program was ranked the 18th best school of its kind by U.S. News & World Report in 2013.
• SLIS programs continue to attract students from a wide geographic area, with 264 students continuing their studies in fall 2012. These students range in age from 22 to 57 and hail from more than 29 states, countries or provinces.
• The public relations program has been named one of the top five in the nation for five consecutive years by PRWeek magazine.
• Jessica Colburn, a 2013 public relations graduate, was named the top PR student in the country as winner of the Public Relations Society of America’s Daniel J. Edelman Award.
• Dr. J. Suzanne Horsley, an assistant professor in the department of advertising and public relations, was named a White House Champion of Change for her public affairs volunteer work with the American Red Cross.
• Communication studies student Thaddeus Fitzpatrick won a national championship in poetry interpretation at the American Forensic Association National Individual Events Tournament.
• The department of communication studies served more than 1,600 students campus-wide with its public speaking program, directed by Dr. Alexa Chilcutt.
• Communication studies professors Dr. Jason Black and Dr. Robin Boylorn published the books An Archive of Hope: Harvey Milk’s Selected Speeches and Writings and Sweetwater: Black Women and Narratives of Resilience, respectively.
• Nearly 60 journalism students completed for-credit internships at local media outlets, including The Tuscaloosa News, WVUA-TV, UA’s Alumni magazine, al.com and Randall-Reilly publications. In addition, students spent the summer working for Vanity Fair, GQ and Brides magazines in New York City as well as digital, broadcast and print outlets in other major media markets.
• Community journalism graduate students Leah Cayson and Sara Milledge were recognized nationally in the 25th Annual College News Design Contest through the Society for News Design.
• Recent journalism graduates have found outstanding jobs regionally and nationally. These include Alan Blinder (B.A., 2011) at The New York Times and Victor Luckerson (B.A., 2012) at Time magazine.
• Connor Simpson, a 2013 telecommunication and film graduate, won best film and best director at the 2013 Campus MovieFest, an international student film festival. Alex Beatty, a current TCF student, won best editing in the contest.
• Andrew Grace, TCF faculty member and Documenting Justice director, won three regional Emmy Awards for his documentary “The Durs of Montgomery.”
• TCF faculty member Dwight Cammeron’s documentary “April’s Hero,” produced with TCF student Shelby Hadden, won Best of the Festival and the Chair’s Award at the Broadcast Education Association’s International Festival of the Arts.
• Construction of the College’s Digital Media Center is nearing completion, with a soft open date tentatively set for early 2014. The state-of-the-art facility located in Bryant-Denny Stadium will house the College’s Center for Public Television and Radio and WVUA-TV and will provide countless opportunities for C&IS students to gain hands-on experience in a professional environment.

Celebrating 40 years of excellence

The past 40 years have proven The University of Alabama’s College of Communication and Information Sciences is one of the best of its kind in the United States. With outstanding alumni, distinguished faculty and award-winning students, the College continues to move forward, embracing the new era of communication and information while building on its storied past.