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Things parents need to see during Family Weekend at University of Alabama

Mark Hughes Cobb Tuscaloosa News | USA TODAY NETWORK

Chances are parents and other family of students have already toured the University of Alabama campus, and possibly even ventured out into the wilds of Tuscaloosa and Northport. • But in case some of those arriving for the Oct. 3-5 Family Weekend haven't yet had the chance to spin out and investigate, here are ideas and options, both for the immediate days, and any future Druid City visits.

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The statue “Goldie” is seen on Woods Quad on the University of Alabama campus.

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ABOVE: Interactive touchscreen videos allow students and families to explore the academic offerings of the University of Alabama’s inside the Randall Welcome Center.

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MAIN: Tuska, the life-sized elephant sculpture now residing outside Bryant-Denny Stadium, will be one of the first things visitors see during this football season.

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LEFT: The Kentuck Art Center has begun operating what was originally known as Queen City Pool and Bathhouse. The city-owned facility will serve as an adjunct to Kentuck, with folk-art display space, indoor-outdoor event areas, a cafe and more.

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Hollyhand kicks off his national campus tour

Jasmine Hollie
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Brilyn Hollyhand, a 19-year-old Tuscaloosa native who has built a national reputation as a conservative political commentator, says he wants to help carry on the legacy of the late Charlie Kirk.

Hollyhand is partnering with Turning Point USA, the organization founded in 2012 by Kirk, in the “One Conversation at a Time” campus tour. The tour will visit 10 college campuses this fall, and Hollyhand said he will build on Kirk’s work of spreading a message of conservative values to students.

“We won’t be silenced because now, more than ever, this movement is strong,” said Hollyhand, a freshman at Auburn University, who counted Kirk as a close friend and mentor.

The tour kicked off Sept. 25 at the University of Arkansas and will conclude Nov. 13 at Florida State University. In between are stops at Auburn University on Oct. 6 and the University of Alabama on Oct. 9.

Hollyhand said the campus tour was inspired by Kirk’s death. Kirk was shot to death Sept. 10 during a campus speaking event at Utah Valley University in Orem. A 22-year-old Utah man has been charged with aggravated murder in Kirk’s death. Prosecutors believe the gunman targeted Kirk because of his political beliefs.

Hollyhand said the “One Conversation at a Time” campus tour aims to amplify the movement started by Kirk and his organization, rather than being silenced by the Sept. 10 act of violence.

“The coward (who) assassinated my friend ... attempted to shut our generation up, and the message that we’re going to be sending on this campus tour is that if he did anything he woke us up,”Hollyhand said.

“And what’s been really clear ... in the wake of that tragedy is that you can kill a man, but you can’t kill a movement, and this movement is louder, and stronger, and bolder than ever before,” he said.

Hollyhand has experience in traveling across the country. He’s crisscrossed the nation to meet and interview politicians for his online news platform, The Truth Gazette.

Hollyhand founded the Truth Gazette at the age of 11 and has spent his teenage years as the conservative-leaning website’s editor-in-chief, interviewing officeholders and pundits while writing about politics. The website contains his own reporting and interviews he has conducted with politicians from Alabama as well as national leaders.

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