Trick or Treat Transcript

Isabella (0:02)
Hello, Katie.

Katie (0:03)
Hello, Isabella. It's almost Halloween time and almost fall break. Oh my gosh, I'm so excited. It's chilly out now. We're past the midterm point. Fall has approached us.

Isabella (0:13)
Are you a fall girly?

Katie (0:15)
I'm more of a summer girly, but I kind of am liking the fall right now where I could just wear my sweatpants and an easy top on top and just have a comfy outfit.

Isabella (0:23)
I'm definitely a summer person too, but I like the fall vibe for like watching football, especially like the A&M game. Like the fall-y vibe just really, it was perfect for me. But I really want to take this like Halloween vibe and transfer it while we're talking today and just kind of go over some like tricks and treats that we've learned throughout our time here at The University of Alabama

Katie (0:47)
Yes, since we're seniors, we've been here for quite a minute. So we do know all the little tricks around campus. Yeah, I feel old. I don't know about you but I feel so old. I'm so sad to graduate and end early.
I love being here.

Isabella (0:58)
I know me too. But just starting off, just like a fun little silly one is always order online at the Student Center Subway. That line gets ridiculously long. Order online.

Katie (1:10)
That and the Chick-fil-A. Yes. That Chick-fil-A is never not busy.

Isabella (1:23)
Utilize that app to order online. It is the best thing ever. You can just go up and grab it. It's literally perfect.

Katie (1:30)
Mobile ordering on this campus is probably one of the best things that the University has to offer because it's so easy to just order your food in class and just go straight there, pick it up, and eat lunch right away. It's so nice.

Isabella (1:50)
So nice. Following right along with that is always carry an umbrella in your backpack.

Katie (1:53)
Yes. Literally, you never know where the weather is going to go day to day here. You always got to be prepared.

Isabella (1:58)
And I swear freshman year, like I swore up and down that the raindrops are bigger here in Alabama. I think I might be making that up, but it just, I don't know. The rainstorms, they come, they go, and you need that umbrella on you at all times.

Katie (2:10)
Also, I feel like people always forget to pack gum and water in their backpack. Gum is always overlooked because people always eat their last piece and forget to refill that gum pack in their backpack. Always stay prepared. Always keep that gum pack strapped on you. You're always going to need gum.

Isabella (2:32)
And then right now, obviously, we're really talking about making sure we have our classes picked out for next semester. One of my favorite tips that I learned, or tricks, I guess, that I learned my first year here at UA was making sure that I had all the classes I wanted in my schedule builder cart, and then I just hit check out whenever it was my time to register. It's so easy to have that already set up.

Katie (2:52)
So once your registration time comes, you could click register classes in cart, and all of that will go through. And if any of those classes are full, it'll register the ones that are available and then give you notification that this course and this course may be full. So

go back and look at the other classes offered, and it'll give you a heads up and keep you in the know of what classes you're registered for and which ones you kind of need to overlook again.

Isabella (3:13)
Yeah, absolutely. I know that I've used that all my years here at UA, and it is really like one of the best built-in features.

Katie (3:22)
I use it too. I think a majority of students use it on campus just because it's so easy to do your classes that way and just be pre-prepared for your registration time and not be stressing out or struggling when your registration time comes. Because if you're picking classes when your registration time comes, that takes longer than you expect it to. That could take, I know that if I've tried to register classes during my time, it's taken me like an hour to go through classes and make that schedule on the spot. So be prepared. Don't wait till the day of.

Isabella (3:58)
Absolutely. Miss Katie, do you walk?

Katie (4:00)
I do walk.

Isabella (4:06)
Like through your campus classes and everything? Like you walk on campus all the time? Do you take the same path that you apple mapped the first time you came here to the University of Alabama?

Katie (4:10)
Oh my gosh. Sometimes, but no.
I found my little shortcuts on campus for sure.

Isabella (4:21)
And that's one of the tips I want to bring up right now is you don't have to take that same apple map route that you found on your very first day here at University of Alabama. You can save so much time by cutting through some parking lots, finding like a little side sidewalk that's not on apple maps, and make your trip a little quicker.

Katie (4:37)
Yes, I feel like all the buildings in this campus is kind of still an open space that you could maneuver around these buildings, the parking lots, and get to classes a lot faster. So maybe leave for class five or ten minutes early, look for these shortcuts, and see how you can get to class quicker for your next time.

Isabella (4:53)
Going straight, talking about more advising. Sometimes you want to book your advising appointment and there's no options available. Katie, do you want to take this one over and tell everyone the tricks that we've learned?

Katie (5:05)
Yes, so if you are trying to make an advising appointment online and all of the advising appointments say that it's not available for October, November, or sometimes even December, those appointments are booked. Call the college advising office that you're a part of. So like I'm a part of the Culverhouse Business School, so I would call the advising office for Culverhouse and I would say there's no advising appointments online through my portal, how can I go about this a different way? You could also email the advising office as well and explain the situation and ask for guidance moving forward.

They understand that right now is crunch time for registration, so those appointments are getting booked and are kind of fleeing the website. So they understand that students are stressed out and really trying to get their appointments made, so they're always there to help you.

Just reach out, call, email, even visit the advising office in person. There's always one in every college building that you could find, so you got options to make that appointment, but you got to make that appointment to register for classes.

Isabella (6:20)
Yes, you got to get that pin cleared. Do it right now. And the last little trick I want to talk about real quick is something that I recently just discovered, but I think it is really cool that we have here at UA is that we actually have a shuttle that will take students to both the Birmingham and the Atlanta airports. This is an airport transit program.

You can find it online by just googling the UA airport transit program and you can book it. It is amazing. It's for students only, so it's all just UA students that are together on these buses.

It is $55 to Birmingham one way and $100 round trip, or if you're going to Atlanta, it's $115 one way and $200 round trip, but I really think that this is just a great opportunity, especially if you don't have a car on campus and you need to fly home for Thanksgiving break or Christmas break.

Katie (7:06)
Yes, so thanks to SGA for setting up this program. This is a new program this year that they had gotten into action with our university, so I think this is so easy. It's so helpful to students and you could book all of it online through this website, so check it out now because you want to book it early if you're flying home for fall break.

Isabella (7:26)
Yeah, I now want to talk about just some of the places that we kind of enjoy on and off campus. If you haven't taken the time and just walked around campus, found your little spot, that's okay. Maybe you'll like one of me and Katie's spots, but I want to start off with Rogers Library. This is my favorite place to study on campus and it's because of the little workrooms they have. You can rent out the little workrooms and you can go and study with your friends. They have whiteboards all around. You can connect like the laptop and the computer screen on the wall and it is really the best way for me to lock in because I know that if I'm at home in my apartment, I'm not gonna be locked in. Yeah, I'm gonna decide to start cleaning something. I'm gonna take a nap, whatever it is, so I love studying at Rogers Library.

Katie (8:06)
I also love studying at the benches behind the Bruno Library as well. It's right across from the stadium and it's kind of a little downhill section behind Bruno, but there's a bunch of benches and you're just kind of encompassed by a bunch of trees just all around you. It's such a naturey spot. It's super nice because it's kind of a deserted area where students don't really go. People are kind of walking through there, but no one's stopping and studying there, so there's always a bench available to go sit at and I think it's just super nice to just be surrounded by all your nature and trees in those little parts of campus.

Isabella (8:36)
Yeah, absolutely. Kind of side questing right off of that, there is a little inside the area of Shelby Hall. Since Shelby Hall is like that big kind of circle, the inner part is all greenery, trees, and they have so many benches in there and I love to sit there, especially if I just have like an hour break in between classes and either get some work done, maybe just

do a scroll on TikTok for a little bit, but that's just a great place to decompress and relax, especially if I just have a little short break and I don't want to travel very far.

Katie (9:02)
If you are looking to travel for a little study spot, right off campus on the Strip, right before the Taco Bell, there's Strange Brew Coffee and in front of Strange Brew Coffee, they have a bunch of little benches set up in front of it and I think it is the perfect study spot to go get coffee and sit at a bench and just go study and be there. It's really set up, really cute and cool, and I just think that that's like the best place that I always find myself locking in and doing the most work.

Isabella (9:30)
This one's amazing, I needed to utilize that.
Okay, we've talked about our tricks, now I want to talk about the treats that Tuscaloosa has to offer. So moving a little bit farther off campus, some of the things that we have here in our four years that we've really come to love. I know that one of those that I've come to love a lot is the farmer's market. I went for the first time whenever my dad came to visit one time for a parents weekend and it's just everything's like homegrown, homemade, I feel like you get the best produce there and some people have made their own candles or like little knickknacks and it's just so cute and like humbling almost and seeing everyone from the actual Tuscaloosa community and not as many college students, it really takes you out of that college town for a minute and it just feels like home to me.

Katie (10:14)
On top of that note, Tuscaloosa also has a vintage clothing thrifting market that they host in front of the HERE apartments that's right behind the Strip, so it's easily walkable to campus. They host it on Saturday or Sundays and it's just a bunch of vintage clothes that you go shop through and thrift and I think it's so cute and they have so many options, so many clothing options and I love it. That's awesome.

Isabella (10:38)
And my favorite place to eat here in Tuscaloosa is Taco Mama.
It is my favorite restaurant. Every time that my family are here, my friends are here, they always want to go eat at Taco Mama, so that is one of my favorite treats of Tuscaloosa.

Katie (10:53)
On top of favorite spots in Tuscaloosa, I love Midtown Mall because they have all the shops. They got Chicken Salad Chick, they have Lulu Lemon, they have Aerie, what else do they have?

Isabella (11:06)
Oh my gosh, they have so much. I like their Bath and Body Works.
I like going for a good candle. They have Barnes and Nobles. I know my roommate loves a Barnes and Noble moment. They also have so many cute boutiques, so if you're looking for the perfect dress, like perfect game day fit, those are amazing to go to.

Katie (11:21)
Yes, that's so nice too and I know that they offer a shuttle on Sundays for students that don't have cars on campus, so if you look up UA Shuttle System, that is also an option for you to do as well, but Midtown's got all of that. I think that's one of the best shopping centers in Tuscaloosa.

Isabella (11:37)
Yes, everything you could possibly think of, you're likely going to find in Midtown somewhere, so yeah, go visit Midtown Shopping Mall if you haven't yet. It's a great place to visit, especially if your parents come into town.

Katie (11: 46)
And hopefully this far into the semester, you've found your own tricks and treats about campus and Tuscaloosa yourself, getting adjusted on campus and now being a student here, so hopefully you got your own little tricks up your sleeve.

Isabella (12:00)
Yes, and if you haven't found your tricks, we really hope that you're able to use some of Katie's and I's so that you can really start to make your place here at the University of Alabama.

Katie (12:09)
All right guys, I hope everyone has a great fall break and you are almost done with your fall semester. Keep on going.

Isabella (12:18)
Happy Halloween. We'll see you guys soon. Bye