



## **Computer Science:**

- Dr. Hu reported that former vice president of the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM), Dr. Albert Joseph Turner, will be on campus to review the MS degree program from March 28<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>

- Matthews Hankins, a senior physics major, participated in a press conference at the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the American Astronomical Society. Matthew was part of a panel discussing research projects exploring the center of the Milky Way galaxy. During the summer of 2012, Matthew worked at Cornell University on the Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA). This is an observatory that flies on a modified Boeing 747. Matthew has been offered the opportunity to fly with SOFIA as part of the installation and testing phase for the observatory.
- Seven female physics majors and one female computer science major recently attended one of two Conferences for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP), January 18-20. The CUWiP's are three-day regional conferences for undergraduate women majors. UCA Physics majors Ashley Hicks and Mishal Benson and computer science major Melissa Beltran attended the conference at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Physics majors Shelby Burns, Rebecca Brinker, Sarah Spellman, Maggie Block, and Erin Moravee attended the conference at the University of Texas at Austin. Shelby Burns presented a research poster titled \_\_\_\_\_, at the meeting. The CUWiP goal is to help undergraduate women continue in physics by providing them with the opportunity to experience a professional conference,