Greetings from Crimson Racing! The latter half of October and the first few weeks of November saw rapid progress with machining, with Additionally, we were provided with many opportunities for outreach — some old traditions, others new. From the shop to the streets of Tuscaloosa, Crimson Racing team members have been hard at work applying what we learn in the classroom to the design and manufacture of our race car. As we approach and experience this Thanksgiving season, we especially want to express our continued appreciation for our sponsors. Without you, what we do would not be possible. Thank you, and here’s to another month working toward making the CR19 the best it can possibly be.

In the Shop...
Venture into our shop in Hardaway Hall, and you’ll encounter team members hard at work in all areas of manufacturing, especially at this point in the semester. As of Nov. 20th, right before our team dispersed across the country to celebrate Thanksgiving, 273 out of 466 parts were completed, or roughly 59%. That number steadily increases daily. Suspension components, particularly suspension spacers and A-arms, have been our primary focus and will continue to be so in the coming weeks. This is so that the team can have a rolling chassis as quickly as possible, and to ensure that all of the suspension components are successfully completed by the time the frame is finished. When a break in suspension machining presents itself, the team will transition to focusing on powertrain parts. Additionally, the week before Thanksgiving, the team progressed toward running the new ECU on the Dyno, and testing the ETC system. As this month winds to a close and exam season approaches, we hope to accomplish even more before the semester ends.

...and out in the community
For the first time this year, Crimson Racing was able to participate in a Halloween-themed event, “Tech or Treat”, hosted by the City of Tuscaloosa at the Tuscaloosa Gateway Center on Oct. 23. While volunteers were able to hand out candy to local children at the event, it also served as an excellent opportunity to engage with the community and show off the CR18.

As always, Crimson Racing team members and the CR18 made their appearance in the University of Alabama’s annual Homecoming parade on Oct. 13. Joining many other student organizations and community programs, we marched — and drove — through the streets of Tuscaloosa and UA’s campus. We look forward to this event every year as a way to express our love of our community and spread the word about our team’s progress and mission.

Far left: The CR18 saves our team's spot at the Tech-or-Treat event at the Tuscaloosa Gateway Center on Oct. 13.
Left: Team members who marched in UA’s annual Homecoming Parade this year gather around the CR18 during the festivities.

Roll Tide!