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UAB SURGERY TEAM performs WORLD'S FIRST
transplant of genetically modified kidneys from a pig into a human

Breakthrough: UAB's pig-to-human kidney transplant

People waiting for an organ transplant are waiting for kidneys more than any other organ — 83%, in fact. A new study from UAB could change that. Last week, UAB announced the first peer-reviewed research outlining the successful transplant of genetically modified, clinical-grade pig kidneys into Jim Parsons, a man who was declared brain-dead after an accident. These positive results demonstrate how xenotransplantation could address the worldwide organ shortage crisis.



Your questions answered from Jan. 12 student town hall

University leaders respond to questions about remote learning, building ventilation, vaccination and more.



UAB's online programs ranked among the country's best

The 2022 U.S. News & World Report Best Online Programs rankings, released today, rank UAB's online bachelor's program in the top 30 nationwide — and the best in Alabama. Plus, five online graduate programs improved their national rankings.



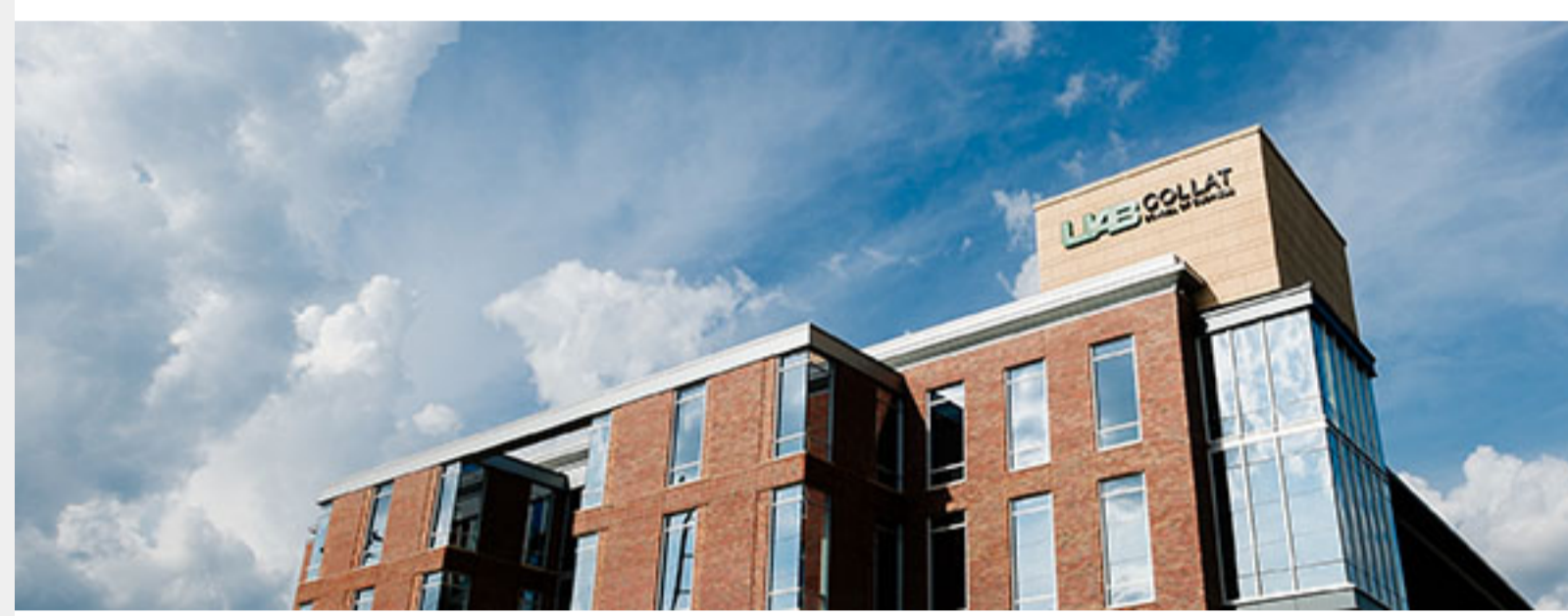
Collat entrepreneurship program earns top honor by national association

The Collat School of Business' entrepreneurship program was honored with the 2022 Model Emerging Program Award by the United States Association for Small Business and Entrepreneurship at their annual conference earlier this month.

More news online

Get campus news at uab.edu/students and COVID-19 updates at uab.edu/uabunited. If you have news you want to share, use the [Request Publicity form](#) online.

Things to know



Get free tax return prep and filing resources on campus

Collat School of Business' Regions Institute for Financial Education has launched a Volunteer Income Tax Assistance site to provide the UAB community and its neighbors support from Collat faculty, staff and student interns during tax season — all at no cost. Find a list of no-cost services and more info [online](#).

The Campus Recreation Center has new hours

Beginning this week, the Campus Recreation Center is open 5 a.m.-10 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 5 a.m.-9 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through the remainder of the spring 2022 semester.

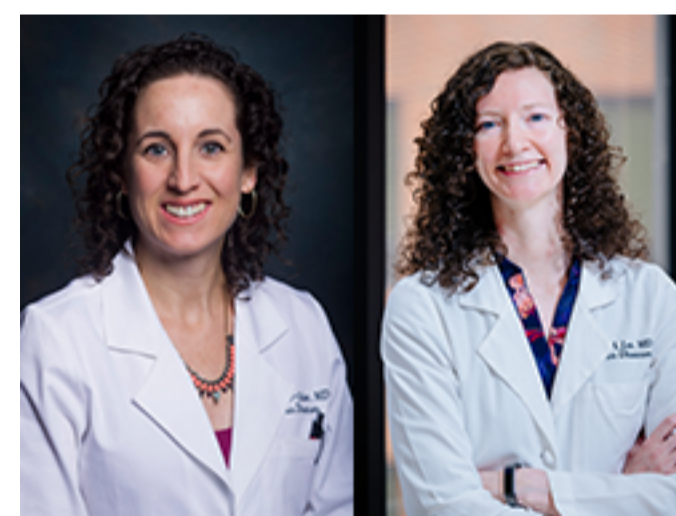
4 ways to keep your identity and credit safe

"Identity theft is not a joke. Millions of families suffer every year." While that Dwight Schrute line was played for laughs on *The Office*, identity theft is a real risk — more than 4.8 million cases were reported to the FTC in 2020.

Reminder: UAB is a drug-free campus

UAB is committed to providing a healthy, drug-free work and educational environment, free from the effects of alcohol and substance abuse. UAB's policy details employee and student responsibilities and provides education, prevention and assistance resources. Direct questions to the offices of Student Health and Wellbeing, Wellness Promotion, Student Conduct and Outreach, Student Counseling Services and/or Student Health Services.

Research & learning



Hear 2 physicians discuss COVID's impact on women's health

Hear Jodie Dionne, M.D., and Rachael Lee, M.D., both from the Division of Infectious Diseases, discuss managing new waves of COVID-19 and how the pandemic has affected women's health 12:30 p.m. Jan. 28 on Zoom.

Are you interested in health- or biomedical-related research?

The Minority Health Research Training Program offers research training opportunities for minority undergraduate, masters and doctoral students — plus the opportunity to spend a required 12 weeks at a foreign or domestic research site. Find more details and apply online through January 2022.

How should we recognize Afrodescendants?

Who are Afrodescendants? What scholarship has been done to highlight them? How should universities work to recognize them? John Maddox, Ph.D., assistant professor of Spanish, will explore how the African diaspora unites a range of countries through linguistic, literary and historical ties 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Feb. 4 on Zoom as part of the Haddin Forum series.

Mark your calendars



Test your endurance during URec's indoor triathlon

Compete in the URec Blazer TRI during three intense stages: a 2,000 meter row, 12.4 mile bike-ride and 3.1 mile run/walk Feb. 12. Register online before Feb. 11; the cost is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and \$10 for students.



What does the Blazer Way mean to you? Show us through your art

Win \$500 in scholarships by showcasing the UAB creed, the Blazer Way, through your artwork during the Spark Your Fire Arts Competition Feb. 10. Sign up by Jan. 28.

Win prizes playing outdoor games

Play Giant Connect Four, tug-of-war, relays and more with URec 4-6 p.m. Feb. 4 in front of McMahon Hall. The event is free, and winners will take home prizes.

Join UAB Women's basketball for these upcoming events

Enjoy a courtyard breakfast buffet while watching UAB Women's Basketball take on Western Kentucky 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in Bartow Arena. WKU also is Women's Basketball's white-out game, so dress in all white to support — the first 300 fans will receive a special T-shirt. Then celebrate National Girls and Women in Sports Day with Women's Basketball vs. Marshall 2 p.m. Jan. 29 in Bartow; a clinic with UAB women's athletics teams will be held following the game. Don't forget: Students get in free with their ONE Cards, and masks are required in Bartow.

One more thing

UAB Graduate School Annual Collection Drive for the Ronald McDonald House

LAST DAY: FEBRUARY 4

Support the Ronald McDonald House during collection drive

The Graduate School is gathering items such as snacks, laundry and cleaning products, toiletries and more for the Ronald McDonald House, which provides a home away from home for families whose children are receiving treatment at Children's of Alabama. See a list of needed items on the event's [Amazon wishlist](#) and drop off donations in Lister Hill Library G03 by Feb. 4.

Check the [campus calendar](#) for more events

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