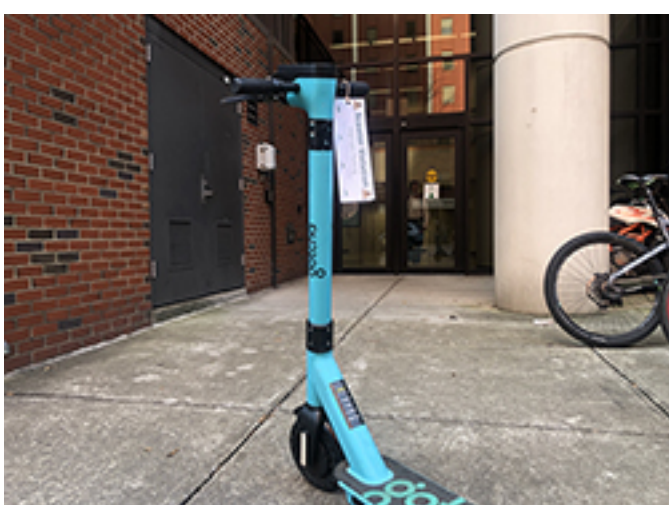


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Campus masking policies under review as COVID cases decline

Positive cases among faculty, staff and students are decreasing but remain elevated, so UAB leaders and health experts are expressing optimism while still urging caution. As a result, masks are still required indoors on campus while health and safety protocols — including masking policies — for non-clinical facilities are reviewed.



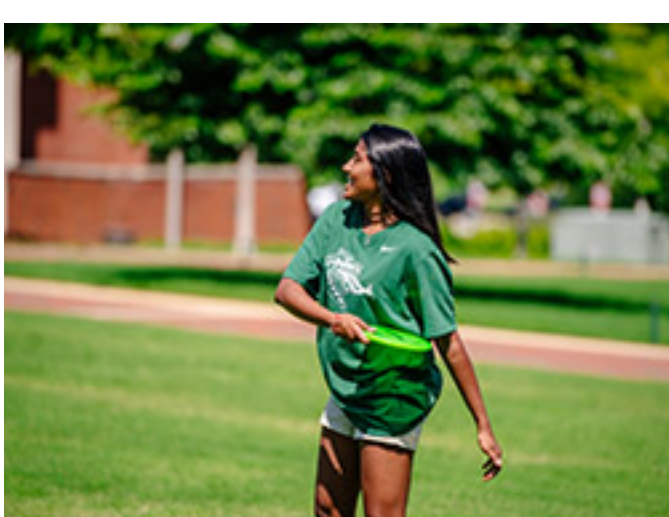
Help keep UAB's campus accessible with these scooter tags from DSS

Improperly parking micromobility vehicles like scooters and bikes can prevent access to sidewalks, doorways and ramps. New informal violation tags from Disability Support Services enable Blazers to educate riders on better and safer parking practices.



Theatre UAB presents 'Noises Off,' called 'the funniest farce ever written'

The comedy follows the misadventures of actors rehearsing a show set to open the next day and delights in physical comedy, witty dialogue and improvisation. Catch it 7:30 p.m. Feb. 23-26 and 2 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Alys Stephens Center's Sirote Theatre.



Get in on the fun with Games on the Green

Play games like tumble tower, ladder golf, disc slam and more during URec's Games on the Green 4-6 p.m. March 2 on the North Campus Green. Register before Feb. 28.

Things to know



You need to know these 9 women scientists

Of the 10 women scientists in Birmingham news and culture site BhamNow says are ones to watch, nine are from UAB — Henna Budhwani, Dori Pekmezci, Mary Kathryn Sewell-Loftin, Talene Alene Yacoubian, Ninacia Scott, Foluso Joy Ogunsile, Despina Stavrinou, Erica Bjornstad and Suzanne Lapi.



Do you want to work in health care or social services?

Join the UAB Career Center for the Health and Social Services Career Fair 11 a.m.-2 p.m. March 2 in the Hill Student Center third-floor ballrooms. More fairs are scheduled this spring: Check the Campus Calendar for fair times, plus streaming and/or registration info.

Can you tell your story in six words?

Say It in 6 challenges you to tell your story —about your studies, your UAB experience or your life —using only six words and a visual aid in one of five categories: green and gold, inclusion, sustainability, compassion and empowerment. Submit an entry online by March 9; three students will win cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750 and \$500.

Nominate a Blazer for the Padma Awards

Formerly the Outstanding Women Awards, the newly named Padma Awards, presented by the Commission on the Status of Women, seek to honor those whose work supports underrepresented populations. The awards are open to all UAB employees and students, regardless of how they identify. Submit nominations online by 5 p.m. Feb. 25.

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.

Research & learning



Epidemiology 101: Learn basics about the COVID pandemic

Stella Aslibekyan, Ph.D., will discuss tools to read and think critically about the pandemic and explore concepts like herd immunity, vaccine efficacy and endemic infection, plus help attendees practice disentangling correlation from causation, during a virtual seminar noon Feb. 24.



4 easy tips to keep your heart healthy

American Heart Month is a great time to adopt a healthier lifestyle to prevent cardiovascular disease, says Tara Harman, instructor in the Department of Nutrition Sciences. Read her four tips on how good nutrition can help mitigate heart disease — all with small, manageable changes.

→ **Play sports or exercise?** Irfan Asif, M.D., professor and chair in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, shares six tips for maintaining cardiac health while doing so — including if you've had COVID.

Explore advances in telehealth and therapeutics

In partnership with Children's of Alabama, UAB will host the ninth annual Rare Disease Genomics Symposium noon-4:30 p.m. March 4 on Zoom; this year's symposium will focus on science and research related to telehealth and therapeutic advances. The event is free, and participants are eligible to receive CME credit.

Mark your calendars



How do we define 'hard choices' — and how do we make them?

Ruth Chang, Ph.D., chair and professor of jurisprudence, University of Oxford, will explore the structure of values and reasons, practical reason, agency, rationality and decision-making 12:15 p.m. March 2 on Zoom as part of the Jemison Visiting Professorship in the Humanities lecture series; this seminar is hosted by the Department of Philosophy.



Be a tournament champ in Spikeball and Ultimate Frisbee

Employees and students of all skill levels can register by Feb. 24 to compete in URec's Spikeball tournament Feb. 28-March 1 and Ultimate Frisbee tournament March 2-3.

→ **Don't forget:** Sign up for intramural softball by March 3.

Don't miss these Athletics events

UAB Softball will host the Blazer Invite Feb. 25-27 at Mary Bowes Field. Games are scheduled 3 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Feb. 25 and 26 and 12:30 p.m. Feb. 27; students get in free with their ONE Card.

Then join Women's Basketball as they take on UTEP 2 p.m. Feb. 26 in Bartow Arena. It's Senior Day, so take advantage of free student admission and celebrate the careers of graduating seniors.

Explore UAB as a learning health system

Every Tuesday in March, hear presentations from national experts and panel discussions with UAB Health System leaders on topics such as improving surgical outcomes, accountable care teams, how to sustain a collaborative learning health system and more. Find a list of events and register online.

One more thing



The Fisher sisters and their family's passion for nursing

Sarah Louise Fisher Giles graduated from the School of Nursing in 1969 — the school's first Black graduate — and sisters Cynthia Fisher Frazier and Eleanor Fisher later also matriculated from the school. Their mother hoped to become a nurse, but didn't have the chance, so they decided to follow her dream. ❤️

Check the campus calendar for more events

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