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Bhatia is 2021 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer

Smita Bhatia, M.D., has affected the lives of childhood cancer patients around the world, as well as many young researchers interested in following her path in survivorship and outcomes research, earning her selection for the academic medical center's highest faculty honor.



Vickers assumes CEO roles for Health System, Ascension St. Vincent's Alliance

Beginning Jan. 1, Selwyn M. Vickers, M.D., became CEO for both the UAB Health System and the UAB/Ascension St. Vincent's Alliance, part of changes made to accommodate the substantial growth of UAB's clinical enterprise. He will continue as dean of the Heersink School of Medicine.



This long-running study proves that nice people finish first

More than 100 different UAB researchers have been first authors on papers based on the REGARDS study thanks to its innovative design — and a uniquely "friendly and welcoming team."



Students pursue passions in Honors College fellowship program

Funding from the Presidential Summer Fellowship enables students to skip summer jobs and take on projects ranging from the Amazon union vote and plastic pollutants to the health effects of housing and sleep habits of teens.



FROM THE EXPERTS: How the new CDC quarantine guidelines affect UAB

Sarah Nafziger, M.D., vice president of Clinical Support Services for UAB Health System, explains the reasoning behind the CDC's decision and how UAB is implementing it in this video.

Things to know



Nominate someone for the Blazer Way Awards

Nominate an undergraduate or graduate student, faculty or staff member or alum for the Blazer Way Awards, which honor those who exemplify the tenets of the university creed: honor and integrity, diversity, innovation, service and scholarship. The deadline is Jan. 14.

MARS has new hours

Dead battery? Flat tire? UAB can fix that — for free, from 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. during their new adjusted hours. UAB Transportation's Motorist Assistance Roadside Service program provides services for car trouble such as a dead battery, a flat tire, an empty gas tank or locked-in car keys fast and for free when you are on campus.

Get \$2 tickets to Women's Basketball vs. Rice Saturday

See UAB Women's Basketball take on Rice 1 p.m. Jan 8 in Bartow Arena; employees can get \$2 tickets at the box office with their ONE Card.

More news online

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

Research & learning



Learn how to start the semester strong in your online courses

Review course and institutional policies, student resources and expectations, and mandatory and recommended syllabus components in a virtual workshop 11 a.m. today, Jan. 7.

What has the pandemic taught us about online learning?

Scott Brande, Ph.D., an associate professor of chemistry who maintains a campus lab for identifying physical mineral and rock specimens, will discuss potential ways to disseminate information beyond in-person learning based on his experience as a geoscience instructor during the COVID-19 pandemic 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. Jan. 14 on Zoom as part of the Haddin Forum series.

Can nutritional ketosis improve cognition in advanced age?

Sarah Burke, Ph.D., professor of neurology, associate director of the McKnight Brain Institute for Cognitive Memory and Aging, College of Medicine, University of Florida, will present "A Preclinical Model of Nutritional Ketosis for Enhancing Cognitive Resilience in Advanced Age" noon Jan. 12 on Zoom.

Get funding to research the mechanics of aging

The UAB Nathan Shock Center accepts monthly requests for exploratory funds of up to \$10,000 for new small projects focused on the mechanistic hallmarks and/or energetics of aging; find details [online](#) and submit documentation to nscgrants@uab.edu.

Mark your calendars



Could you be the winner of the next intramural championship?

The spring lineup for URec Intramural Sports is open to all employees and students — including basketball, outdoor soccer, Spikeball, ultimate Frisbee, softball and tennis. Find more information and [register online](#).



Learn about the intersection of social justice and health care

Hear a roundtable panel of UAB health care professionals, a lecture from Alabama Institute for Social Justice Executive Director Lenice C. Emanuel and a performance by the Miles College Choir 10:30 a.m. Jan. 13 on Zoom.

What happens if you use disinfectants improperly?

Ziad Kazzi, M.D., director, International Fellowship in Medical Toxicology, Emory University, will discuss the potential health hazards from misusing common disinfectants such as hydrogen peroxide, phenol and quaternary ammonium compounds — all frequently used in health care settings — in a workshop cosponsored by the Deep South Center for Occupational Health and Safety noon Jan. 18 on Zoom.

Sign up your kids — or yourself — for ArtPlay's spring classes

Writing, dance, visual arts, music and acting courses are available for pre-K through adults; classes run Feb. 1-March 24. [Register online](#).

Check the campus calendar for more events

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