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### \$300 loans provide lifelines — and learning — for students

Fast loans from UAB's Regions Institute for Financial Education are available in as little as 24 hours. They can help any Blazer student experiencing unexpected loss of income, housing or medical issues, or a transportation emergency.



### Grau honored for leadership contributions

Grace Grau, DNP, assistant professor of nursing, earned the Janie Menchaca Wilson Leadership Award from the National Association of Hispanic Nurses for outstanding leadership and planning, practice or program implementation that benefited the Hispanic community.



### Know someone who goes above and beyond to mentor graduate students?

The UAB Graduate Dean's Excellence in Mentorship Award recognizes full-time faculty members who are exceptional mentors of graduate students and/or postdocs. Submit nominations by Feb. 15; details are online.



### 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 costs is \$15 for members, \$20 for non-members and \$10 for students.

## Things to know



### Seventh Avenue road closure begins next week

Beginning Jan. 17, Seventh Avenue South between 16th and 18th Streets South will be closed for approximately three weeks to enable infrastructure to be installed in preparation for construction of the new Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility.



### 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 winners in the faculty/staff division will get gift baskets.

### University to close for MLK Day, no bus service

UAB will close Jan. 17 to observe Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Although most campus operations will be suspended on this day, essential services will continue. Blazer Express, shuttles and roadside services will be interrupted; Safety Escorts are available. Gates will be raised at the Sixth Avenue Parking Deck for employees who normally use the Express lots.

### More news online

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

## Research & learning



### Get up to \$20,000 in funding for global health research

UAB faculty and fellows with advanced degrees can apply for funding from the Sparkman Center for Global Health; 2-3 grants will be awarded. Submit concepts by Feb. 1, 2022, and email [ahelova@uab.edu](mailto:ahelova@uab.edu) with questions.

### What did the pandemic teach 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. today, Jan. 14, on Zoom as part of the Haddin Forum series.

### Do you want to help eliminate lung disease?

Basic science and clinical investigators, preferably early stage and within seven years of graduation with a terminal degree, can apply for one-year funding of \$40,000 to conduct translational, collaborative and team science targeted toward the amelioration of lung disease. Letters of intent are due Jan. 17; direct questions to [ewestfall@uabmc.edu](mailto:ewestfall@uabmc.edu).

### Discover how to support neurodiversity in your classroom

Hear perspectives from neurodiverse students and learn classroom and course strategies to support accessibility 9 a.m. Jan. 24 in Lister Hill Library 411.

## Mark your calendars



### Community Month events are underway

See virtual lectures, attend cultural programs and more to see how units across campus are implementing diversity efforts and participate in critical dialogues. Check the [campus calendar](#) for event details.

### 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.

### Cheer on the Blazers at upcoming Men's and Women's Basketball games

Kids can participate in fun activities such as face-painting, a photo station, poster design workshop and baby race during UAB Men's Basketball vs. Florida Atlantic 3 p.m. Jan. 15; register your child for the race by today, Jan. 14, and get four tickets for \$40 online. Then, alumni can enjoy a meal courtside during UAB Women's Basketball vs. La Tech 2-4 p.m. Jan. 22 in Bartow Arena. Tickets are \$10 and include a game ticket; buy ahead online, or buy single-game tickets at [uabsports.com/tickets](http://uabsports.com/tickets). Employees also can get \$2 game-only tickets with their ONE Cards as part of Faculty/Staff Saturday. Masks are required in Bartow Arena.

### Plan ahead with the National Alumni Society Jan. 27

Explore pre-need funeral and cremation planning, the cost of waiting, asset spend-down, veterans' benefits and more during a virtual seminar with family counselor and Collat School of Business grad Carol Duniav 7 p.m. Jan. 27.

## One more thing



### UAB is home to a state-of-the-art eye microscope

The Nikon AXR Confocal Microscope enables vision scientists to view microstructures and dynamics of the eye at unparalleled levels of detail, which can help to find new treatments for ocular disease. The microscope is the only one of its kind in the Southeast and one of just a few available in the country.

### Check the campus calendar for more events

Lectures	Arts	Athletics
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