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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 study from UAB published Thursday could change that. Yesterday, 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.



Watch the Kracke Building come down in 60 seconds 🎥

Kracke and the adjacent Pittman Center for Advanced Medical Studies both were razed to make way for the Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building. Watch Kracke's demolition in this minute-long timelapse video.



Beware of scammers as tax season approaches

Use these tips from UAB IT to avoid scammers during tax season, when they work overtime to steal your information.



Want to join URec but don't need a full-time membership?

Employees can join University Recreation with a special \$22/month membership, which includes access to the Campus Recreation Center 5 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Friday and unlimited access during break and holiday hours. Want to test URec out first? Take a seven-day free trial.

You can report non-compliance with COVID safety protocols

Regardless of vaccination status, employees, students and visitors must comply with COVID-19 safety precautions, including mask-wearing while on campus. Non-compliance concerns can be reported through the UAB Ethics Hotline. Look for additional UAB United updates following last week's town hall in the Jan. 25 eReporter.

Research & learning



Get funding to research the intersection of exercise, metabolism and redox biology

The Center for Exercise Medicine and the Center for Free Radical Biology will fund pilot research focused on exercise, metabolism and redox biology/signaling. Find details online; two-page pre-proposals are due Feb. 11.

Do you study genetic disorders of the craniofacial region?

The Global Center for Craniofacial, Oral and Dental Disorders will fund three pilot and feasibility grants up to \$25,000 each, with preference for emerging faculty, including scientists and researchers IV and V and senior postdocs; submit proposals by Feb. 25.

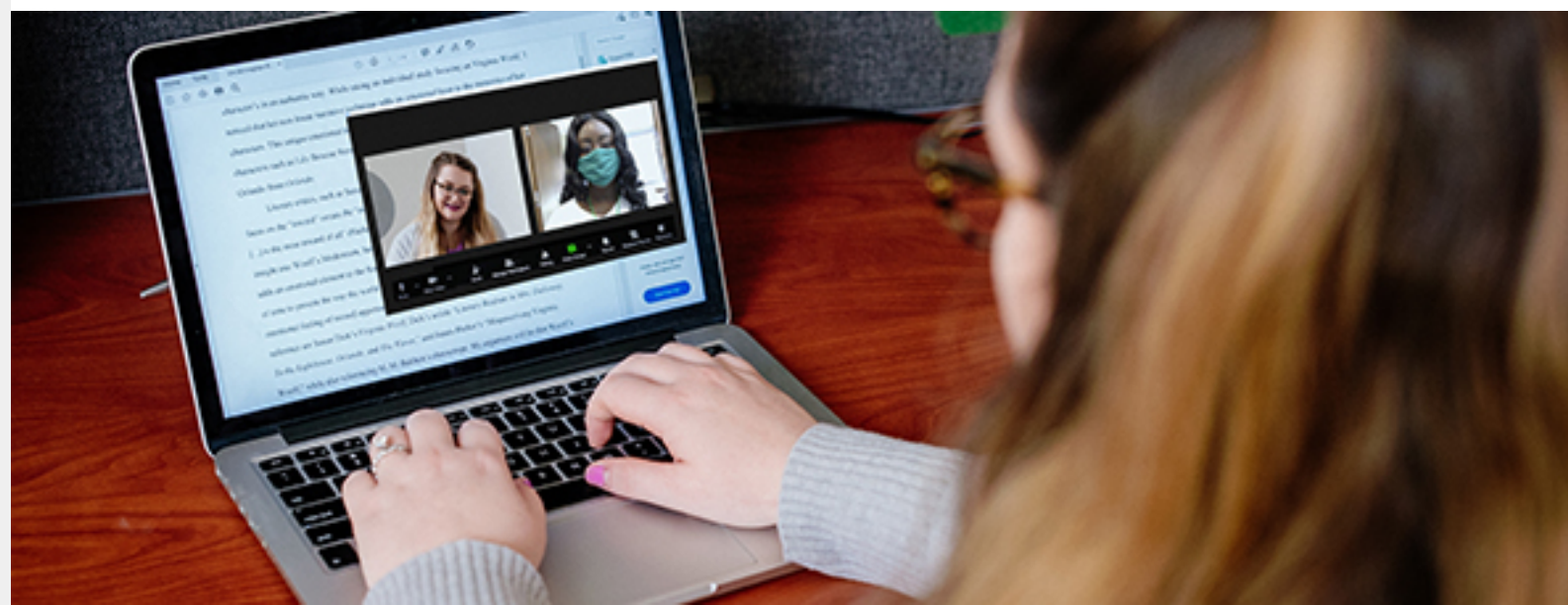
Hear two lectures exploring aspects of Kenyan life

Hear Beatrice Ng'uono Okelo, Ph.D., linguist and language pedagogy specialist, review the role of language in Kenyan cultural identity and social interactions and the roles Kenyan languages play in global and cultural integration 4 p.m. Jan. 24 in University Hall 1005. Then tune in as Nelson Ole Reiyia, co-founder of the Nashulai Conservancy, and Maggie Koshal Reiyia, director of Family, Gender and Education with Nashulai, discuss how people in the Maasai Mara region of Kenya receive health care noon Jan. 26 on Zoom as part of the 2022 UAB Global Health Case Competition.

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.

Mark your calendars



Get back to the Zoom basics 🎥

Get an introduction to or refresh your memory on the ins and outs of Zoom video conferencing during these 11 a.m. virtual workshops:

- Scheduling Jan. 25
- Hosting Jan. 26
- Recording and sharing Jan. 27



Learn the history of amulets and create your own

During the COVID-19 pandemic, an ancient amulet figure called amabie has made a sensational comeback to modern-day Japan. Discover the history and meaning behind the amabie, which legend says protects against plague and poverty, and learn to make your own on Jan. 24.

Jump into the eLearning course design process

Learn to create measurable course objectives and the importance of aligning critical course components 11 a.m. Jan. 21 on Zoom.

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 on Zoom.

One more thing



Join Women's Basketball for fun events Jan. 22 and 27 🏀

Blazers both past and future can join in on Alumni Day during UAB Women's Basketball vs. LA Tech 2 p.m. Jan. 22 in Bartow Arena. Then help "white out" Western Kentucky 6 p.m. Jan. 27 in Bartow — the first 300 attendees get a special T-shirt. Plus, enjoy a courtyard breakfast buffet during the WKU game; ticket packages are \$12 for Gold Card members and \$15 for non-members, and meal vouchers can be redeemed at the box office on gameday. Masks are required in Bartow Arena.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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