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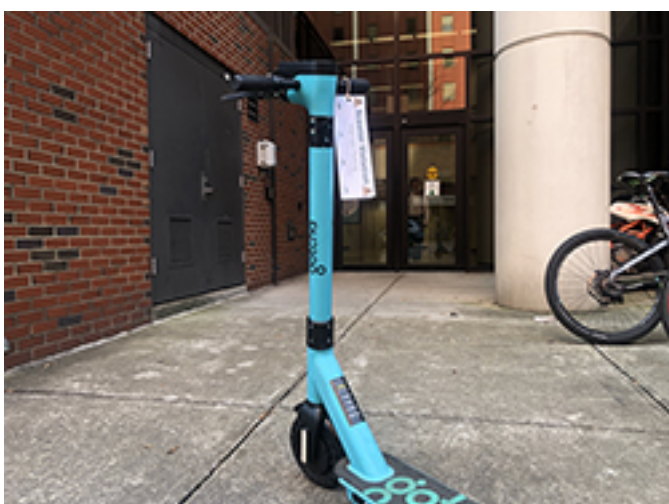
Campus masking policies under review as COVID cases decline

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.



A new student cohort is coming to campus. Here are 5 ways you can support them.

Through UAB's new membership in the Amazon Career Choice Partner Network, eligible Amazon associates can get tuition assistance to attend UAB. Refresh your memory on the resources UAB offers to help them adjust and succeed.



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.

More news online

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

Things to know



Do you know student-athletes starting their job search?

Encourage them to attend the Career Center's virtual Student Athlete Career Fair 6-8 p.m. Feb. 21. Register [online](#).

Heffron named director for Center for AIDS Research

Renee Heffron, Ph.D., joins the Center for AIDS Research as new the director effective July 1. She currently is associate director for Mentoring within the International Clinical Research Center and director of the Developmental Core within the University of Washington Center for AIDS Research.

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.

Research & learning



Get pilot funding to research HIV basic sciences

Researchers interested in impacting clinical outcomes, behavioral epidemiology and intervention, population health, prevention and treatment and community-engaged research can apply pilot funding from the Center for AIDS Research. Two-page concepts are due Feb. 20.

Join in a conversation on historical memory and rethinking Black history

Hear a virtual chat with LaGarrett King, Ph.D., director of the CARTER Center for K-12 Black History Education and the University of Buffalo Center for K-12 Black History and Racial Literacy Education, and Paulette Patterson Dilworth, Ph.D., vice president of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion at UAB, 6 p.m. Feb. 23 on Zoom. Register [online](#).

Learn how to use Meltwater for social media monitoring

Available through the Lister Hill Center for Health Policy, Meltwater is a social media monitoring tool designed to help users make informed decisions about content production. Learn to use it during a virtual info session noon Feb. 24. Register [online](#).

Mark your calendars



See the fierce footwork of Syncopated Ladies Feb. 27

This female tap-dance band soared after Beyoncé shared their tap tribute video; their performances have been viewed more than 50 million times. See them for yourself 5 p.m. Feb. 27 in the Alys Stephens Center's Jemison Concert Hall; tickets start at \$22.



See Women's Basketball take on Rice Feb. 21

UAB Women's Basketball returns to Bartow Arena 5 p.m. Feb. 21 to play the Rice University Owls. Masks are required.

Hear a piano recital from Department of Music alums

Mira Walker, Aleksandra Kasman, Eamon Griffiths, Eric Mobley and Jacob Skiles will perform a free piano show 6 p.m. Feb. 22 in Hulsey Recital Hall.

Learn to use accessible course materials

Learn best practices for designing course content and materials to be accessible to all students in a virtual workshop 10 a.m. Feb. 22; this workshop was created in collaboration with Rob Carr, UAB's web accessibility manager.

Explore how to use video tools in the classroom

In these two 11 a.m. workshops, discover how to set up and utilize [video assignments](#) Feb. 23 and [Kaltura interactive video paths](#) Feb. 24.

One more thing



3 things to know about the new Altec Styslinger Genomic Medicine and Data Sciences Building

Curious about what it's like to relocate hundreds of employees so a building can be demolished, or just how large demo and construction projects on campus progress? Read this story to learn fun facts about the new Altec Styslinger building and what it takes to build it.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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