

February 25, 2022



### Pilot for alternate work options extended

The pilot program for staff working a hybrid (remote/on-site) or fully remote schedule will be extended until July 31, 2022, due to staggered start times of the pilot, continued COVID surges and the upcoming World Games. Extending the pilot will allow UAB to fully explore, review and gather information to present to the UA System Board of Trustees. Learn more and explore resources for hybrid/remote environment online.



### Takamiya named 2022 Educator of Excellence

The Alabama World Languages Association honored Yumi Takamiya, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Foreign Languages and Literatures, for her excellence in language teaching, leadership and advocacy.



### Southern Research prepares for its next 80 years

A partner institution of UAB, Southern Research has 400 full-time employees, brings in \$80 million in revenue and has an annual economic impact of \$150 million. They've already made breakthroughs in fighting COVID-19. Next up: Personalized medicine at scale and thousands of quality jobs in Birmingham.



### Nominations are open for university awards

Nomination packets for the President's Awards for Excellence in Teaching are due to respective school selection committees April 30. Packets for the President's Award for Excellence in Support of UAB and Shared Governance are due to Kay Kirk at [kdkirk@uab.edu](mailto:kdkirk@uab.edu) 5 p.m. May 2. Find details on what to include and more online.

### 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.

### Things to know



### Remind your students: They can access eye care services through Student Health

Students with and without insurance can get eye and vision care from UAB Eye Care Tuesday afternoons in the Student Health and Wellness Center. Call 205-975-2020 to schedule an appointment and learn more about available student discounts.

### File annual ethics report by April 30

UAB supervisors whose job includes management of state funds in certain capacities or who meet a salary threshold of \$81,000 are required to complete an annual [Statement of Economic Interests form](#). Learn more at [uab.edu/ethicsrequirement](http://uab.edu/ethicsrequirement).

### Want to serve on the Faculty Senate?

Nominate yourself and/or colleagues for positions as school senator, chair-elect or associate chair. [Submit nominations online](#) through Feb. 28.

### Review the new process for ordering dry ice

Effective March 1, UAB will change dry ice vendors. Order dry ice using [this new form](#); orders placed by noon will be delivered the following business day, and billing will be managed centrally by University Purchasing. [Read more details online](#).

### Research & learning



### An expert answers 6 questions about heart health and exercise

Irfan Asif, M.D., professor and chair in the Department of Family and Community Medicine, shares six tips for maintaining cardiac health while exercising and playing sports — including if you've had COVID.



### How can Koru mindfulness improve performance?

Kristine Hurst-Wajszczuk, Ph.D., associate professor of voice and performance anxiety management researcher, will explore how mindfulness can help academics and artists achieve the mental calm needed to perform at their best 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m. March 4 on Zoom as part of the Haddin Forum series.

### 5 projects earned funding to address health disparities in people with disabilities

The Center for Engagement in Disability Health and Rehabilitation Sciences has announced the winners of \$175,000 in pilot grant funding for improving well-being in adults and children with disabilities. See a list of recipients [online](#).

### Don't miss these seminars:

Check out these learning opportunities from eLearning, the Sparkman Center for Global Health and the Office of Public Health Practice, and the Center for Outcomes Effectiveness Research and Education — all happening next week.

- Learn about Universal Design for Learning principles 11 a.m. [March 1](#) and [2](#)
- Explore maternal/child health in Suriname noon [March 2](#)
- Discover UAB as a learning health system each [Tuesday in March](#)

### Mark your calendars



### Pledge your support to the Blazer family, Birmingham community with a gift to the Benevolent Fund

Help the Benevolent Fund support the Blazer Kitchen, the Employee Emergency Assistance Program and community partners during their spring 2022 campaign, which ends Feb. 27. Visit [go.uab.edu/BFSpring22](http://go.uab.edu/BFSpring22) to learn more.



### Hear student experiences and presentations at ORCA spring conference

Join the Social Justice Advocacy Council for their spring Organized Radical Collegiate Activism Conference noon-4:30 March 5 to learn about student advocates working to affect change on college campuses.

### Get \$2 Women's Basketball tix during Faculty/Staff Saturday

Employees can get \$2 tickets with their ONE Card at the Bartow Arena box office on gameday; watch UAB Women's Basketball vs. UTEP 2 p.m. Feb. 26 in Bartow Arena and take advantage of the offer.

### Sign up for intramural softball

The intramural softball season begins March 7, and whether you're a pro or have never played before, you could take home the championship. [Register by March 3](#) to participate.

### One more thing



### Direct students to these Career Center opportunities this spring

The UAB Career Center has a number of in-person and virtual opportunities for students to meet recruiters and hiring managers, learn about job openings in Birmingham and more. Check the campus calendar for fair times, plus streaming and/or registration info.

Ensure your students mark these events on their calendars:

- Health and Social Services Career Fair [March 2](#)
- UAB Education Interview Day (virtual) [March 30](#); get streaming info [online](#)
- UAB Education Interview Day (in-person) [April 6](#)
- Stay in the Magic City Career Fair [April 13](#)

### Check the campus calendar for more events

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