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Apply to be a Magic City Data Fellow 

Fellows in the Magic City Data Collective will develop their technical skills and professional networks through coursework, professional development, career-coaching and project-based learning embedded with a local company. Applications for the 2022-23 program are open now; apply [online](#).



Help keep UAB safe: Report concerning behavior

Students or employees who perceive an imminent threat to safety should call 911 or the UAB Police Department at 205-934-3535. Situations and behaviors of concern that are clearly not emergencies can be reported to UAB's Behavioral Threat Assessment and Management team.



See work by legendary Alabama artist Thornton Dial

Known for using discarded materials and found objects to create sculptures and densely layered assemblages, Dial often used family, daily life, the Civil Rights Movement and other history as subjects. "I, Too, Am Alabama" will be presented in AEIVA Sept. 9-Dec. 10.



Portion of 7th Avenue South closed through 2024

The westbound lane of Seventh Avenue South between 18th Street and the Children's of Alabama Lowder Building now is closed through November 2024 as construction begins on the Spain Inpatient Rehabilitation Hospital.

Campus COVID refresher

Public health and infectious disease experts continue to support a mask-optional policy as cases in the UAB community remain steady despite Jefferson County's ORANGE (high community level) CDC classification.

- Experts remain optimistic about safety on campus given factors including high vaccination rates and the availability of treatments like Paxlovid and monoclonal antibodies.

The number of COVID-positive patients in UAB Hospital also remains low

- And of those hospitalized, fewer are ending up in intensive care, and even fewer require ventilation, says Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., director of the UAB Division of Infectious Diseases.

UAB experts continue to support the university's mask-optional policy in non-clinical buildings

- But remember: Some people remain at an increased risk of complications from COVID and may choose to wear a mask for an added layer of protection for themselves or others. Members of the campus community are encouraged to respect the decisions others make in keeping with our Shared Values.

[Read more in the UAB Reporter](#)

Research & learning



Spensley chosen for global health leadership program

Allison Spensley, doctoral student in the School of Public Health and graduate assistant in the Sparkman Center for Global Health, was selected as one of just 30 participants for the 2022 WomenLift Leadership Program cohort, a competitive, fully-funded year-long program for mid-career women in global health.



Gray selected for competitive informatics internship 

Hope Gray, doctoral student in the Department of Health Services Administration, was awarded the Health Level Seven International Informatics Internship, during which she will explore how to best transfer data from one health care system to another while ensuring it's correct and accessible.

Boost your skills during the SPARK Writing Festival

This community-based creative writing initiative by the UAB Department of English is designed to spark inspiration and bring writers together through in-person and virtual craft talks, immersive workshops, community events and more. Registration is \$80; scholarships are available, plus several free virtual events.

From UAB Magazine



INVESTING IN EXCELLENCE

The story behind Dr. Marnix E. and Mary Heersink's transformative \$95 million gift to UAB

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Fueling innovation, finding solutions

As longtime residents of Dothan, Marnix Heersink, M.D., and wife Mary Heersink understand the hurdles many Alabamians face. Their transformative \$95 million gift to UAB, amplified by an additional \$5 million contribution from Triton Health System, is designed to expand patient care, medical training, and research programs and platforms.

[Read more in this story from UAB Magazine](#)

 **Free resources & events**

Attend a virtual medical school Preview Day Aug. 3

Students can learn more about UAB medical programs, the admissions process and the Heersink School of Medicine and hear from current students during a virtual Preview Day 2-3:30 p.m. Aug. 3. Register [online](#).

Your UAB email can get you free access to the New York Times and other top publications

You can get access to digital editions of the New York Times, Wall Street Journal and Financial Times through UAB Libraries with your UAB email. Get step-by-step instructions [online](#).

More news online

Get campus news at uab.edu/students and COVID-19 updates at uab.edu/uabunited. Check the [Campus Calendar](#) for more events on campus, and submit your own. If you have news you want to share, use the [Request Publicity](#) form online.

One more thing



Small giving, big impact 

UAB alum and successful Birmingham entrepreneur and investor Sanjay Singh remembers when a thousand dollars meant the difference between being able to continue in his studies or not. Together with wife Dora, Singh established a \$1 million endowment at UAB with a goal to eventually support 100 students per year in perpetuity with \$1,000 each in emergency- or need-based scholarships. This year, the scholarship will help 30 students fight unexpected costs — like fixing a broken-down car, finding eleventh-hour childcare, caring for a relative in an emergency or covering an unexpected medical bill.

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