

August 10, 2022



**Summer commencement ceremonies are Aug. 12-13**

Nearly 1,000 students will graduate from UAB this weekend. The graduate ceremony is 6 p.m. Aug. 12, and the undergraduate ceremony is 9:30 a.m. Aug. 13, all in Bartow Arena. The mace will be carried by Eugenia Kharlampieva, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of chemistry. Find more info [online](#).

**ICYMI:** Read how accounting professor Jamey Worrell, Ph.D., crafted a new stand for the UAB Mace, one of UAB's most recognizable icons, using skills taught by his woodworker father and locally sourced wood that represents some of the university's best qualities: strength, resiliency, knowledge and passion.



**Optometry students honored at national convention**

Two School of Optometry students were recognized at the 2022 National Optometric Association national convention; Brittany Martin earned the Dr. Marvin R. Poston Leadership Award, and Daniele Ewert will continue to serve as treasurer for NOA's student organization.



**Training the next generation**

Students from the UAB Heersink School of Medicine's four regional campuses spent this summer exploring topics like racism in medicine, women's health and dermatology as part of the CU2RE program, created to support medical students interested in serving in areas of the state that lack adequate primary care.



**World Languages and Literatures celebrates 50 years with name change, cookbook**

To commemorate five decades of language education at UAB, the Department of World Languages and Literatures — previously Foreign Languages and Literatures — will publish a cookbook packed with 70 recipes contributed by department faculty and their loved ones.

Ways to get involved



**Register to volunteer at Blazer Kitchen**

Pick up a two-hour shift at UAB's on-campus food pantry in the 1613 Building now through Labor Day to help combat a volunteer shortage. Remember to wear close-toed shoes and comfortable clothes; free parking is available. [Register on BlazerPulse](#).



**Sign up to build UAB's next Habitat House**

Students with a willingness to work can indicate interest and preferred volunteer days using [this form](#); the Benevolent Fund will schedule each group for a volunteer day and open individual time slots for group participants on [BlazerPulse](#). Slots will be available 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday Sept. 29-Nov. 5.



**Explore the great outdoors with UAB Adventure Recreation**

Backpack in the Mount Cheaha wilderness, ski in western North Carolina, whitewater raft on the Chattanooga River, explore Yellowstone National Park and more with UAB Adventure Recreation. Trips are scheduled through summer 2023; see a full list of dates and costs and [register online](#).

**More news online**

Get campus news at [uab.edu/students](http://uab.edu/students), [uab.edu/reporter](http://uab.edu/reporter) and [uab.edu/news](http://uab.edu/news) and COVID-19 updates at [uab.edu/uabunited](http://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.

**Upcoming deadlines**

→ Nominate a full-time faculty member who has demonstrated an outstanding commitment to teaching for 20-plus years for the Ellen Gregg Ingalls/UAB National Alumni Society Award for Lifetime Achievement in Teaching — due Aug. 26

→ Juniors and seniors can become a Second Year Experience Navigator to support students throughout their second year on campus — due Sept. 1

→ Apply to be a Magic City Data Fellow to develop technical skills and professional networks through coursework, professional development, career-coaching and project-based learning embedded with a local company — open until program is full

Mark your calendars



**Are you ready to cheer on your Blazers this fall?**

The 2022 UAB Football season is fast approaching — UAB opens the season against Alabama A&M 7 p.m. Sept. 1 at Protective Stadium. Check these boxes to make sure you're ready to cheer on the Blazers:

- Claim your tickets for UAB Football vs. Alabama A&M Sept. 1 as early as Aug. 22 — pick them up at the UAB Athletics ticket office 9 a.m. Aug. 22-Aug. 30.
- Student tickets for the remainder of home games are available 9 a.m. Monday-noon Friday the week prior
- Student tickets also are available on a first-come, first-served basis on game day at the Protective Stadium South Box Office beginning four hours prior to kickoff.
- Plan ahead for Homecoming Week Oct. 2-8 — think the Gurney Derby, the Homecoming Parade and more, culminating with UAB Football vs. MTSU 2:30 p.m. Oct. 8 at Protective Stadium
- And don't miss out on other themed home games dedicated to families, teachers, service-members and more — see a full schedule [online](#)

**Get free training on applying for NSF-GRFP**

Learn best practices for applying to the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship program in a virtual workshop 3 p.m. Sept. 2. Grad students and senior undergrads can apply Oct. 17-21 depending on academic discipline.

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