

August 31, 2022



Dr. Watts says hey 🗣️

Watch this video to hear UAB President Ray Watts' welcome message to students as the fall semester begins. If you're new to campus, here are a few of his recommendations:

- Make time to explore campus**
Tip: Take a 30-minute walking trail to see UAB's 30+ outdoor sculptures and statues.
- Cheer on the Blazers this Thursday**
Get the 411 on the UAB Football season opener in the "Info to know" section.
- Discover fun things to do on the UAB Campus Calendar**
A water balloon fight, a health care career expo, a half-triathlon — it's all there.
- Take care of yourself and each other**
Find mental health and resiliency tools online from Student Counseling Services.



Got design skills and big Blazer spirit? 🎨💚

Submit an original design using theme "The Blazer Games" for a chance to be featured on the 2022 Homecoming button. See design criteria online and submit by Sept. 4 on Engage, UAB's student organization portal.



Mekki awarded American Chemical Society scholarship

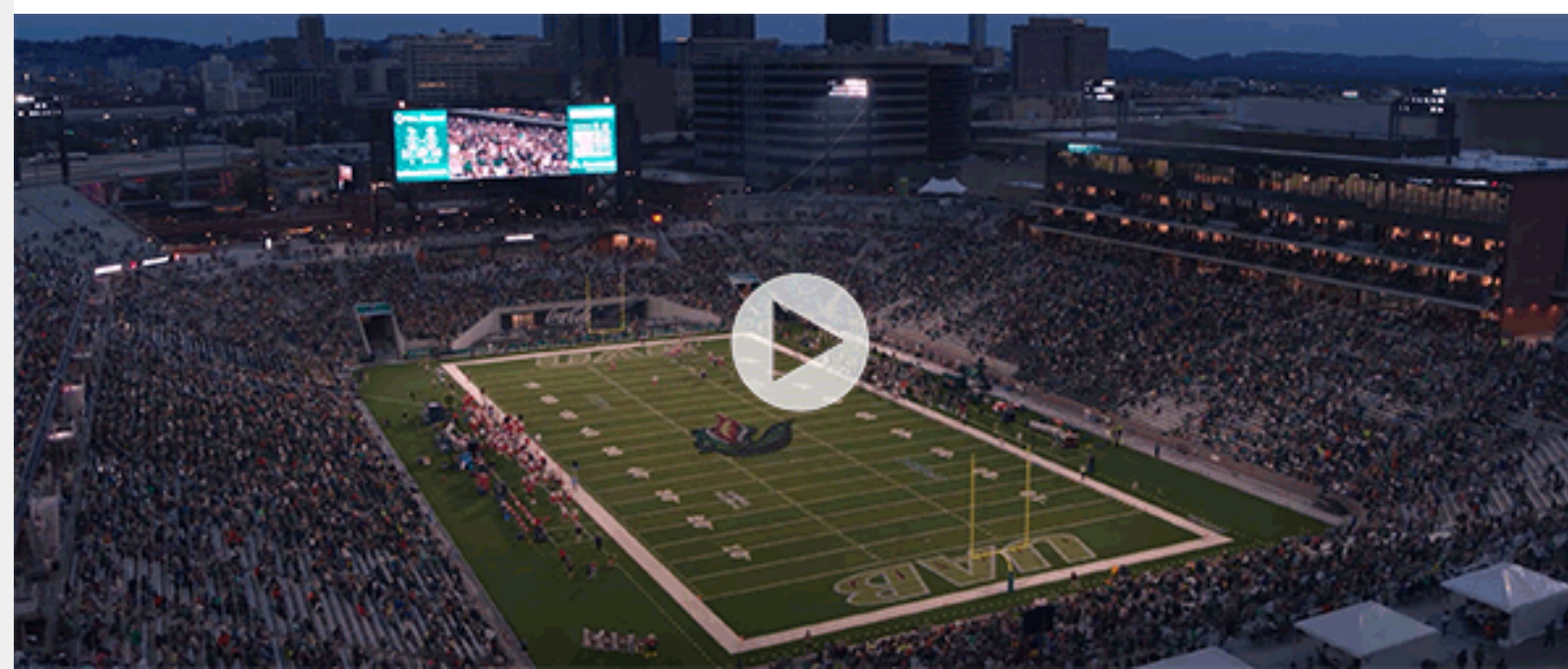
Wajiha Mekki, a College of Arts and Sciences and Honors College student interested in cancer biology and public health, earned a competitive CIBA Specialty Chemicals scholarship, a first-year nonrenewable award given to just 30 students annually.

More news online

Get campus news at uab.edu/students, uab.edu/reporter and uab.edu/news 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.

Info to know

- Some Blazer Express routes to be altered Sept. 1**
To accommodate transporting fans to UAB Football vs. Alabama A&M Sept. 1 at Protective Stadium, the North Green, South Green and Purple Blazer Express routes will end service at 3 p.m. Thursday; normal routes will resume Sept. 2. [Details online](#). And get info on the [free game day shuttle](#) online, too.
- University to close Sept. 5 for holiday, no bus service**
Although most campus operations will be suspended on this day, essential services will continue. There will be no Blazer Express bus, Highlands Shuttle or Motorist Assistance Roadside Service. Safety Escort rides will operate as normal; [download Tapride](#) to request. Those who park in Express lots can utilize the Sixth Avenue Parking Deck. [Details online](#).



UAB Football kicks off tomorrow 🏈🗣️

Read a message to the UAB community from UAB Director of Athletics Mark Ingram and get in the Blazer spirit by watching the 2022 UAB Football commercial.

UAB Football open their 2022 season 7 p.m. this Thursday, Sept. 1, vs. Alabama A&M at Protective Stadium. Visit blazergameday.com and use the Students dropdown to get details on tickets, parking, tailgating, the free Blazer Express shuttle to Protective and more. Plus, don't forget:

- Manage your mobile tickets with the UAB Sports App ([App Store](#) and [Google Play](#))
- Be sure you have an approved bag per Protective Stadium guidelines
- Stock up on UAB merch from these retailers

→ Wear your green gear each Friday to Be Seen in Green and show support for UAB Football and the Blazer community — Sept. 2 is National College Colors Day.

Research & learning



CU²RE program awarded \$5.5 million in funding

The new dollars from the Health Resources and Services Administration bring the program's funding to \$17.7 million; CU²RE aims to enhance the recruitment, training and retention of medical students dedicated to providing primary care in rural and urban underserved areas.

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.

More learning opportunities:

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| <p>Sparkman Center for Global Health Open House
Meet the team, get free snacks and swag and learn about the center.</p> <p> noon Sept. 2
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 Details online</p> | <p>2022 UAB Health Disparities Research Symposium
Panelists will discuss the move from health disparities to health equity.</p> <p> noon Sept. 8
 virtual
 Register online</p> |
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Mark your calendars



Grab coffee with the Graduate School dean ☕

Catch up with Shadi Martin, Ph.D., dean of the UAB Graduate School, the first Thursday morning of every month through April 2023.

- 8:30 a.m. Sept. 1
 Lister Hill ground floor back lobby
 [Details online](#)

Get free food and play games during Back to School BBQ 🍌

The Black Student Awareness Committee's annual barbecue will feature food, games, music and dancing tomorrow.

- 3:30 p.m. Sept. 1 | Campus Green
 [Details online](#)

More events:

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| <p>Human Rights in 2022
UAB experts will discuss the current situation of human rights in the U.S. and across the globe. Part of the Social Justice Café series.</p> <p> 4 p.m. Aug. 31
 virtual
 Details online</p> | <p>Translational Artificial Intelligence: The Need to Translate from Basic Science to Clinical Value
Part of the Informatics Institute PowerTalk Seminar Series.</p> <p> 10 a.m. Sept. 1
 virtual
 register online</p> |
| <p>Academic Advising Journal Club
Discuss this journal article in the first of a three-part discussion series.</p> <p> 12:10 p.m. Sept. 6
 virtual
 Details online</p> | <p>A Changing World: Communicating Climate Change & Influencing Policy
A research symposium focusing on climate change research and risk management communication.</p> <p> noon Sept. 7
 Hill Student Center ballrooms C, D
 Register online (free lunch)</p> |

Check the [Campus Calendar](#) for other upcoming events, and set reminders for things you're interested by signing with your BlazerID and clicking the "I'm interested" button to get email updates for events.

- Arts
- Athletics
- Lectures

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