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Artist documents health care workers' stories through poetry

During National Poetry Month, Salaam Green, artist-in-residence with UAB Arts in Medicine and a certified Listener Poet, is creating new poetry based on experiences of UAB health care workers. Her goal is to have 10 completed poems posted to an online gallery, which will include the text and audio, along with the backstory for each.



These faculty have worked at UAB for 50 years — here's what sticks out to them the most

Vithal K. Ghanta, Joseph G. Van Matre and Richard J. Whitley all have worked at UAB for five decades. Read three of their favorite memories from their time as Blazers.



New employees: HR needs your feedback

Employees who were hired between August 2021 and February 2022 can participate in focus groups from the Office of Learning and Development aimed at improving the onboarding process. Employees in this category were emailed with an invitation and unique link. If you did not receive an email, contact learndev@uab.edu.

Second COVID boosters now available to certain populations

On March 29, 2022, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration authorized a second booster dose of either the Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna shot for individuals age 50 and older and for immunocompromised individuals age 12 and older (Pfizer) or age 18 and older (Moderna). Employees who initially received the Pfizer-BioNTech vaccine can receive booster doses without an appointment weekdays at the UAB Injection Clinics; find more info on [UAB United](#).

Things to know



Discover services from Human Resources and others

Join UAB Human Resources for *Meet HR and Friends* 11 a.m.-1 p.m. April 22 on the Campus Green to meet reps from Human Resources and other departments and learn about their services, plus participate in giveaways and games to win prizes.



Volunteer during spring commencement ceremonies

Want to be a part of graduating Blazers' next step? Volunteer backstage at spring commencement. Email klong33@uab.edu with questions and sign up by April 25.

The EACC is here for you

The Employee Assistance and Counseling Center can help UAB employees navigate difficult times. Visit uab.edu/eacc to learn more about counseling options, including one-at-a-time therapy, virtual resiliency training through Code Blaze and more.

More news online

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

Research & learning



Nursing aims to diversify nurse anesthetist workforce

The School of Nursing has partnered with five other colleges and universities to form the Leadership Excel and Achievement Program, a pilot designed to optimize the diversity of the nurse anesthesia workforce through a one-year remote curriculum focused on increasing student proficiency and competitiveness.

Get a new take on the world

Students in a Department of English creative nonfiction class will take the mic to share clips of their best work from this semester in new genres such as memoir, the lyric essay, literary journalism and the travel essay during "A New Take on the World" 6 p.m. April 19 at AEIVA.

Callahan offering new gene therapy treatment for an inherited retinal disease

The eye hospital is one of the newest sites to offer Luxturna, which uses a non-disease-causing virus to deliver a normal copy of the RPE65 gene to cells in the retina, enabling them to make proteins that can improve and preserve vision.

Mark your calendars



Sign up to host a table at Blazer Beginnings fairs

UAB offices can meet new Blazers at the Student Services Fair and student organizations can introduce themselves at the Student Organizations Expo during summer and fall Blazer Beginnings new student orientations. Submit a request for a table by 11:59 p.m. May 2.

Grab groceries from the Mobile Market April 20

Get affordable produce and pantry staples from the Live HealthSmart Alabama Mobile Market 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. April 20 on 10th Street South between 16th and 17th streets. The market will return April 27.

Attend a tea party at the ArtPlay House

Bring kids to games in the garden, listen to live music and taste different types of teas during the ArtPlay Family Day Tea Party 1 p.m. April 30 at ArtPlay's Johnson House.

One more thing

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