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### Clinician tackles translation to help her patients

Aiming to help improve care and experiences for Arabic-speaking patients, Sumayah Abed, M.D., assistant professor of family and community medicine and family physician at UAB Medicine Hoover, spent hours of personal time translating medical education documents into Arabic, often emailing her father in Iraq to double-check her work. The documents now are available for all UAB physicians to utilize. ▶ [Hear her story in this YouTube video.](#)



### An infection prevention expert explains how to avoid COVID, flu — and the next pandemic

Mary Duncan, senior director of Infection Prevention for UAB Health System, breaks down the chain of transmission and how we all can lower our risk of getting sick.



### 2 UAB Arts orgs honored by Alabama Arts Alliance

ArtPlay earned the 2022 Making A Difference award for championing of arts education, and Arts in Medicine earned the 2022 Inclusion Award for its work to positively impact the lives of people living with disabilities.



### Otulanas give \$1 million to support underrepresented students

UAB alum Shegun Otulana delivered pizzas to make ends meet while on campus. Now, he and wife Mary, whom he met at UAB, have created an endowed scholarship to help international and underrepresented students with tuition costs.

### Things to know



### Faculty: FSSE closes May 15

The Faculty Survey of Student Engagement helps measure our expectations for student participation in educational practices that are linked empirically with high levels of learning and development. Check your UAB email for a link to your unique survey, sent on March 22. If you did not receive an email or have questions about FSSE, contact Lindsay Aycock, Ed.D., at [aycock@uab.edu](mailto:aycock@uab.edu).



### Help us host the UAB tent at The World Games

UAB units can submit proposals to host interactive programming at The World Games Plaza throughout the Games. Consider activities that engage participants intellectually, creatively, emotionally, socially or physically and make them want to learn more about UAB. Proposals are due May 13; selections will be made in late May.

### TIAA consultants are back on campus

UAB's voluntary retirement plan comes with a powerful perk — free personal investment support from TIAA financial consultants. Schedule an in-person or virtual meeting to review your retirement goals; sessions begin May 4.

### 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.

### Research & learning



### Travel sparks connection and imagination

Megan Brooker, Ph.D., teaching assistant professor in the Department of Sociology, will use her 2022 Faculty Development Grant award to develop an experiential learning course on the civil rights movement for the summer 2023 semester, which will include an interactive field tour experience visiting key sites in Alabama.



### Study shows greater increase in depression and anxiety in minorities during the pandemic

The mental health of many Americans worsened during the pandemic — but a study from the Department of Sociology's Mieke Beth Thomeer, Ph.D., and Myles Moody, Ph.D., found the increase in depression and anxiety was greatest within Black, Hispanic and Asian communities.

### Get funding for projects researching obesity and health disparities

The Obesity Health Disparities Research Center is awarding funding of up to \$50,000 for one year to pilot feasibility studies supporting new research initiatives in areas related to obesity and health disparities; letters of intent are due May 20. Find details [online](#).

### Do you research community health? You could get funding

The Center for the Study of Community Health is accepting applications for the 2022 Community Health Scholars Pilot Grant Program; letters of intent for project funding from \$5,000-\$35,000 are due May 16. Find details [online](#).

### Mark your calendars



### Celebrate Clinical Trials Day

Recognize those who make clinical trials possible, increase awareness of clinical research achievements, enjoy breakfast and participate in giveaways during a Clinical Trials Day celebration 7:30-9:30 a.m. May 20 in the Wallace Tumor Institute Lobby. RSVP [online](#).

### Learn life-saving tools at the Suicide Prevention Conference

Join Student Affairs and Graduate Resilience and Outreach to become empowered to intercede with someone experiencing a personal crisis and become QPR-certified during the free, virtual Suicide Prevention Conference May 17-18; sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. each day. Register [online](#).

### Learn to use BlazerPulse in virtual training

Training is open to faculty, staff or students who use or want to use the BlazerPulse platform as an asset for community-engagement activities. The virtual training is 9-10 a.m. May 20 and will be recorded for those unable to attend. Register [online](#); Blazer ID and password are required to log in. And don't forget to add BlazerPulse to the myResources section on MyUAB.

### Check the campus calendar for more events

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