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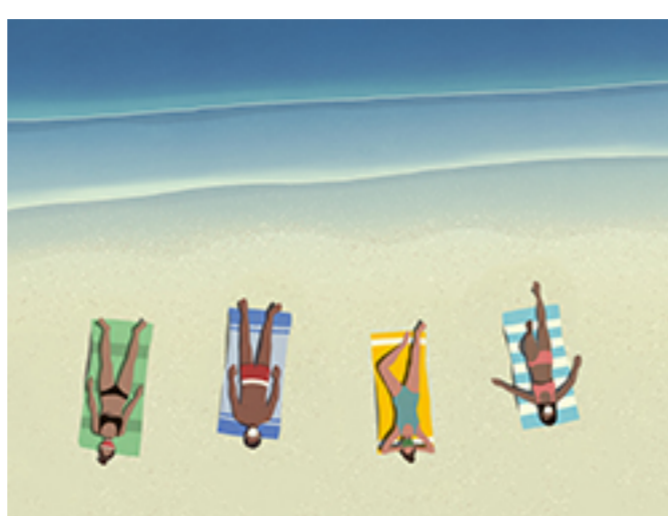
Agok Ayuen

Student and former refugee helps organize immersive event

June 25 • Homewood Central Park

From South Sudan to Rock Island, Illinois

There are more refugees worldwide today than at any point in recorded history — more than 100 million, according to UNHCR, the UN Refugee Agency — and the problem can seem both hopeless and abstract. But on June 25, UAB public health graduate student Agok Ayuen, who was born in a refugee camp in Kenya, will help the public get a glimpse of into life as a refugee during the World Refugee Day Simulation Event — and how they can help refugees in Alabama and beyond right now.



Answers to your burning questions about sun safety ☀️

With summer fun upon us, what kind of sunscreen should you use and how much? Get the guidance you need to protect your skin with these tips from Lauren Kole, M.D., assistant professor of dermatology.



A UAB expert's advice for navigating the baby formula shortage

Caused in part by recalls and supply chain issues, baby formula shortages are leaving store shelves bare. Carlie Stein Somerville, M.D., assistant professor in general internal medicine and pediatrics, shares advice for parents facing the supply deficit.



Get free access to Campus Rec every Thursday in June 🏊

Employees who visit the Campus Recreation Center at least two of the five Thursdays in June will receive an additional month of free access to the facility, and My Health Rewards participants can earn 100 points for making at least two visits. Register online and learn more at go.uab.edu/summerofwellness.

A refresher on COVID-19 protocols and policies

UAB continues to monitor the pandemic and make data-driven recommendations to guide UAB COVID-19 safety protocols. Here are a few things to remember:

Need a booster shot or vaccination?

You still can make an appointment for a free COVID-19 vaccine. Anyone 5 and older can get their first booster shot. Second boosters are available for adults 50 and older and anyone 12 and older who is moderately or severely immunocompromised, per the CDC. Just walk in Monday-Friday to one of the UAB Injection Clinics at the Kirklint Clinic.

Need a COVID test?

Free COVID testing is available on campus for symptomatic employees and students. You also can order eight free rapid antigen tests from covid.gov to have at home as needed.

→ *Don't forget: If you test positive for COVID, including with an at-home test, you should notify Employee Health or Student Health Services online — they'll give you guidance on how to move forward. And if you are experiencing symptoms and/or have been tested for COVID outside UAB, don't come to work until you are cleared by Employee Health or Student Health Services.*

What are the rules for quarantine and isolation?

Vaccinated university employees and students who are asymptomatic do not have to quarantine for five days after a close contact, while unvaccinated persons need to quarantine for five days after a close contact with someone who tests positive. Health care workers may be directed differently by Employee Health.

What are UAB's current mask policies?

UAB plans to maintain our mask-optional policy in non-clinical university facilities; UAB Medicine employees should continue to follow UAB Medicine-specific guidance.

→ *Remember: Individuals can make decisions based on their personal risk factors and comfort levels, and there are many good reasons people may choose to wear a mask. Be sure to respect the decisions others make and be considerate of others in keeping with our Shared Values.*

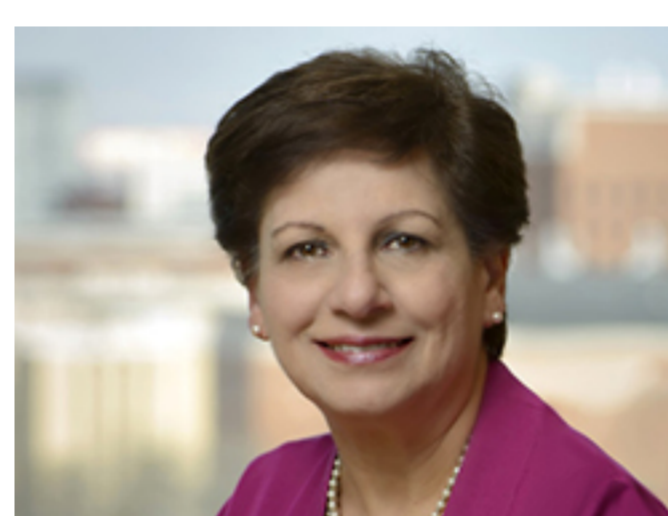
Please continue to read official UAB communications to stay up-to-date on any changes.

Blazer achievements 🏆



Neuroscience alum is UAB's first-ever Knight-Hennessy Scholar

Shreya Malhotra, who graduated from UAB in 2020 with a bachelor's in neuroscience and master's in public health, is among the fifth cohort of Stanford University's Knight-Hennessy Scholars, the world's largest fully endowed graduate fellowship.



Fouad honored for impact on humanism in health care

Mona Fouad, M.D., director of the UAB Minority Health & Health Disparities Research Center and senior associate dean for Diversity and Inclusion in the Heersink School of Medicine, received the Vilcek-Gold Award for Humanism in Healthcare from the Arnold P. Gold Foundation and The Vilcek Foundation.



Lemak earns award for health care management education

Christy Harris Lemak, Ph.D., professor of health services administration, earned the 2022 Gary L. Fierman Prize for Educational Leadership from the Association of University Programs in Health Administration for her leadership in and work to enrich the field.



Kennedy honored for commitment to mentorship

Richard Kennedy, Ph.D., associate professor in the division of Gerontology, Geriatrics and Palliative Care, is the recipient of a 2022 Mentor Award from the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship of Alabama, which is dedicated to training future health professionals to serve vulnerable populations in Alabama.

📄 These award nominations close June 30:

- Nomination packets for the Distinguished Faculty Lecturer Award are due to Samil Baker at samil@uab.edu by June 30; nominate someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the academic health center or advanced the frontiers of science or health. See details [online](#).
- Do you know a young UAB alum who excels personally and professionally while serving UAB and their local community? Nominate them for a Young Alumni Rising Star Award by June 30.

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



Stress and the microbiome in minority students 📖

Christine Loyd, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Clinical and Diagnostic Sciences, will use her 2022 Faculty Development Grant award to continue studying cortisol levels and their relationship to microbial species in the gut in white and underrepresented minority undergraduates.

Learn about pandemic health reform in the U.S.

John E. McDonough, DrPH, a professor in the Department of Health Policy and Management, Harvard University, will discuss changes in health policy in the U.S. since 2020 and potential upcoming changes during a seminar 12:30 p.m. June 14 in Ryals 407 and on Zoom. Register [online](#); this lecture is sponsored by the Lister Hill Center for Health Policy and the School of Public Health.

Discover Canvas Quizzes June 15

Learn to access the new Canvas Quiz engine and build and publish a quiz during a virtual workshop 11 a.m. June 15.

📌 Get involved on campus:

- Full-time faculty and staff on the UAB academic campus can become student organization advisers; indicate interest using [this form](#) by June 10. Contact Alex Bushery at abushery@uab.edu.
- Apply to be an interprofessional leadership fellow to learn innovative teaching methods and develop and implement an interprofessional education project; see requirements [online](#).

Check the campus calendar for more events

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