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**Commitment to campus security continues to pay dividends**

The most recent data available from the U.S. Department of Education Campus Safety and Security shows UAB compares favorably to urban and non-urban universities, including California San Diego, Colorado, Minnesota, Kentucky, Illinois-Chicago, Duke, Emory, Rice and Vanderbilt. The perception of safety on our urban campus also continues to improve, according to the annual citizen survey conducted by UAB Police as part of its national accreditation by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.



**4 tips to keep your kids from getting the summer blues** ♥

Dayna Watson, Ph.D., assistant professor in the School of Education, shares four ways to protect your children's mental health during summer break.



**How this UAB physician navigated her breast cancer journey**

Jennifer Hanna, M.D., assistant professor in the Division of General Internal Medicine, who was diagnosed in 2019, shares her road to recovery — culminating in qualifying for the Half Ironman World Championships.



**University to close June 20 for Juneteenth, 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; to request a Safety Escort ride, call 4-8772. Employees who park in Express lots can utilize the Sixth Avenue Parking Deck.

**UAB maintains mask-optional policy in non-clinical university buildings**

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention COVID Data Tracker, Jefferson County is now in the yellow category (medium community level). UAB public health and infectious disease experts continue to support the university's mask-optional policy in non-clinical buildings due to several factors, including low hospitalization numbers, the UAB community's high vaccination rate compared to the community at large, and the wide availability and effectiveness of COVID vaccines and treatments. Read more from Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., director of the UAB Division of Infectious Diseases, and Suzanne Judd, Ph.D., professor of epidemiology.

**Action items**

- TODAY: Attend the Faculty Senate meeting at 7:30 a.m.; see an agenda online
- Complete "Understanding Your UAB Fiscal Responsibility" training by June 30
- Deadline extended: Apply to be an interprofessional leadership fellow by July 1

**More news online**

UAB eReporter will not publish June 21 because of the university holiday; it will resume June 24. 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**



**Healthcare Quality and Safety program among first in CAHME Accreditation**

The UAB Department of Health Services Administration's graduate program in Healthcare Quality and Safety has received accreditation from the Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management in Education, making it one of the first two programs of its kind to achieve the milestone.

**Puga awarded grant to research mental health in older adults with chronic illness**

Frank Puga, Ph.D., assistant professor of nursing, received a five-year, \$3.14 million grant from the National Institute of Health Institute on Aging to continue his research into the mental health of older adults with chronic illness and their families through studying the experiences of Hispanic and Latinx caregivers of individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias.

**Jones named AVP for Campus and Community Engagement**

Christopher Jones, Ph.D., is the new assistant vice president for Campus and Community Engagement in the Office of the Vice President for Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; previously serving as the director of Student Multicultural and Diversity Programs in Student Affairs, he joined ODEI June 1.

**Mark your calendars**



**AEIVA's Alabama Triennial Exhibition to feature Alabama artists exclusively**

The new exhibition, which will showcase works by artists who were either born or are currently living in Alabama, will be on display in AEIVA June 10-Aug. 12.



**Who's coming to UAB's Aly Stephens Center next season?**

The 2022 season will feature rock, classical and world music, jazz legends, fun all-ages family shows, and much more. Watch for more updates to the lineup. 🎸

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