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Shaping the future of cancer care

The O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center at UAB, the only National Cancer Institute-designated comprehensive cancer center in Alabama and in a four-state region, celebrates its 50th anniversary this summer. 🎉 And there's more to come: The NCI recently awarded O'Neal \$27.5 million to support cancer research through 2026.

📺 Watch this mini documentary to learn more about O'Neal's last 50 years



These tips can help you stay safe in the summer heat ☀️

Heat illness can be a dangerous, even fatal, condition, says Marie-Carmelle Elie, M.D., chair of the Department of Emergency Medicine. Learn the signs and symptoms of heat stroke and heat exhaustion and how you can be prepared and stay safe.



How UAB is helping a Ghanaian university get vet supplies

UAB alum and Tuskegee University Professor David McKenzie, DVM, Ph.D., requested the supplies to support his work as a Fulbright Scholar at Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, where supply chain issues have affected access to items like suture materials for animal surgeries.



UAB will officially join American Athletic Conference July 1, 2023

UAB is one of six schools transitioning to the AAC, which will become a 14-team league. The conference move represents UAB Athletics' unprecedented momentum: "We've worked hard to make great progress that put us in this position, and we don't intend to slow down," Director of Athletics Mark Ingram said.

Campus preparations begin for The World Games 🎮

The City of Birmingham is beginning preparations for The World Games, scheduled July 7-17, including the pre-positioning of concrete barricades in various locations on campus. Road closures and other impacts to campus facilities are not yet underway; for a more comprehensive list of campus impacts during TWG, visit uab.edu/worldgames.

Action items

- Submit nominations for Distinguished Faculty Lecturer by June 30
- Apply to be a Faculty Fellow in Education Abroad by July 15
- Explore 5 alternatives to parking along 5th Avenue South as the BRT is built
- Apply to support second-year students through the Navigator program by Sept. 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 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



Cut your risk of stroke by 40% just by walking your dog 🐕

A new national study published in JAMA Network Online, which used data from UAB's REGARDS study and featured contributions from Virginia Howard, Ph.D., Distinguished Professor of epidemiology, showed completing at least 150 minutes of moderate to vigorous aerobic exercise a week can reduce the risk of stroke, especially in older adults — and those minutes can include vacuuming, mopping, walking a pet or playing catch.



Theatre UAB finds new synergy with Red Mountain Theatre

Nearly all of Red Mountain Theatre's performances boast a UAB grad. Now, the new 60,000-square-foot RMT Arts Campus, located just four blocks from the UAB campus, will further enable Theatre UAB students to learn, connect and work while giving faculty and staff opportunities to practice their craft in their own backyard.

Add the Summer Expo to your calendars 💡

The UAB Summer Undergraduate Research Expo will celebrate excellence in research, creative activity and scholarship by showcasing the academic endeavors of undergraduate students July 25-29 at the Alumni House and virtually; registration is required to attend online.

Hear a panel of UAB and local experts discuss racism as a public health crisis

UAB experts in sociology, family medicine, education and public health will talk with representatives from Jefferson Country Children's Cooperative and the Alabama NAACP about ways to partner together to build solutions during a virtual seminar 2 p.m. June 23.

Apply for funding for research on improving women's reproductive health

The Center for Women's Reproductive Health will fund up to \$30,000 for pilot studies conducting interdisciplinary research aimed at improving reproductive health in women. Applications are due July 1; find details [online](#).

Mark your calendars



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](http://go.uab.edu/summerofwellness) and learn more at go.uab.edu/summerofwellness.

Relax during Yoga on the Green June 21

Bring friends and a yoga mat for an evening of happiness, balance, relaxation and fresh air during Yoga on the Green 6-7 p.m. June 21 on the Campus Green. 🧘

Dining services to relocate to WOW during World Games

Normal operations in the Dining Commons will be temporarily relocated to WOW American Café at 1000 14th St. S. June 27-July 22 to accommodate temporary campus changes during The World Games. All-you-care-to-eat dining will remain available; read more [online](#).

Check the campus calendar for more events

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