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Wellscreens are back — register for yours today 🏥

The annual initiative from UAB Employee Wellness provides a free, 15-minute health screening to all benefit-eligible UAB, UAB Hospital, UAB LLC, UAB Health System/UA Health Services Foundation and Cooper Green employees. Screening dates are Aug. 1- Dec. 14 in nine university and hospital locations across campus; [register now](#).



With move to Missouri-St. Louis, Elder to become first Black woman in U.S. to lead an optometry school

Keshia S. Elder, D.O., associate professor of optometry and three-time UAB grad, will become the dean of the University of Missouri-St. Louis' College of Optometry Sept. 1.



UAB Football single-game tickets now on sale

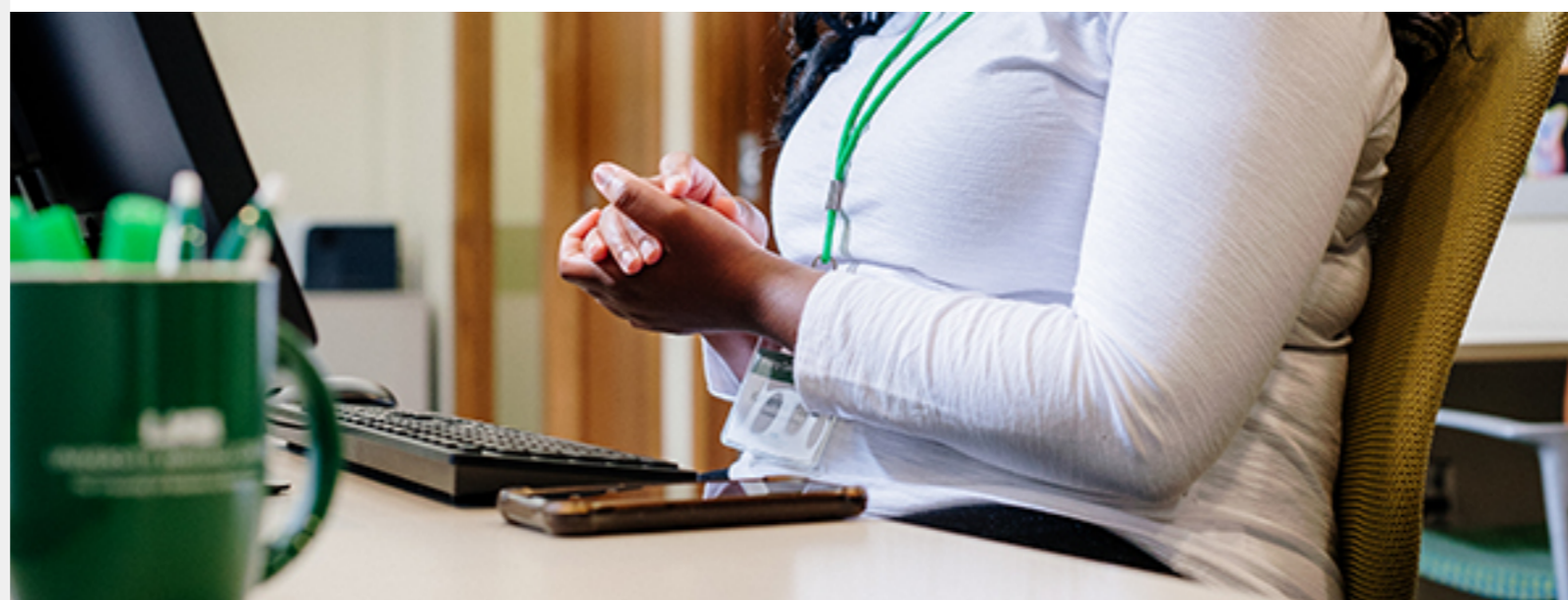
UAB Football single-game and away game tickets are available for the 2022 season. [Purchase tickets now](#) to secure the best seats — fans can catch the Blazers at Protective Stadium six times this season, and [single-game tickets](#) start as low as \$20 per game. 🍷 🍔



World Languages and Literatures celebrates 50 years with name change, cookbook

To commemorate five decades of language education at UAB, the Department of World Languages and Literatures — previously Foreign Languages and Literatures — will publish a cookbook packed with 70 recipes contributed by department faculty and their loved ones.

Research & learning



3 upcoming professional development opportunities:

- Feeling overwhelmed? Learn project management skills in this seminar featuring three UAB experts — Aug. 5, 10-11:30 a.m., School of Nursing Building 1054
- Learn to build an individual development plan to identify career goals and personal development, plus improve current job performance — Aug. 10, 9:30-10:30 a.m., virtual
- Take the DISC short-form assessment to better understand behavioral style and communication preferences — Aug. 10, 1-3:30 p.m., Medical Towers 419A

Zhang receives \$1.85 million NIH R35 award

Jun Zhang, Ph.D., assistant professor in the Department of Chemistry, has been awarded a five-year, \$1.85 grant to continue his work studying the mechanisms behind aberrant RNA splicing, which contributes to a number of human diseases.

31 Mark your calendars



New performances announced for Alys Stephens Center 2022-2023 season

Artists Geena Davis, John Paul White with the Alabama Symphony Orchestra, Smokey Robinson and Sheila E. will perform this season at UAB's Alys Stephens Center; [tickets](#) are on sale now for all shows.



Summer fun: Legacy Family Day 2022 is Aug. 14 🍌

Join the National Alumni Society for Legacy Family Day 3-5 p.m. Aug. 14 on the Campus Green — there will be photo ops with Blaze, water slides, face-painting, snacks and more. Tickets are \$5 and must be purchased in advance; [buy them online](#).

More news online

Get campus news at uab.edu/reporter and COVID-19 updates at uab.edu/uabunited. Check the [Campus Calendar](#) for more events on campus, and submit your own. If you have news you want to share, use the [Request Publicity form](#) online.

One more thing



A full-circle gift 💖

Thanks to scholarships, Willie and Cynthia Ballard's children were able to attend college — their two oldest sons graduated from UAB. Now, the new \$50,000 Willie and Cynthia Ballard Endowed Scholarship in Engineering represents contributions from the entire family and will be used to support underrepresented students.

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