Commencement to be held at Legion Field this weekend
Some 1,951 graduates are expected to participate in the Commencement ceremony this weekend, with 1,576 of those expected to walk in the ceremony for the first time since 2019. The ceremony will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 1, and undergraduate ceremonies will be held on Friday, April 30, at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Volunteerism, mentorship, research shaped biology grad
A bilingual speaker of Japanese, Leanna Miku Crafford volunteered with a nonprofit health care clinic, did research in microbiology and led the Japanese Culture Club while at UAB. She will graduate May 1 with honors magna cum laude with a bachelor’s in biology.

Art student drew inspiration from hearing loss, peers and mentors
Caroline Myers, who graduates this weekend with honors, says she paints the human figure with the purpose of better understanding the people around her. See her show “Disrupted Reality” at AEIVA.

FROM THE EXPERTS: Tips for a safe commencement
You can celebrate commencement safely by hosting outdoor, masked parties — and getting vaccinated adds an extra layer of protection against COVID-19, says Ellen Eaton, M.D.: “Remember those things that have kept us all safe, and get your vaccine when it’s offered to you.”

Remote partnership improves care, cultural understanding amid COVID-19 pandemic
With international travel on pause, a virtual internship enables students to be a part of change here and abroad and help develop better outcomes for adolescents in Nicaragua.

Remember Blazers who have passed during virtual memorial
Join the fourth annual Remembering Our Blazers memorial noon May 6, which will honor the lives of the active students and employees who have passed away during the past two years. The event will be live-streamed on the UAB Student Affairs Facebook and YouTube pages.

Mandatory Healthcheck to end for many
Faculty, staff and students who are not health care personnel and do not work in or visit UAB clinical buildings or settings will no longer be required to complete Healthcheck effective May 10. All others are required to complete the daily Healthcheck and should look for communications with context and guidance from their respective schools or units.

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