

“What I have learned, first of all, is loving somebody, loving humanity—that is the basis of my heart and whatever else I do.”

—IRAJI SOUDI, DMD, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF MAXILLOFACIAL PROSTHODONTICS



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“A monumental day for the UAB Department of Athletics”

UAB officially joined the American Athletic Conference on July 1, along with five other schools: Charlotte, Florida Atlantic, North Texas, Rice and UTSA. The AAC is now a 14-team league. UAB was a member of Conference USA for 28 years; the AAC move will rekindle old rivalries with Memphis, Tulane, East Carolina, USF and more.

Watch: Birmingham mayor Randall Woodfin narrates this video celebrating the UAB to AAC move.

See Birmingham landmarks bathed in green to celebrate the conference transition.



UAB medical student steps up in time of crisis

Third-year Heersink School of Medicine student Will Byrd rushed to aid a fellow Salt Lake City International Airport visitor after the man was severely injured following a parking lot car crash.



Students raise more than \$1 million for O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center

Vestavia Hills High School students raised \$230,023 for the O'Neal Comprehensive Cancer Center, a sum that caps five years of Vestavia Hills student fundraising totaling \$1,044,966 to benefit UAB's Adolescent and Young Adult Oncology and Oncofertility Program.

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Things to know



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Start your path to a business graduate degree in July

Application fees are waived this month for all domestic (in-state and out-of-state) applicants to graduate programs at the Collat School of Business, including accounting, MBA, MIS and MBA dual degrees. [Details online.](#)

Download Rave Guardian and never walk alone again

Set a timer as you travel to your destination and pick a virtual guardian who will see your trip. Upon arrival, dismiss the timer to let your contact know you've made it safely. Rave Guardian also turns your smartphone into a personal GPS-enabled panic button connected to UAB Police and allows users to send eyewitness tips of unusual activity.

Research & learning



Grad student Jimmy Pham wants to break down health care barriers through biotechnology

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From punches to pitches, Pham looks for maximum impact

A childhood illness, a year spent working for the UFC and an on-campus internship are all fueling a grad student's drive to break down health care barriers through biotechnology.



Apply to join the Magic City Data Collective

MCDC is a public-private partnership that brings together students, researchers and data experts in project teams to provide the information that Birmingham leaders need to move the Magic City forward, creating a pipeline of students who are uniquely qualified for and excited about jobs in the data industry. Applications for the 2023-24 program are open; apply by Aug. 21.

5th Annual IP Symposium: Elevating the Patient Experience Through Interprofessional Collaboration

Learn how interprofessional team collaboration improves the patient experience and connect interprofessional education and practice at UAB and beyond.

- 📅 July 28
- 📍 Nursing 1054
- 🎟 Buy tickets online (\$10 for students)

Mark your calendars



SPARK Writing Festival: Put Your Words in the World

Have you ever felt a stirring inside of you like you have words to share? Hone your skills at the SPARK Writing Festival; both free and ticketed workshops are available.

- 📅 July 31-Aug. 4
- 📍 University Hall & virtual
- 📄 [Details online](#)



'She Drank Gold' — see the works of Vadis Turner at AEIVA

Turner's new work references the misguided tradition of drinking gold to stay youthful and stories of mythological, historical and literary female outcasts.

- 📅 June 9-Aug. 12
- 📍 AEIVA
- 📄 [Details online](#)

Homelessness in Birmingham
Guests will discuss the current state of homelessness in Birmingham, local efforts to reduce the rate of people living without shelter and organizations offering ongoing support in real time.

- 📅 noon July 17
- 📍 virtual
- 📄 [Register online](#)

Nutrition, Fueling & Hydration
Marissa Bello, Ph.D., visiting instructor in the School of Education, will discuss macronutrients, fueling for training and competition, hydration drinks and more.

- 📅 noon July 18
- 📍 virtual
- 📄 [Register online](#)

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