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Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., director of UAB's Division of Infectious Diseases, has been selected to succeed Anthony Fauci, M.D., as NIAID director this fall. [Read more.](#)



New Collat dean finds purpose in education's mission

Christopher Shook, Ph.D., who became the seventh dean of the Collat School of Business last month, explains his research, his journey to education from a rural Colorado childhood, and his focus on making a difference for students.



Department of Biology excited about life in a new location

"Now we'll be able to do more teaching through research, which is one of the big bragging points of the building," said Department of Biology chair Karolina Mukhtar, Ph.D.



Computer Science receives largest grant to date

A \$4.6 million grant from the National Science Foundation will support an integrated curriculum for training master's students in both cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.

More news online

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Things to know



Summer commencement ceremonies are Aug. 11 🎓

Nearly 1,500 students will walk in the ceremonies on Friday. The graduate ceremony is at 10 a.m., and the undergraduate ceremony is 3 p.m., both in Bartow Arena. The mace will be carried in both ceremonies by Joe L. March, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Chemistry.



New site gives UAB students an edge in anatomy studies

The Virtual Anatomy Lab, created by a faculty member and a graduate student who is about to begin medical school, brings together a wealth of resources and study tools, from textbooks to podcasts.



Help parenting students with Little Blazer Wishes

Since 2018, this Student Affairs program has helped 400+ parenting students give presents to their families during the holiday season. With a 15% increase in requests for assistance last year, Little Blazer Wishes is opening fundraising early in 2023. Through Sept. 1, you can help them reach their \$2,000 goal.

Blazer achievements



Three vision science students awarded Ezell Fellowships

Ellen Antwi-Adjiei, OD, Mahmoud KhalafAllah, MD, MSc and Yvonne Adu-Agyeiwaah, OD, have received prestigious Ezell Fellowships from the American Academy of Optometry Foundation.



PRCA/PRSSA at UAB receives third consecutive Star Chapter of the Year Award

Only 39 schools in the United States received this recognition, which is awarded after a substantive review of each public relations program, curriculum and contribution to the community.

Research & learning



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](#).

Do you want to tackle big problems with genomics?

The Center for Genomic Medicine is accepting applications from postdoctoral trainees from various disciplines for a two-year period of research and education. The UAB-HudsonAlpha Genomic Medicine PostDoctoral Training Program provides mentorship and clinical research training that enables trainees to solve problems in prevention, diagnosis and treatment of human disease. [Learn more and apply online.](#)

Mark your calendars



Save 50 percent at UAB Eye Care Trunk Show

Shop the latest styles in eyeglasses and sunglasses at UAB Eye Care, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Aug. 16. Featured brands include Ray-Ban, Gucci, YSL and more. During the trunk show, receive 50 percent off frames and lenses on participating brands when not using insurance.

🔗 [Check out other student benefits offered by UAB Eye Care.](#)



Blazer Soccer season is here

Catch home exhibition games from the men's team Aug. 12 & 18 and the women's team Aug. 17. Then cheer on the Blazers as UAB Women's Soccer takes on Alabama Aug. 20. Students receive free admission to all home games.

📍 [PNC Field](#)
📅 [Schedule online](#)



Celebrate the ribbon-cutting for South, East Science halls

Classes will begin this fall in the new \$76 million, 138,842-square-foot sections of the Science and Engineering Complex. Can't wait? Get a [sneak peek](#) inside the new buildings.

🕒 9 a.m. Aug. 17
📍 [Sterne plaza](#)
📅 [Details online](#)

Connect Fest
Enjoy food and music while interacting with up to 100 student organizations that will be tabling to share involvement opportunities.

🕒 4-7 p.m. Aug. 20
📍 [Campus Green](#)
📅 [Details online](#)

Campus Dining Kickoff
Get your appetites ready for a food fest challenge incorporating the flavors of all 14 on-campus dining locations.

🕒 11 a.m. Aug. 24
📍 [Commons courtyard](#)
📅 [Details online](#)

Blazer Splash
This UAB tradition gets bigger every year as thousands of water balloons explode into participants.

🕒 5 p.m. Sept. 7
📍 [Campus Green](#)
📅 [Details online](#)

One more thing



See campus from a new perspective

In this installment of Humans of UAB, watch as UAB's official drone videographer shares video from his flights and a glamor shot of his amazing flying machine.

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