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'Blessed and grateful': Longstanding UAB shop administrator reflects on life, career

Jerry Sewell, a shop administrator in the Department of Physics, was recognized for his 59 years of employment and dedication to the university during halftime of UAB Men's Basketball vs. FIU Feb. 4 in Bartow Arena. "I've been here since some of the people the current buildings are named after were here," Sewell said.



Weaver is Distinguished Faculty Lecturer

Discoveries led by Casey Weaver, M.D., revealed a new casemanager of the immune system and a new class of therapies for autoimmune diseases. In 2022, Weaver was elected to the National Academy of Sciences — now, he has been selected for the academic medical center's highest faculty honor.



Shared Values award recipient shares how to get the most from UAB

Jamiye Hester, administrative projects specialist in the CCTS, is the 2022 President's Award for Excellence in Shared Values recipient. We asked this longtime Blazer for her advice on what every employee should know about UAB.

★ *Nominate an employee whose work has exemplified and embodied one of UAB's shared values — integrity, stewardship, collaboration, accountability, respect, excellence and achievement, and diversity and inclusiveness. Submissions for first-quarter 2023 nominees are due Feb. 28.*



Art students explore curative plants and botanical research in the South

Common plants often seen in our own backyards were historically found in a medicine chest. Art students are exploring those curative plants, plus book and paper art, scientific and medical illustration, and early photographic processes this semester; their research will culminate in an exhibition.

More news online

Get campus news at uab.edu/reporter and uab.edu/news 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.

Things to know



Attend the new Student Organization Facility groundbreaking

The 12,800-square-foot facility will be the new home base operated by Student Affairs for UAB's registered student organizations.

🕒 9 a.m. Feb. 23
📍 1330 11th Ave. S.
📄 [Details online](#)

Staff Council to meet Feb. 22

Hear updates from Mary Wallace, Ph.D., assistant vice president for Student Experience, Lisa Higginbotham, manager of the UAB Benevolent Fund, and Brian Atkinson, executive director of UAB Transportation.

🕒 8:30 a.m. Feb. 22
📍 HSC Alumni Theater
📄 [Details online](#)

Blazer achievements



4 high-tech health devices being tested at UAB now

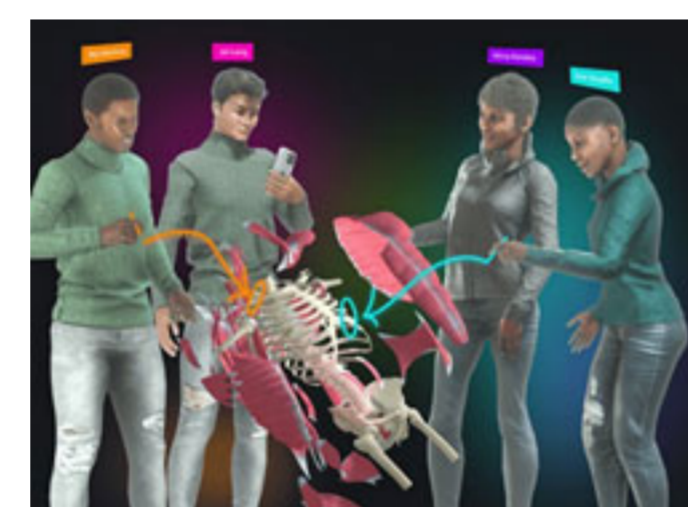
Take a look at new technologies being studied at UAB for treatment of depression, sleep apnea, traumatic brain injury and tic disorders.



Haque awarded 2023 Donald C. Stone Service Award

Akhlaque Haque, Ph.D., professor in the Department of Political Science and Public Administration, was selected for his contributions to the American Society for Public Administration.

Research & learning



Innovation Institute hosts country's first metahealth symposium Feb. 28

The event will explore a future of health care that "is going to be anchored in the metaverse," and be the first such symposium to be held both live and in the metaverse itself, according to Rubin Pillay, M.D., Ph.D., executive director of the Marnix E. Heersink Institute for Biomedical Innovation.



Discover academic technologies available at UAB

During the Faculty Academic Technology Fair, each weekday will feature two technology vendors sharing Zoom sessions about their products; some sessions will include testimonials from faculty.

🕒 Feb. 28-March 7
📍 virtual
📄 [Register online](#)

More professional development opportunities:

Providing Effective Feedback to your Online Students

Learn to utilize a variety of tools for communicating and engaging with students.

🕒 11 a.m. Feb. 24
📍 virtual
📄 [Register online](#)

Intentional Messaging

Learn to avoid lost productivity and key factors worth considering before hitting send on important messages.

🕒 9:30 a.m. Feb. 28
📍 virtual
📄 [Register online](#)



Explore gender through the eyes of a primatologist

Frans B. M. de Waal, Ph.D., will explore how a distinction between cultural gender and biological sex is useful to draw attention to the eternal interplay between nature and nurture.

🕒 5 p.m. March 2
📍 HSC Alumni Theatre
📄 [Details online](#)

Start with Health Equity: Eliminating Disproportionality in Maternal Health and in Blood Pressure Control

Eduardo Sanchez, M.D., chief medical officer for Prevention, American Heart Association, is the guest speaker.

🕒 12:30 p.m. Feb. 24
📍 virtual
📄 [Register online](#)

Aging and the Social Brain

Brea Perry, Ph.D., Indiana University, will discuss the role of social networks in Alzheimer's disease.

🕒 11 a.m. Feb. 27
📍 Heritage 106
📄 [Details online](#)

Paying for the Past: Understanding Why Governments Pay Reparations

Claire Greenstein, Ph.D., will share 14 months of data from her international fieldwork to explain why governments implement reparations programs and why reparations are increasingly relevant and widespread.

🕒 11:45 a.m. March 3
📍 Sterne 174
📄 [Register online](#)

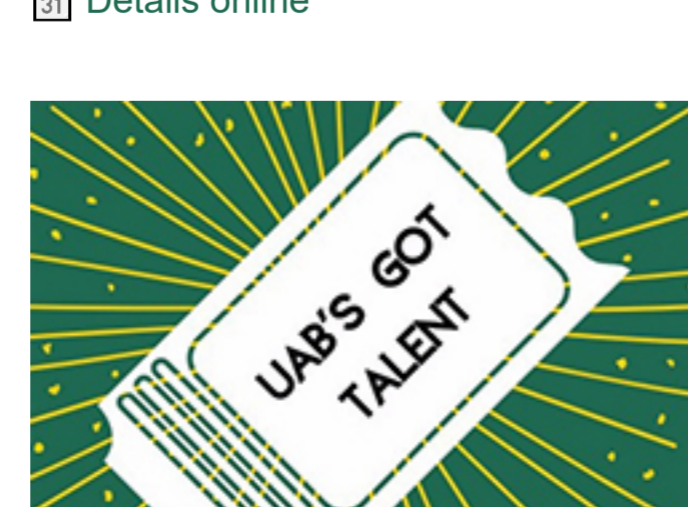
Mark your calendars



Colon on the Corner (with coffee!) is coming March 2

Stop by the Kirklin Clinic to visit the 16-foot inflatable colon and free Dunkin' coffee bar to celebrate Colon on the Corner and learn about the importance of colorectal cancer screenings.

🕒 7-9 a.m. March 2
📍 The Kirklin Clinic
📄 [Details online](#)



Watch Blazers win scholarship money during UAB's Got Talent

See UAB students showcase their unique skills for scholarship money during UAB's Got Talent, hosted by Blazer Production Assistants and Blazer Spirit Council.

🕒 6:30 p.m. March 2
📍 ASC Sirote Theatre
📄 [Details online](#)

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead

Acclaimed as a post-modern dramatic masterpiece, the play is the inventive tale of Hamlet as told from two minor characters in Shakespeare's play.

🕒 Feb. 22-26
📍 ASC Sirote Theatre
📄 [Details online](#)

Wind Symphony and Symphony Band Concert

Hear a diverse free program of traditional wind band masterworks and contemporary settings.

🕒 7 p.m. Feb. 26
📍 ASC Jemison Concert Hall
📄 [Details online](#)

Department of Music Faculty Recital

Emily Jaworski Koriath will perform a free program of 21st-century works for mezzo-soprano with fellow UAB faculty and members of the Alabama Symphony Orchestra.

🕒 7 p.m. Feb. 24
📍 ASC Reynolds-Kirshbaum Concert Hall
📄 [Details online](#)

Get active with URec intramurals:

- Pickleball — March 6-April 20; register by March 2
- Indoor soccer — March 6-April 20; register by March 2
- Softball — March 6-April 20; register by March 2
- Indoor volleyball — March 6-April 20; register by March 2

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