

December 6, 2023



Get ready to celebrate Fall Commencement 🎓

Graduate (10 a.m.) and undergraduate (3 p.m.) ceremonies will be held Friday at Bartow Arena. (Find livestream information and other details here.) See related road closures on this map.



Hill Student Center to get new dining option

Chick-fil-A will be coming to the Hill Student Center in 2024. Check out this photo gallery and video of the announcement from Campus Dining.



Make your holiday green and gold with this UAB gift guide

Looking for holiday activities and spirited gear? Find something fun to suit everyone in the 2023 UAB gift guide, from a UAB tree ornament to arts class gift certificates, tickets to performances, and more.



Get crafty with this cute Blaze cross stitch

Looking for a fun holiday project that could be the perfect gift for the UAB fan in your life (including yourself)? This adorable, simple project is a creative and calming way to fill downtime this season.

More news online

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



UAB Libraries expands service to all Alabama residents

With an Alabama driver's license or other proof of residency, anyone can now receive a courtesy card to check out printed materials from Mervyn Sterne Library and Lister Hill Library of the Health Sciences. Read more online.

Donate to the UAB Career Closet 🧥👔👖👟

The UAB Career Center is hosting a clothing drive for clean and gently-used professional attire through December 13. Accepted items include suits, shirts/blouses, slacks, skirts, solid-color ties and professional shoes (closed toe). Donations may be brought the the Hill Student Center Guest Services desk.

Innovate Fellows applications open now

The Harbert Institute for Innovation and Entrepreneurship is accepting applications for the spring 2024 cohort of its paid Innovate Fellows program. These are graduate students and postdoctoral fellows who help the Harbert Institute team manage the newest inventions on campus while also exploring careers within technology transfer. Deadline to apply is Jan. 5, 2024. 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.

Blazer achievements



Veteran and father overcomes odds to earn accounting degree

As accounting major Demarcus Davis prepares to don the cap and gown, his graduation is not just an academic accomplishment; it is a testament to the indomitable human spirit and the promise of new beginnings.



Psychology student travels the world while earning his degree

Tyler Fowler's commute to work is a bit longer than most. He and his partner live in Fairhope, Alabama, but as a flight attendant for an airline, he has to travel to Dallas Fort Worth International Airport to jump-start his workday.

Research & learning



20th Annual Thomas E. Andreoli Endowed Lecture

Terry Watnick, M.D., Professor in the Division of Nephrology at the University of Maryland School of Medicine, will present The "Cysterhood."

🕒 noon today
📍 West Pavilion, Board Room and virtual
📅 Register online



CEI Perspectives: Community Violence Awareness

This panel discussion, moderated by UAB professor of criminal justice Jeffery Walker, PhD, will examine gun violence as it relates to public health.

🕒 10 a.m. Dec. 7
📍 virtual
📅 Register online

Mark your calendars



S.A.D. Movie Night

A discussion on Seasonal Affective Disorder will precede a double feature with the movies "Inside Out" and "Barbie."

🕒 4 p.m. today
📍 Hill Student Center, Alumni Theater
📅 Details online



“We’re gonna have the hap-hap-happiest Christmas!”

What makes "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation" the quintessential Christmas movie? Gareth Jones, Ph.D., will explain.

🕒 7 p.m. Dec. 7
📍 virtual
📅 Register online

Menorah Lighting Ceremony
Celebrate the beginning of Hanukkah with this annual event on the steps of the Wallace Tumor Institute.

🕒 noon Dec. 7
📍 Wallace Tumor Institute
📅 Details online

Student Taxes 101 and 1098-T Form
Get advice on how to prepare your 2023 tax return in this free student-centered workshop.

🕒 1 p.m. Dec. 7
📍 virtual
📅 Register online

Honor Band Festival Performance
More than 400 students from around the state will perform in this free concert.

🕒 3 p.m. Dec. 9
📍 ASC, Jemison Concert Hall
📅 Details online

One more thing



Come out to Bartow during the break to cheer on the Blazers 🏀

Several Blazer Basketball home games from both the men's and women's teams will take place over the holiday break, including UAB's first conference game at Bartow Arena as a member of the American Athletic Conference. Check the schedule online.