



August 13, 2021

FALL SEMESTER

FACULTY & STAFF TOWN HALL

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021 | 10:00-11:00 A.M.

Limited In-Person Attendance
University Hall Auditorium

Virtual Attendance
Link will be provided

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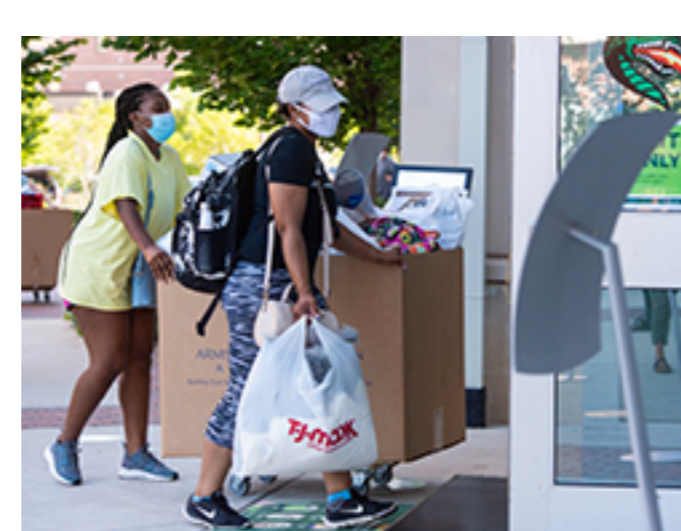
Town hall for employees is Aug. 17

Hear about UAB's vaccination efforts, operational plans and more from speakers including President Ray Watts, Provost Pam Benoit, Chief Human Resources Officer Alesia Jones and others 10-11 a.m. Aug. 17. Register, submit questions ahead of time and see a full list of presenters online.



Review updated COVID-19 event policies

UAB has updated its guidelines for registration, capacity, masking, signage, health screenings, food and beverage policies and other safety requirements for on- and off-campus university events. See uab.edu/uabunited for additional COVID-19 safety guidelines on campus.



Change your commute route Aug. 18-22 for student move-in

As students begin arriving on campus for the fall semester, UAB Transportation recommends traveling an alternate route to work during times when the highest number of students will be moving in to on-campus housing. This map will help you plan.



Nichols to serve as ASCO president for 2021-2022

UAB School of Optometry Dean Kelly Nichols will serve as president of the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry for 2021-2022 — the fourth of Optometry's six total deans to lead ASCO, and the first president ever to have previously served as president of the American Optometric Student Association.



FROM THE EXPERTS: Mask indoors — including in schools

"This virus will do devastating damage to our children," said David Kimberlin, M.D., co-director of UAB and Children's of Alabama's Division of Pediatric Infectious Diseases. The best way to prevent that is to get vaccinated and wear a mask indoors, including inside schools, he explains.

Things to know



Cook to direct National and International Fellowships and Scholarships

Michelle Cook, Ph.D., has been named director of the Office of National and International Fellowships and Scholarships, which supports students and recent alumni applying for competitive funding for education abroad, research, graduate school and other academic opportunities.



Order your 2021 spirit box, button set now

Get ready for the 2021 UAB Football season and put your Blazer pride on display by purchasing a 2021 Spirit Box and 2021 Gameday Button set. Spirit Boxes start at \$40; Buttons are \$15 per set. Buy UAB Football tickets online.

Cunha-Cruz joins Dentistry to foster research collaborations

Joana Cunha-Cruz, D.D.S., Ph.D., has joined the School of Dentistry as professor and director of Practice-based and Community-based Research; she also will serve as national director of Communications and Dissemination for the National Dental Practice-Based Research Network.

Travel pre-approval form now required for domestic travel

Prior to committing to related expenses, all domestic travel must now be approved by the traveler's supervisor via a [Travel Pre-Approval Form](#), which includes questions on estimated costs, funding sources and explanations on why the travel is essential.

Sidewalk to close on north side of 7th Avenue at Kracke

Construction fencing has been placed around the Kracke and Pittman buildings to prepare for razing. The fencing will block pedestrian access on the north side of Seventh Avenue South between 19th and 20th streets, but all lanes of traffic will remain open.

Mark your calendars



Learn these Canvas basics

Register for these 11 a.m. Zoom workshops:

- Design courses using [Modules](#) Aug. 16
- Evaluate work with [Speedgrader](#) Aug. 17
- Build community with [Discussions](#) Aug. 18

Kick it with the Blazers Aug. 15

Fans of UAB Men's and Women's Soccer teams can meet the players and coaches and participate in a free clinic and scrimmage alongside Blazer athletes Aug. 15 on BBVA Field. Gates open at 2:30 p.m., and the event starts at 3 p.m. Free shirts and water bottles will be given to the first 100 youths in attendance. [Safety protocols are in place.](#)

Lecture to examine cutaneous chemical burns Aug. 19

Mohammad Athar, Ph.D., director of the UAB Research Center of Excellence in Arsenicals, will speak on molecular mechanisms underlying cutaneous chemical burns caused by arsenical exposure during this virtual lecture noon Aug. 19. Register online.

DFL nominations due Aug. 31

Nominate someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the academic health center or advanced the frontiers of science or health to be the 2021 Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. Criteria and application information is online; submit by Aug. 31.

More news online

Get campus news at uab.edu/reporter and COVID-19 updates at uab.edu/uabunited. If you have news you want to share with UAB faculty and staff, use the [Request Publicity form](#) online.

One more thing



Empathy + \$10,000

In a service-learning called Taxation and the Working Poor, online accounting student Anna Liles and 85 other UAB undergraduates helped Birmingham families secure thousands of dollars each in tax refunds and avoid predatory preparers. "A person's finances can tell you a lot about their story," Liles said.

Check the campus calendar for more events

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