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Sims encourages students' passion for community service

Janene Sims, associate professor of optometry, is the winner of the 2021 Odessa Woolfolk Community Service Award for her work to influence change in the greater Birmingham community.




Jorge de la Torre to lead plastic surgeon's society

Jorge de la Torre, M.D., professor and director of the UAB Division of Plastic Surgery, has been selected president of the Southeastern Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

UAB continues to track, report campus COVID cases

From July 9-15, five new positive cases were reported among non-clinical faculty and staff, 21 new positive cases were reported among clinical enterprise employees and eight new positive cases were reported among students.



FROM THE EXPERTS: Getting vaccinated after COVID

Get vaccinated as soon as you're feeling back to normal because reinfection is possible, says Jeanne Marrazzo, M.D., especially now the Delta variant is spreading. "The antibodies from viral infection aren't enough to keep you safe in the long run," she said.

Things to Know



Now is the time to launch or accelerate a startup in Alabama. Here's how to get started.

New state legislation matches federal small-business grants to Alabama-based recipients. Find out how to take advantage of these opportunities in the updated UAB Startup Guide, created by the university's Entrepreneurial Development Committee.



Toolkit provides research resources for social determinants of health

The free toolkit, with validated data resources and original source documents, is housed in UAB's Canvas platform and accessible with a Blazer ID.



Podcast offers an update on uterine transplant program

Paige Porrett, M.D., director of VCA Transplantation, provides an update on the UAB uterine transplant program, including indications, current state and future challenges. Hear from UAB Medicine specialists advocating for this innovative therapy.

More news online

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One more thing



Continuing the commitment to eye health

In 1974, two optometry students screened two young children for vision issues. The school's tradition of community engagement continues to this day — from providing vision screenings and eye exams in senior centers, elementary schools, Black Belt communities and more to teaching visual science at Ramsey High School.

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