

April 28, 2010

Campus Highlights

May 8 commencement to be streamed live

Spring commencement will be conducted in two ceremonies Saturday, May 8 in Bartow Arena. Ceremonies for the UAB College of Arts and Sciences and the UAB School of Education will begin at 9:30 a.m.; ceremonies for the schools of Business, Engineering, Public Health, Health Professions, Medicine, Dentistry, Nursing and Optometry will begin at 2 p.m. Live streaming of both commencement ceremonies can be viewed at www.uab.edu/commencementlive.

Engineering team races to best event finish

Blazer Motorsports, a team of students from Mechanical Engineering, leaped its previous best finish by 30 spots to place 22nd overall in the 2010 Baja SAE 2010 real-world engineering challenge, April 8-11. A total of 100 teams from the United States, Canada, Mexico and Brazil competed in the contest held in Greenville, S.C. As part of the competition, Blazer Motorsports was required to design its racer, develop a business plan and raise the capital needed to build the car.

Honors student wins scholarship to study in India

Junior Krish Varma won a 2010 U.S. Department of State Critical Language Scholarship to study at the American Institute of Indian Studies in Jaipur, India, for two months this summer. Varma, who is majoring in Spanish and economics, is a student in the University Honors Program and the School of Business Honors Program.

Piano student wins Stillman College's annual competition

Junior Music student Kseniia Polstiankina won first place and a \$1,500 prize at the annual Stillman College Zelpha Wells Piano Competition for Collegiate Artists. Polstiankina, of Kiev, Ukraine, is a student of Yakov Kasman, associate professor of piano and artist-in-residence in the Department of Music.

Students design access to a better life

Engineering students have spent months designing wheelchair lifts and trainers and an adult sensory station for their senior design class projects. See how these students make a difference

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UAB Information Technology would like students to complete a short [survey](#) to help define their technology-related needs. The survey takes about 10 minutes to complete; register to win one of several \$25 gift certificates. Surveys should be completed by Thursday, April 29; winners will be contacted April 30.

Summer housing still available in Blount Hall

Current housing residents do not have to enroll in summer classes to live in Blount Hall this summer. There are four-bedroom apartments available. No prepayment is required, and there are no application fees. For more info, e-mail blounthall@uab.edu.

May 6 is last day to use spring '10 meal plan

The last day to use meal plans from the spring semester is Thursday, May 6. Unused meals will be cleared after May 6 to prepare for the fall semester. Meal plans can be used at the Commons on the Green, the Diner and Blazer Café. Dining Dollars from spring will roll over into the summer semester. Learn more at www.uabdining.com.

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Graduate/Professional Students

Doctoral Hooding Ceremony is May 8

The Doctoral Hooding Ceremony is the commencement for doctoral candidates receiving Ph.D., DrPH, and EdD degrees and will be held at the Alys Stephens Center at noon Saturday, May 8. Those receiving a master's or EdS degrees will take part in the commencement ceremonies being held in the Bartow Arena at 9:30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Saturday, May 8. All other doctoral candidates should check with your program or school for graduation ceremony information. For more information, visit www.uab.edu/graduateschool.

Barker Award is awarded to two

Each year the Barker Award, the Graduate School Dean's award, is given to one master's and one doctoral student. The 2010 Samuel B. Barker Award recipients are Craig Aumack, a doctoral student in Biology, and Bonnie Katheleen Culpepper, a master's student in Biomedical Engineering. For more information about these outstanding students, visit www.uab.edu/graduateschool.

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Timelines & Deadlines

Open registration still available for summer, fall classes

Open registration is under way and fall classes start Aug. 17. For more info, refer to the online Academic Calendar at www.uab.edu/calendar or [download the calendar](#).

Campus Events

Aura Literary Review Spring release party, reading to be held Friday

The *Aura* release party and reading will feature student art, poetry and fiction from the latest issue. *Aura*, UAB's literary arts review, publishes talented writers and artists in Alabama. Contact editor, Ashley Jones at uabaura@yahoo.com for more information.

BFA spring exhibit at VAG ends Saturday

The spring exhibit at the UAB Visual Arts Gallery features works by students graduating with a bachelor of fine arts degree. Artists include Stephanie Shiver, Noel Harrison, Natalie Smith, Chad Johnson, Kathy Baty, Leah Shrestha and Jonathan Hicks.

UAB Athletics this week

[Baseball](#) hosts Jacksonville State tonight at 6:30 p.m. at West Campus Field. The Blazers will also face Conference USA team Houston this weekend, with first pitches at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. Sunday. [Softball](#) takes on Memphis this weekend with first pitches at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, which will be Senior Day. For more information on Blazer sports, join Gang Green on [Facebook](#) or [Twitter](#).

Backpack the Great Smoky Mountains May 13-16

Great Smoky Mountains National Park is a hiker's paradise with more than 800 miles of maintained trails ranging from short leg-stretchers to treks that require backcountry camping. Pre-trip, sign-up meeting is 6 p.m. Tuesday, May 11 at the Rec Center; depart at 5 p.m. Thursday, May 13 and return at 10 p.m. Sunday, May 16. Cost is \$70 for students; \$80 for faculty, staff and alumni; and \$90 for non-UAB affiliates. For more info, outdoor@uab.edu.

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