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Campus Highlights

UAB makes the *PARADE* College A-List

You don't need to attend a fabled ivy-league school to get a big-league education. In this week's *PARADE*, top high-school counselors from across the country give their recommendations on outstanding schools that often fly under the radar. UAB made the College A-List for its combined bachelor/graduate degree programs — many of which often can be completed in five years.

An outcast no longer

Atak Yai, a freshman soccer player for the Blazers, is making new friends and just hanging out even though he's the topic of more campus conversation than the usual freshman. Yai is the subject of the 2010-11 UAB Discussion Book *Outcasts United*, by Birmingham native Warren St. John. Meet Atak in this week's BlazerCast at www.youtube.com/uabnews.

City to host pre-season pep rally Aug. 27

The City of Birmingham will host a joint pep rally for UAB, Miles College and Samford University in downtown Linn Park at 5 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27. Free food, fun and prizes. All are welcome.

Math lab among reasons for increased student success

A new math lab has more than doubled the success rate of students in the courses for which it first was designed. Now it is being expanded to include more resources for advanced courses.

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and LinkedIn. UAB students can "Like" us on Facebook before Sunday, Aug. 29 and be entered in a drawing for a GPS. Drawing will take place Monday, Aug. 30. View the latest job postings and career videos. Create a LinkedIn account and network with Career Services' staff and other professionals.

Online Policies and Procedures Library launched

The new online UAB Policies and Procedures (P&P) Library is now up and ready for use at www.uab.edu/policies. The P&P Library will be the official source for university-wide policies from the *Policy Reference Manual* and other UAB policies, procedures, and guidelines maintained by administrative units such as Financial Affairs, Human Resources, Information Technology, Office of the Provost, Planning & Analysis, Research, and Student Affairs.

Apply now for the Who's Who program

Student Life is accepting applications for 2010-11 Who's Who program until Oct. 29. [Download a PDF](#) for criteria information and an application or pick them up in Student Life Offices and the Campus Rec Center. Apply now.

Campus roadwork updates available online

Various construction projects and roadwork are affecting portions of campus traffic. Updates about street closings and asphalt paving around campus are available on the UAB Parking site at www.uab.edu/parking.

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Graduate/Professional Students

New lab facility gives Vision Sciences look into the future

Investigators from Optometry and Ophthalmology will move into newly renovated vision research Laboratories in Volker Hall to create more opportunities for collaboration. Paul Gamlin, Ph.D., professor and chair of Vision Sciences, says that proximity will help overcome challenges and make it easier to actively collaborate on projects and attract more grant funding and novel research. A special dedication and lecture is planned Sept. 23-24.

Timelines & Deadlines

Planning to graduate in December?

The deadline for submitting your application for degree is Sept. 3 for those graduate students who plan on graduating in December. [Download](#) an Application for Degree form. For

more information regarding all Graduate School deadlines, visit <http://main.uab.edu/Sites/gradschool/students/current/deadlines>.

CHECK ONLINE CALENDAR FOR LATEST EVENTS

The UAB Campus Calendar at www.uab.edu/calendar is updated daily with campus events, activities and deadlines, and the "Calendars" link on the UAB home page takes you straight there. Postings can include detailed information, photos and links to sites or related events. Check out the FAQs for more information.

Campus Events

Want to be a contestant in the Miss UAB Pageant?

Interest meetings for possible Miss UAB contestants will be held at 6 p.m. Aug. 25-26 in HUC 325.

Mad Splatter Party II to be held today

Students are invited to come out and dance to great music while they throw paint at each other at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 25 in the Rast-Blount Quad. Free shirts available; music to be provided by DJ Coco with special guest DJ Nastique.

Mandatory Hall Council interest meeting Aug. 26

The mandatory interest meeting will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 in Blazer Hall RLC. Hall Council is a representative group of students, with elected officers, open to all residents of a building. The council helps residents stay informed about and invested in the development of their community and is a leadership opportunity for students.

Can you win the Mafia game?

The Omega Tau Chapter of Alpha Kappa Psi Professional Business Fraternity would like to invite you to play a cool game from 6 to 10 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26 at the UAB Marshall Conference Center.

Free screening of "Shrek Forever After"

A free screening of "Shrek Forever After" will be shown on the Campus Green at 8 p.m. Friday, Aug. 27. Free popcorn will be available.

Free showing of "A Peck on the Street" Sept. 1

The Interculture Committee will host a free screening at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 1 of the film "A Peck on the Cheek" in the HUC Alumni Auditorium. This is an Indian drama-comedy about a little girl named Amudha, who is adopted by Thiru and Indira.

Discussion Book dialogues begin Sept. 16

Birmingham Museum of Art curator Samantha Kelly will

discuss "The Power of the Creative Act: How Museums Transform and Unite Community" for the UAB Discussion Book Dialogues at 11:30 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 16 in Heritage Hall Building Room 549. This event is free and open to the public. Direct questions to Juanita Sizemore at jsizemor@uab.edu. A complete listing of UAB Discussion Book activities can be found at www.uab.edu/discussionbook.

Sign up to be a site leader for Into the Streets event

Site leaders needed for the fall 2010 Into the Streets event. Applications are due by 5 p.m. Friday, Sept. 17 to HUC 440. Into the Streets draws the entire campus together to give back to the community.

Wyss to discuss the pipeline for future biomedical discoverers

Cell Biology Professor J. Michael Wyss, Ph.D., will speak to the Pittman Society about building the pipeline for the next generation of biomedical discoverers at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8 in the Kaul Genetics Building Finley Conference Center. Wyss directs the UAB Center for Community Outreach Development. The presentation is open to all interested students, fellows, and faculty. Direct questions to Peter Smith, Ph.D., at prsmith@uab.edu. Learn more about the UAB Pittman Society for Clinical and Translational Research at www.ccts.uab.edu.

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